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PacWest Silicon proposes to construct a \$350 million silicon metal smelter on public land within 1 mile from the center of Newport, Washington and Oldtown, Idaho where there are several thousand rural and city residents, schools, churches, businesses, homes, aquifers, water recharge zones, rivers, lakes and a clean and healthy environment - not polluted with heavy industry. With this potential new source of pollution - regulated, fugitive, light, noise, vibration, odor, coal dust, road and rail traffic and all the rest it is essential that the DOE identify all areas on "Negative Externalities" that will occur as a result of this potential silicon smelter and how PacWest plans on mitigating those negative externalities.

My suggestion for mitigating the negative externalities is to not build a silicon smelter on a piece of designated forest land, thereby, taking it out of production and building either in Canada closer to it crystalline silica mine or anywhere there is a preindustrial site with the infrastructure available to accommodate it.