

Sheldon Magnuson

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue. Our family operates a 190 acre tree farm 10 miles away from the site of the proposed silica smelter. We are the 3rd generation involved in Stewardship activities on our family forest. We provide many benefits to the community in terms of ecological services. We have serious questions about the proposed project. We anticipate severe impacts to our precious water and life sustaining air sheds that sustain the surrounding area.

Why is this site so important to this company? We would like to see it located some where else far away. Why are we bending over backwards for a Canadian company to change our environment? Looking at the Tar Sands wasteland above us, we don't want such a fiasco here in the beautiful Pend Oreille Valley. And as we struggle to mitigate worsening Global climate change, why are we locating such a polluting enterprise in Newport, the gateway community to the National forests, the Pend Oreille River and Magnificent Priest Lake? Moving on in the future years, government, business and citizens all need to work together to improve the environment, community and infrastructure. The proposed smelter is not the way forward. It is the way backwards,

- *towards more pollution

- *towards worsening protection of clean air and water

- *towards less sustainability

- *towards less respect for our natural resources

Please do not allow the project to be located any where near Newport. We need and deserve better for ourselves and future generations.

Most sincerely, The Sheldon Magnuson Family. greentreeforester@gmail.com