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7 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Deane Osterman.

8 I'm the Executive Director of Natural Resources for the
9 Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and thanks for the opportunity to
10 comment. We are finding it challenging at the Tribe to
11 figure out how to develop scoping questions for this
12 project. It's pretty ill-defined. Every set of data that
13 we get seems to change; so it's kind of a moving number, and
14 so we find it really hard to be able to develop really good
15 scoping questions.

16 For example, we don't have critical details about
17 how much water it's going to need, what the discharge in
18 terms of the emissions out of the stack are going to be --
19 they all seem to vary -- different components being used in
20 the reductive -- you know, using charcoal, as opposed to
21 just straight coal and chips -- all those things.

22 So if Ecology chooses to move forward with the
23 scoping process in light of all of that uncertainty in terms
24 of data, you must do a very robust Environmental Impact
25 Statement. Because we have to scope all sorts of different

1 things that are outside of what we know now. We must
2 analyze the smelter's emissions as it relates to human
3 health, environmental health, water quality, aerial
4 deposition in our forested landscapes. We need to look at
5 economic impacts as they relate to agriculture, forestry,
6 other types of recreational opportunities that this facility
7 may impact.

8 We need to look at its effect on tourism and
9 recreation. And perhaps most importantly to us, we need to
10 focus on the environmental justice issues associated with
11 the smelter being proposed so close to the Kalispel Indian
12 Reservation and what all that means in terms of statutes and
13 law.

14 We also need to -- perhaps most importantly, also,
15 we must evaluate inside the EIS the regulatory compliance
16 process associated with the smelter. It's particularly
17 important, given the proponent's track record -- given the
18 proponent's track record, that past actions we should
19 anticipate on compliance. So thank you.

20 **FACILITATOR:** Thank you, Deane. The person who is
21 9675, come on up.

22 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Thank you. Phyllis Cardos,
23 Newport, Washington. I'm representing Responsible Growth-
24 Northeast Washington -- NE Washington -- and I'm
25 representing my family and my friends and my neighbors in

1 Pend Oreille County.

2 I have got a whole ton of spoken questions here,
3 but what I'd like to start out -- for some unknown reason I
4 got put up here first -- what I'd like to start out by
5 saying is we shouldn't even to be to this point yet because
6 PacWest has yet to submit an application we can properly
7 scope. They submitted a seven-page -- maybe a five-page
8 document. They have not yet even decided how or where or
9 what's going to happen in the sewer. That's a direct quote
10 from Jason Tymko in our newspaper.

11 There are so many aspects of this that have not
12 even been revealed to us. We do not get the opportunity to
13 see blueprints. They want to put in a spur railroad line.
14 We have not seen anything. That would be a huge, huge,
15 impact on our communities, that railroad line.

16 They want to ship in coal from Kentucky, the
17 carbon from Indonesia -- which I was told specifically by
18 Jason Tymko that's where they come from -- a huge carbon
19 footprint. So I'm very, very concerned that we can't do
20 adequate scoping because we have not been given the proper
21 information, and we are -- what I think -- really doing the
22 Department of Ecology's job.

23 So I appreciate this opportunity. Grant, you and
24 I have spoke several times. And Meg, too, we have spoken
25 quite a bit. And I do appreciate this opportunity, and I

1 look forward to you being in Newport and also Priest River
2 and giving more people an opportunity. But we need a lot
3 more information. Thank you.

4 **FACILITATOR:** The person -- I can't see Mattias.
5 Oh, you have got it. Okay. Great.

6 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Good evening. My name is Jerry
7 White, Jr., Spokane Riverkeeper. We are a public advocate
8 that is charged with being the voice of the river and for
9 public uses of our rivers in the Spokane River Basin. I
10 guess I would have -- so I'm going to make some brief
11 comments, and then I will make much more extensive comments
12 in writing.

13 Our primary concern right now is for the Little
14 Spokane River. This proposal is in the Spokane -- the
15 Little Spokane River Basin, and, as you know, that river
16 frequently doesn't meet its state-mandated instream flows.
17 So any withdrawal of groundwater will put this Little
18 Spokane River further in jeopardy of not making those
19 instream flows and impacting the designated uses that are
20 numerous. Certainly it's native habitat for Redband trout
21 and one day may yet again be habitat for steelhead and
22 salmon. So those impacts need to be considered.

23 The issue also of stacking uses under a permit-
24 exempt well is a deep concern to us. We don't think it's
25 legal actually. And RCW 90.44.050 states permit-exemption

1 wells designated for industrial uses is for an industrial
2 purpose not exceeding 5,000 gallons per day. The proposal
3 is looking at up to 10,000 -- as we understand it -- again,
4 other speakers have said it's vague at this point. So that
5 deeply concerns us. And I think I'll conclude there. Thank
6 you.

