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My husband and I live on Hwy 41, Oldtown, Idaho just 3/4 of a mile from the proposed site. We are very much concerned about how the traffic will increase to an already very busy Highway. After many years living on our property, we have grown very accustomed to the quiet & the dark skies at night for a peaceful nights sleep. How will PacWest address the noise & light pollution and increase traffic?

Since Idaho Officials keep telling us that we have no voice in this matter, will PacWest be paying for any and all Idaho infrastructure improvements needed and the impacts? Idaho residence should not have to pay for them by an increase to our property taxes which will be past on to us.

Honestly, I understand EPA has a job to do but this process is just to pacify Washington and Idaho residents to make them think we really have a voice in this horrific life altering mistake. I am in my sixties and was born and raised here. My family has been here since the late 1890's and it grieves me to think that everything my ancestors and I love about this area is being threatened. I know progress happens and can attest to that since I have seen much change over the years; but a smelter is NOT nor will it ever be acceptable in this area.

The evidence of both the Washington and Idaho EPA being able to protect our air emissions, water or land is a proven fact that they cannot. We still are suffering from Silver Valley by Kellogg fiasco and Kaiser in Spokane. Not to mention all the other Super Funds sites still needing to be cleaned.