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We are concerned regarding the 8000 gallons of water drawn out of the Little Spokane aquifer every day for the smelter. If the smelter enlarges in the future, more water will be used. Obviously, water is now, and in the future, a limited resource. To build a smelter over an aquifer and about a mile south of Newport (with a wind pattern blowing toward the smelter from the southwest) with families and children and schools is not a good decision for the community.

We are also opposed to the increase of train and truck traffic into the area, bringing wood chips and coal, adding to the wear of our highways and railroad tracks.

But, above all, we object to the pollution of our clean, rural air, and fear for the health and safety of families and children.