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I do not favor the development of the Newport Smelter. There are too many known risks to allow this to be developed. Its impacts will be far reaching and affect lives in many counties. Our state needs to be a leader in protecting our delicate climate and natural resources. The northwest is being overrun with people escaping over population and pollution. Can we blame them! This is not the type of jobs we need to recruit to Pend Oreille County! There are numerous opportunities for cottage industries to evolve as we see more people living here who value clean air and water. Let's embrace, enhance and nurture our pristine and beautiful northern regions of the Northwest, in particular, NE Washington, North Idaho and NW Montana. Forget not our neighbors to the North in beautiful British Columbia, Canada.

Diminished air quality, water, noise and sight pollution will not encourage visitation and recreation use from other states and Canada. Employment rates in Pend Oreille county are considerably better than in years past.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely, Tammy Shelton- Magnuson (former U. S. Forest Service Recreation Planner and Trail Developer for the Collville National Forest