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Hello. My name is Derek Cook. I am a resident of Sandpoint, a registered nurse, and a father of two young sons. Community health is a priority to me. It not only profoundly impacts the health and lives of individuals, but also has great economic and environmental elements that impact us all. Well documented research tells us, this proposed smelter is a community health disaster. A simple risk vs benefit analysis easily reveals, the smelter is bad for our community, our health, our air and water, our economy and our future. A small number of low paying jobs is nowhere near worth poisoning our population, contaminating our air and water with mercury and other toxins, lowering property values, damaging tourism and recreation economies, please. Reject the smelter.