7 **FACILITATOR:** The next person is 628.

8 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hello. I'm Pauline Dreffel from
9 Spokane. I understand we have grown dependent on silicon
10 for our computers and cell phones, but I find it
11 unconscionable to locate a silicon smelter so close to
12 Newport and not far from Spokane. Silicon smelters are
13 known to spew multiple hazardous chemicals into the
14 atmosphere and into the water that the process uses. Some
15 of these are greenhouse gases, like carbon monoxide and
16 carbon dioxide. Others are -- such as silica dust cause
17 damages to our lungs most directly -- or more directly.
18 There are also chemicals that can lead to acid rain.

19 Another issue that I'm concerned about is the
20 water, and Jerry White just spoke to that much more
21 eloquently than I can. But I am very concerned about our
22 amount of water here in Spokane and that, if the smelter is
23 taking a large amount of it, it will eventually -- we would
24 be affected here in Spokane because it would go downstream
25 from there.

1 I want to also say that I'm old enough to have
2 seen industry make plans for products that are supposed to
3 make life easier for humans, like computers and cell phones.
4 But frequently the company has not concerned itself with the
5 damages that the process of making these things can actually
6 cause as a side effect. I see that role as the Department
7 of Ecology -- which is the Department of Ecology's to
8 evaluate those consequences, and I wish you well in that
9 process.

10 **FACILITATOR:** Thank you. 677, the next person.
11 You are welcome to look behind you and see when you come up.
12 And just before you speak, I'd also like to invite the
13 person who has the ticket for 9674 to come up, the person
14 who has the ticket for 9650. And, Cynthia, if you could
15 give me a few more, we'll get a few more people queued up
16 after this woman speaks here. Thank you.

17 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Ann. I'm from
18 Newport, Washington, and I'd like to first say thank you for
19 extending the deadline. I am also interested in finding out
20 why the Department of Ecology is doing the SEPA process
21 without having a permit application in place.

22 Also, Highway 2 and Highway 41 are two-lane roads.
23 In the winter the ice and snow make for extremely dangerous
24 driving conditions. There is also wildlife, deer, et
25 cetera, jumping out and adding to the danger of winter

1 driving. How will the hundreds of additional trucks on the
2 roads per day impact the safety of drivers, commuters, and
3 school buses filled with our children and grandchildren?

4 There is no fire district in Pend Oreille County
5 designated to this proposed area. The local fire
6 commissioners call it "no-man's-land." It has been proposed
7 that PacWest will provide their own fire suppression
8 services. How will they coordinate and receive agency
9 assists from surrounding districts?

10 What is the emergency evacuation plan should there
11 be a catastrophic explosion, fire, or leak of some kind, as
12 there have been with other smelters?

13 Will PacWest defer to the Kalispel Tribe in
14 allowing the Tribe to perform a cultural assessment about
15 the land for the proposed smelter site?

16 And will the DOE consider mitigating the serious
17 impacts of the pollution of air, groundwater, lakes, rivers,
18 et cetera, by requiring PacWest to use a preindustrial site?

19 Thank you.

20 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. Let's hear from the person
21 with 9651.

22 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. Does it start when I say my
23 name or after?

24 **FACILITATOR:** After.

25 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Tonya Sherman. I

1 live in Spokane, and my parents live in Priest River, Idaho;
2 so we spend our time in Idaho. We have access to large
3 amounts of information. We can find silicon smelting
4 ventures throughout the world, and you can read online
5 environmental impact statements that have already been
6 created. We can see how they measure acceptable risk and
7 how that risk was justified, same as tonight.

8 We can research other properties owned by this
9 company -- Mississippi Silicon, a Silicon Metal Plant Bosnia
10 -- and find out what their employees think and currently
11 have to say. They were told good jobs would come, air and
12 water quality will be monitored and tested, and they were
13 promised that their local economy would prosper. You can
14 find it. It's not true. "As a leading innovator in their
15 industry, HiTest shares our commitment to enabling the great
16 promise of the clean energy economy," said the governor. "I
17 look forward to watching the resurgence of hard-working
18 Washington communities spurred by the exciting new
19 development in our region."

20 Silicon plants are built where electricity and
21 land are cheap. They bought the land for the same amount
22 the government gave them in a grant. You can't get cheaper
23 than that. 10 percent of the population died from
24 contamination from the Gray's Mine, and that was a hundred
25 years ago, and we are doing the same thing. The president

1 said, "The company worked hard to keep the operation in
2 compliance with the laws and the standards of the day."

