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This is a small rural area. We rely heavily on forest and agricultural products and tourism. Many jobs depend on keeping this rural and wilderness environment intact. Urbanizing and industrialization do not fit here and are not compatible with the rural character. How will jobs and businesses centered around our natural resources be impacted?

How does this project align with the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan?

How much will it cost to redesign and change the publications including signs, that depict Pend Oreille County as outdoor recreation Mecca?

What effect will this have on neighborhoods in the neighborhood?

Will it be visible from area vistas and viewpoints? If so how far will it be seen from?

Will the neighbors view be affected by this? If so how? Will the view of their community change?

How far reaching will the emissions from the stacks be?

How will emissions effect outdoor recreation?

How will the air be affected during times when there is a lot of smoke in the air due to wildfires?

How will the air be monitored?

How will the emissions be effected by air inversions?

Is the river valley going to be a natural landing zone for airborne pollutants?

We have fresh clean air for the most part, how will that change?

What effect will the project have on folks who like to spend a lot of their time outdoors?

What effect will this project have on global climate change? What effect will global climate change have on this project?

What is the air quality at similar smelting operations? What about air in the surrounding communities?

What types of health hazards are possible with the emissions?

Who will monitor the air quality and how will complaints be handled?

Will people with compromised respiratory systems be affected by the emissions?

Will the project create any road dust either during transport or during the smelting operations? If so how much road dust and in what locations? Will the communities they travel through be effected by increased road dust?

Will the smelter emissions change our air quality

Will the project create any smog?

Will there be any odor?

Will there be visible airborne emissions and or steam?

Will tourists and visitors be exposed to airborne contaminants?

How can the environment of threatened or endangered species be protected?

How will environmental protection projects like the Grizzly Bear Outreach Project be affected?

Will any frogs be affected?

How will the tundra swans, bald eagles and osprey be affected?

If animal health decline from increased pollutants will there be net job loss for those whose jobs it is to protect them?

The Salmo-Priest Wilderness is home to many species including the woodland caribou, grey wolf and grizzly bear. Will pollution from this project have any effect on them? How will you know if there is any effect on them?

There has been a lot of studies, planning and projects aimed at protecting the natural resources here.

What effect will this project have on those initiatives?

Will the emissions from the smelter have any effect on Westslope Cutthroat Trout and threatened

Bull Trout? Will the road dust created by travel from BC to Newport WA have any effect on threatened species?

Will there be a lasting footprint of carbon contamination in our community?

Will there be any buildup of wastes

Will there be any vibration or noise to the earth?

Will there be soil contamination?

August 22, 2018 Newport Miner story about the air quality from forest fires affecting outdoor activities in our region. Aug 22, 2018 Newport Miner Survey showed that 71% of respondents think that wildfires are related to human caused climate change. Will the project have an effect on the wildfire danger or climate change?

How does silica dust effect the body?

How much noise will it create? How far away will it be heard?

How will emissions impact our air, water, wildlife and forests?

Kelly Island contains old-growth forest and wildlife habitat and is designated as a wilderness area.

How will sensitive wilderness areas located near the proposed site be protected?

What are the current emissions from other silicon smelters?

What are the noise levels at similar plants?

What charge will be assessed on this company for using the sky as a dumping ground? Current charges in POC for dumping is \$ ton

Will there be a possibility of the project creating smog

Will there be any acid rain resulting from this project?

Will there be any PM2.5 emissions? What are the effects of those? Do they pose any danger to public health?

Will this project negatively affect the nearby Salmo-Priest Wilderness Area?

Historical areas include Pioneer Park (not Osh Kol) and other Kalispel encampments all along the Pend Oreille River. How will the cultural significance of these areas be impacted?

How will this project align with cultural preservation of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians?

What effect will this project have on jobs that historically depend on our natural resources?

What effect will this project have on the natural resources we use everyday?

There is currently housing shortage in Pend Oreille County

Throughout the city of Newport and in Pend Oreille County a lot of people are living year round, in RV's

Will emissions effect our homes? If so how?

Who will be able to see this project?

Will it be visible from Highway 41?

How far will it be visible from at night?

Will there be any spill light, glare or sky glow visible?

What effect will pollution have on our wild food resources?

What effect will this have on merchantable timber?

If our natural resources are negatively affected then will jobs in those industries also be negatively affected?

