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Why are we ignoring the voice of the Kalispel Tribe? The state and the county are not listening to their legitimate concerns that must be respected. In essence, they, and PacWest should be accused of racism in favoring their own economic gain over that of the original inhabitants of the land.

The Kalispel are a minority class group legally protected from harassment, which is exactly what this issue is. "The Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation is a federally recognized tribe of Lower Kalispel people, located in Washington,"  
([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalispel\\_Indian\\_Community\\_of\\_the\\_Kalispel\\_Reservation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalispel_Indian_Community_of_the_Kalispel_Reservation)).