3 Here's the challenge: Are we, on a large scale, a
4 healthier environment? Is this a legacy we are leaving a
5 hundred years later, creating a Superfund site for our
6 future generations? I'm asking you, does stopping polluting
7 factories hinder our progress, or is progress really made
8 when we protect the last remaining areas of nature in our
9 state?

10 I ask you to please reconsider your choice. Leave
11 us uncontaminated for our generation and the neighbors.
12 Stop gambling with a foreign country and a foreign company.
13 We live here, and it's worth fighting for.

14 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. We are not clapping, folks,
15 but your thumbs up are great. The person who is 9650. And
16 before you start, sir, I'm going to invite some other people
17 up. The person with 9709. The person with 9636, the person
18 with 9660, 9630.

19 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Good evening. My name is Scott
20 Holstrom. I'm the business manager of Laborers' Local 238
21 here in Spokane. I represent over a thousand men and women,
22 construction craft laborers. We are a part of LIUNA. LIUNA
23 is for the smelter. We want family-wage jobs with health
24 care and good benefits. We also want it to be built with
25 the strictest safety and environmental standards, which

1 trade unions can provide.

2 We are concerned about the environment, just like
3 everybody else in this room. We live in this community
4 also. But we should look at the science and not be quick to
5 judge. With the Environmental Impact Study -- we need to
6 wait for it to come out. We must look to the future of
7 going green for our children. If not now, when? Thank you.

8 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. The person with 9709 and the
9 person with 9636.

10 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Annie Bell. I'm
11 a law student at Gonzaga University, and I work with the
12 University Legal Assistant Environmental Law Clinic, and we
13 are representing Responsible Growth Northeast. And our
14 clients oppose this project for lots of reasons but mostly
15 because at this point the scoping process is premature.
16 There is no statutorily accepted application that allows for
17 the environmental impact to be meaningfully evaluated, as by
18 statute. The scoping process is designed to get a close
19 look at the potential environmental issues, and the public
20 Department of Ecology and other agencies currently cannot do
21 that with information available to them.

22 Additionally, ownership of the land that is
23 proposed for this smelter is currently disputed, and until
24 that is resolved by the judicial system, we believe that
25 this process should stop.

1 Even though there is not a lot of information, the
2 information that we do have says that there is going to be
3 air pollution, water-usage issues, issues with
4 transportation of the materials, and many other things that
5 will be presented here later.

6 We would like to thank the Department of Ecology
7 for extending the scoping, and we would also like to say
8 that Responsible Growth Northeast will be providing written
9 comments during this commenting time, and we encourage all
10 other interested parties to do so. Thank you.

11 **FACILITATOR:** The people who are listed here of
12 9636, 9660, 9630 should come on up.

13 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. I'm 9709 is my number. My
14 name is Kevin Oliver. I'm a citizen of Spokane County and
15 the world. I'm not necessarily anti-smelter, but I am pro
16 clean air. I don't want to take away jobs from anybody.
17 I'm not sure the world needs a new smelter. I also know why
18 environmental and economic considerations do get confused.
19 There is some legal question as to whether or not the
20 240,000 gallons of water requested by the PacWest company
21 this January are allowed to be used by a private corporation
22 when that really is a municipal water supply.

23 In the last 15, 20 years, Spokane has lost two
24 smelters. Perhaps you could build a smelter in Spokane
25 where the Kaiser plants used to be.

1 I know that Pend Oreille County has some of the
2 cleanest air in the nation, and that the pollution put off
3 by this smelter would be mitigated by the clean air. But we
4 need some clean air in this world. Let's put it somewhere
5 where the air maybe isn't already as clean. We have all
6 seen the "Lorax," right?

7 So, again, I'm not actually anti-smelter. I do
8 not know if the world needs a new smelter. The economic
9 interests include the fact that even if there are
10 environmental protections and fees and fines placed, these
11 corporations have that money allotted. They will pay
12 attorney's fees. They will pay out death fees and insurance
13 rates. They will pay anything they can to stay in business.
14 So the environmental and economic impacts do intersect.
15 Thank you.

16 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. The person who has 9636 come
17 on up. And I'd like to invite you -- if I have read your
18 number, come on up because that helps us to move through so
19 we will hear from more people. The person with 9636? Maybe
20 you don't want to speak? Okay. If you change your mind,
21 put it back in the box later.

22 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** 9657.

23 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. 9660.

24 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Right here.

25 **FACILITATOR:** Okay, and then the person with 9630,

1 could you come on up, too, and I'm going to read a few more.
2 9655, 9717, 9634, 9708. And it's not at all disrespectful
3 for you to come on up while people are speaking and have a
4 seat here, and we'll just move right through. Thank you.

