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The biggest concerns for me are water and air quality. PacWest has not been open about the pollutants its smelter will emit into the air and waste water. The air quality deteriorates significantly every summer during fire season with some being worse than others. It's my perception that the smelter would operate at full capacity 24/7.

How will the Washington Department of Ecology mitigate air pollution from PacWest during fire season or when air quality is stagnant?

There needs to be a long-term assessment done as to how the environment will change as the smelter continues its operations. Why isn't the department also performing a study in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is only doing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)? How will this study include Idaho since the smelter is on the border?

How will the WA Department of Ecology include Idaho?

How will the climate be affected with time as pollutants react with the environment?

The department's website noted that at least one pollutant will exceed the Prevention of Significant Deterioration threshold. What pollutant is it? Because our environment is so pristine, it doesn't (or shouldn't) give a company the right to pollute and tip the thresholds.

As for their water use--where does the company plan to draw their water from and where will their waste water be dumped?

Where will the air quality monitors be located?

How about building nearby hazmat facilities when there is an emergency?

At one of the smelter meetings, the comment was made that the company may emit pollutants that exceed ambient air quality standards.

Is that true and how can they be prevented from doing that?

How will the Department of Ecology in Washington work with the Department of Environmental Quality in Idaho when Lake Pend Oreille and Priest River are polluted and cannot be reverted back to the levels of water quality before PacWest began their operations?

There are many questions to answer that the company has skirted at past public meetings. As stewards of the environment for current and future generations, I ask that the WA Department of Ecology consider its neighbors in Idaho and provide strict enforcement and vigilance of the facility's operations with contingencies to fine and cease operations when PacWest exceeds environmental thresholds or its normal operations are impeding the environment. It is clear that more people oppose the smelter than welcome it. And those people welcome jobs that the local government should be investigating more thoroughly than it did when PacWest approached them.

Thank you.