Will pollution from this project affect a persons ability to be outside to care for and gather resources

Will community gardens be affected?

Will organic gardens be affected?

Are there any brown zones in Pend Oreille County? How will those be affected?

Here the outdoors is our natural resource, many resorts and businesses depend on healthy outdoors.

Will acid rain affect area farms? Will it have any effect on organic gardens?

We do not have many public services and the ones we do have are lacking when compared to other

communities.

Our ambulance company is here one and day gone the next and is usually embroiled in all types of turmoil.

We have a few public transport company's. Each having limited hours of operation and limited coverage. There is no service across state lines even though we are bordered by Idaho State and Sandpoint is the closest large city.

There is no public pool or community owned facilities. We don't have a community center or hall.

The library is small, outdated and noisy.

Roads and sidewalks are mostly broken and dangerous.

Intersections are clogged>

Some neighborhoods have only one way out.

Our hospital is a level 4. There are not a lot of options for specialized care and treatment locally. A lot of folks are forced to or choose to get their care in Spokane or Coeur d' Alene.

We must travel to Spokane for Social Security business and to Colville for unemployment services.

The department of motor vehicles is only open one day a week.

Residential roads in Newport are rarely plowed.

Our newspaper comes out once a week. It is difficult to get information in a timely fashion.

Public meetings are not properly advertised. Agendas' are vague. Topics to be discussed are listed but there is not time frame listed. The audience is left to sit through all types of county business when they attended only to consider smelter business. Some meetings are canceled, last minute leading to many people traveling sometimes on dangerous roads only to find a note on the door that the meeting has been canceled.

Even though road dust is major contributor to pollution many roads in our region are dirt. There are even city roads that are dirt.

Not very many community help organizations. Our food banks are open typically one or two days a week for a few hours and are lacking fresh food and food choices compared to Spokane or Sandpoint.

Our fire department ratings within the county are poor and home insurance costs are high and are ever rising due to increased fire danger and low rated fire districts.

There are many types of outdoor recreation here including Kayaking, skiing, swimming, hunting camping fishing, biking, and horseback riding. What effect will the smelter emissions have on our outdoor recreation?

We already have unsafe roadways and congested areas in Newport (S. Union Street/4th/Railroad Avenue and Highway 41), what effect will this project have on those areas?

How will the already heavy traffic be affected i.e.: Leclerc Road South and Highway 2 in Oldtown?

Will there be more trains in Newport due to the project? If so what types of issues will the increase of train traffic in the city cause?

Wear and tear on already crumbling roads.

Does the lower cost of electricity really justify the expense of travel, road dust along the way and damage to the roads and bridges?

Will there be any silica dust dispersed along the transportation routes?

What will be the estimated damage to roadways, culverts and fish during transportation?

Our PUD district is publicly owned.

PUD residential customers experience a lot of power outages mostly from downed trees or weather events. What will happen when the project loses power?

Will the aquifers be affected?

Where will the water come from for this project? How much water will be used?

Will the emissions ever reach the groundwater? Will the groundwater be affected?

If the neighboring public experiences changes in their water situation who will be accountable to mitigate issues?

Newport city has restrictions on the water during the summer due to drought. How will the city water be affected by the project water use? public for years due to drought.

How will this project affect drought in Pend Oreille and Bonner Counties?

Will global climate change exacerbate air quality issues in regards to this project?

How will water use by this project affect drought throughout the west?

Is there anyway to really know how much water this project will need for operations? Where will it come from? Will it affect other wells in the area? Will it affect aquifers in the area?

Suggest:

Meetings that are open to the public including being properly advertised. Agendas published in advance with topics to be discussed and time outlined.

Public transportation to smelter meetings.

Including Bonner County Idaho citizens, neighbors of the proposed smelter, in the process.

Using NEPA along with the SEPA

Educating the public about the potential environmental effects on our community. Educating the public about emissions and smog.

Not using our clean air as some sort of "credit" to someone else's bad air.

Consider the State of Global Air Report via the Institute of world health.

Considering the wishes of the people who live, work, visit and recreate here.

Using the same rules for large corporations that you use on your citizens regarding toxic emissions.

Using proven scientific information and public input to help determine if this project will protect the environment.

Have the applicant, not the community; carry the burden of cost for the project including the scoping process.

Making the information relating to this project be open to the public.