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The PacWest Smelter is a disaster in the making for citizens of Pend Orielle County in Wash. and Bonner County, Idaho and for many miles out in every direction, well beyond the county lines. It will destroy air quality, quality of life including over time the health of the residents in the areas mentioned, disturb and potentially endanger the wildlife population, scar the treasured dark sky with massive lighting around the plant, provide very few if any new jobs to the area, put a massive strain on the infrastructure of the surrounding towns and counties and rob residents of the idyllic lives they came here to enjoy, while shredding the value of their properties.

Northern Idaho is seeing a huge in migration of folks who may have saved for years to move here, the fresh air, hunting, fishing, hiking and for the tranquil lifestyle, the serene daily life the includes the quiet so common to country lives, where you can hear a breeze in the trees, observe wildlife gently grazing their way through yards and acreage and take wonderful refreshing, healthful breaths of FRESH air.

The smelter will ruin the air! No wonder the Canadians don't want smelters to be built in their country, but they see the benefits to them of bringing the pollution and problems here and taking the profits to Canada.

JUST SAY NO, absolutely NO to the visual, auditory, pulmonary and financial assault that PACWEST proposes to inflict on the human and wildlife inhabitants of this area. Just tell them to keep their physical and visual pollution in their own country.