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The Newport Smelter will not only negatively impact the eastern Washington environment but due to the prevailing winds the impact will extend detrimentally into the north Idaho panhandle and Montana regions.

The Kalispel Indian tribe has already forbid it.

The enormous water requirements severely drain ground aquifers, and drainage will ruin ground, game and fisheries stream and rivers to the Columbia and the Pacific ocean.

Air pollution, including acid rain, will travel into north Idaho and Montana rivers and Lakes.

Trucking will ruin pavement on State Highways 41, 54, 2 and 20, and by-product blowoff will cover the roadsides and impact breathing, mechanical vehicle performance and wildlife.

Real estate values will plummet.

Schools and businesses will be negatively impacted as local residents leave the area. The negative impacts to virtually all concerned will be grievous and permanent. The project must not be allowed to continue.