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As a resident of the Idaho Panhandle (Sagle, just S of Sandpoint), my husband and I moved here for retirement, for a number of lifestyle related reasons. As I suffer from asthma, the quality of the air is very important to me. Given that the proposed smelter's smokestack outputs would frequently be upwind of where we live, I have grave concern over the impact on the air quality. During the last few years, our area has experienced wildfire smoke that has put our area into a category that the EPA air quality guidelines indicate is very unhealthy, so I can't imagine how the proposed smelter will still be able to run its operation without further adding to a negative air quality during these extended smoky periods.