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I wonder how much noise will be generated by the smelter crushing rock. Already I can hear the sound of a train whistle as the sound travels up the hill from 6 miles away! What sound is generated from the rock crushing smelter and what Decibel should be acceptable?

Also, why would an out of country corporation be allowed in a rural area where the citizens do not want it? Clearly the environmental impact due to toxic emissions and by products is detrimental to this great pristine corner of the state.

I am concerned about light pollution from the smelter. If it is allowed, even after all the opposition, can we insist all lighting have shields to direct the light down and not up ruining our dark night time skies?

Take a look at the destruction of the forests around Anaconda and Butte Montana and tell us smelter emissions can be controlled. They can't.

What about the tailings and by product? Can we insist they bring them back up to Canada to dump. It's hazardous waste. We don't want it.

And finally, this company underestimated their need for water? Where are they getting their water from? Are they draining our acquirers?

Finally what about groundwater contamination? You don't have further to look than Spokane where the groundwater was contaminated from the aluminum smelter. And the superfund clean up site? They paved it over and made it a parking lot.