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My concerns are with the tailings stack height. By elevating the stack height over 75 feet above the current tailings wall, will expose the tailings to our extreme periodic winds. The existing tailings pond right now has terrible dust issues. The new dry processing will leave the tailings at 20% moisture. Once the tailings dry out, it will be subject to turning to dust and blowing whichever direction the wind happens to be going. By being 75 feet high, now with no protection from the pond wall, will create a huge sail area for the wind to directly hit the new stack. A perfect example is how sand dunes move or even disappear. The wind is capable of moving tons of dry material. There is a potential for the tailings to drift onto surrounding property or the Sanpoil River. In my opinion, this is a major change in the mills operation.