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We need to protect our environment. Clean air and water is VERY important to all of us - I hope!!! Yes, we do need to bring businesses to the area, but not those such as this smelter plant that will destroy our environment & therefore our health and quality of life.

From time to time there are burn bans enforced in our area including preventing the use of wood burning stoves. There are many residents in our area who rely on this as their only source of heat during the freezing temperatures in these rural areas. When burn bans are enforced and residents are not allowed to use their wood stoves, will the Smelter Plant be required to shut down???

All of our other concerns were shared at the meeting on 9/20 including the fact that NEPA should be involved vs SEPA. This project would seriously/negatively impact the state of Idaho and potentially Montana as well. As you know the prevailing winds will take all of this polluted air,... up the valley to Oldtown, Priest River and up to Sandpoint Idaho then cross into Montana. There is also a one of a kind Rain Forest in our area, Priest River Idaho, that we need to protect:

There's A Forest Hiding In Idaho That Is Unlike Any Other In The World:

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/idaho/experimental-forest-id/>

<http://www.priestlake.org/9-attractions/70-experimental-forest>

The right thing to do is to DENY this unhealthy/disastrous project from moving forward in our residential areas of Newport Washington and Oldtown Idaho. Too many residents health would be affected from air pollution, ground and well water contamination,... and our home values would drastically decrease. It is extremely hard to believe that anyone who values a healthy environment and a healthy lifestyle for themselves, family members, friends and for future generations to come could possibly want this project to move forward!

Respectfully yours,

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