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I am very concerned about the possible environmental and social impacts of the proposed smelter and want a very thorough, year long review process. We need to know what our base line is currently in many locations in Washington and Idaho which could be impacted by the smelter.

These are the questions that need to be answered:

1. We already have air advisory warnings in the summer due to wildfire smoke and in the winter due to air stagnation. How much will the smelter worsen the air quality both on healthy air days and on unhealthy days? Would the smelter shut down when the air quality is unhealthy?
2. What will be the impact on traffic in the panhandle of Idaho, particularly Sandpoint? We already have numerous delays due to the 60 trains that come through town. If the transportation of raw material to the smelter increases train traffic, will Pac West pay for more overpasses, so that emergency vehicles are not obstructed by train traffic? Is there a plan in place for spills due to derailment or accidents? Is Pac West prepared to pay for all clean up efforts? Who is paying for the cost of maintaining the roads and railroads impacted by increased traffic?
3. What is the long term impact on the vegetation and wildlife in our area? We already have seen some effects from climate change in our area. Will the smelter increase these effects? Will pollutants make our snow pack melt faster, thereby drying our our forests more quickly each spring and early summer?

Please take the time to make sure that all of these questions are thoroughly answered during your study. Thank you.