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I've lived in Spirit Lake Idaho for 25 years and treasure the lifestyle here. Unlike so many other places, we still have clean air and water as well as abundant wildlife. We are also very tourism-oriented here and people come here by the thousands to enjoy what our area offers.

I worry that the proposed smelter would negatively impact those things, risks I am unwilling to take. I worry about the possibility of silicosis and bronchial afflictions. I worry about the possibility of acid rain occurring here. I worry that there will be profiteering by the few and negative impacts on the many. I worry that such a smelter would also send a message to similar industries that they are welcome here when they are decidedly not.

I am also deeply concerned about the impact the traffic to and from and associated with the smelter would have on our area roads which are already not the greatest. They're bad enough in summer, but our icy, wintry roads can already not handle our local traffic at times. There are already frequent wrecks on our highways and the thought of adding even more large vehicles is bone-chilling.

The Sandpoint City Council has come out against the proposed smelter as have area physicians. The smelter is not wanted here. I stand in opposition to the smelter being built on our area.