

Jean Gerth

Re: PacWest Silicon Smelter

I am a resident of Bonner County, and live within 30 miles of the proposed smelter. I am very concerned about the impact of smelter on air and water quality; In particular, the potential for damage to the forest through acid-rain, and any impact that has on worsening the effects of climate change. As we see an increase of poor air-quality, I also am concerned about the cumulative effect of smoke and particulates discharged from smelter.

I would like to know what is required of the company to compensate counties for increased truck and rail traffic, as I assume that Sandpoint would be involved.

Finally, I would like to know why this is not being done through the federal NEPA process, as the impacts are clearly going to cross state lines.

Thank you