5 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. I'm Bill Haffner. I'm from
6 Spokane. There is obviously a number of consequences of
7 this smelter across the board. I want to focus basically on
8 the air. But the first thing that comes to my mind is how
9 to recover from this entity for the damage that it will
10 cause to the environment -- because we know it will create
11 toxins; we know it will negatively affect the environment --
12 it cannot positively affect the environment whatsoever.

13 We have the unique ability to observe what happens
14 to companies such as this. I read in the paper about Teck
15 Cominco just lost maybe its final appeal for the pollution
16 that they dumped into the Columbia River. That's been
17 decades. There's been litigation costs, and they have
18 fought the consequence of their dumping toxins into the
19 Columbia.

20 We know that the Silver Valley here is now a
21 Superfund site, and the entities that first created those
22 mines have been sold, bankrupted, disappeared, and
23 reappeared. So we need to look at how we recover for the
24 economic damage that they have created.

25 We are in a unique -- there's unique features of

1 this Spokane area and the Northeast Washington area. When
2 you think about the degradation of the forest, which is
3 already compromised by overgrowth; when you look at the air
4 stagnation that happens in the valleys; in the winter
5 there's air stagnations and people can't use wood in their
6 stoves -- that smelter will keep going.

7 In the summer, we have huge wildfires. They are
8 going to keep going. The smelter is going to add its toxins
9 to an already extremely hazardous air that's affecting all
10 of the people in the Inland Northwest.

11 If you were to look at how to eliminate this
12 consequence, eliminate it by avoiding the whole process.
13 Thank you.

14 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. 9630 -- the gentleman with
15 9630? Okay. 9655.

16 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Randy Michaelis.
17 I'm 9655. I believe in jobs. I believe Northeast
18 Washington needs economic development. And I believe in
19 creating prevailing wage jobs. I am, however, speaking
20 against this smelter at this time.

21 There's five reasons that I'm speaking against
22 this. No. 1 is I have serious concern about the
23 irregularities involved in the process in approving this.
24 There seems to be some strong concerns that have been
25 brought forward in how this was actually approved by the

1 PUD. I have strong concerns about the quality of life for
2 the folks that live in the Newport area. I also have a
3 great deal of respect for the opinion of the Kalispel
4 Nation.

5 The impact -- when you showed your 3-by-3 grid up
6 here, I didn't get them all down, but the aesthetics, the
7 traffic, the animals, the water, the utilities, the climate,
8 the air -- almost every one of those nine things is a
9 question of mine when I begin to research what the impact of
10 this will be. I think there is a serious lack of
11 information available for us in the community to be able to
12 understand what's going on here.

13 I have concerns about a -- a national -- another -
14 - an -- I'll try it again. I have concerns about a
15 corporation from another country locating within our midst,
16 within our borders. I have concerns what that will do in
17 terms of our ability to hold them to our U.S. laws.

18 And the last one, No. 5, is very personal. I live
19 on the Little Spokane River. It's where my children's
20 children play; it's where I fish; it's where we sit,
21 literally, in the river, and I want to make sure that I have
22 a safe environment for me, my neighbors, and my family.
23 Thank you.

24 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 9713. And then the
25 -- please do come on up. 9634, 9708. I'm going to read a

1 few others while the gentleman comes forward. 9716, 9631,
2 9646 -- I'm thinking maybe I don't have to say "9" -- but,
3 oh, well.

4 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Leon Bell. I live at
5 Diamond Lake. I worked for the Kaiser Mead smelter a lot of
6 years, and I know about the scrubber systems and all the
7 things that this new system is supposed to have in it.
8 About the last ten years at Kaiser, it's been the most
9 modern there was, and it did nothing but have issues. Kaiser
10 was always paying fines. They'd rather pay the fines than
11 fix the system. This went on until they shut it down.

12 When you drive up at Mead now -- the plant -- it's
13 dead out there. All the grass around the plant is dead.
14 Trees are dead. There's a pile of hazardous waste about the
15 length of a football field, about 200 feet wide and about 50
16 feet high, that they left there that they covered up with
17 blacktop. It's sitting right over the aquifer. So
18 everybody that thinks a smelter is a good deal, they should
19 drive out and look at the Mead plant. Thank you.

20 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 96 -- I'm not seeing
21 -- 9634 and 9708. Again, 9634, 9708. Are those two
22 passing, Cynthia? Okay. Let's go to the next one, then.
23 Okay. 9708.

24 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Good evening. My name is Joann
25 Barton. I don't have anything prepared; I just want to say

1 something very quick and simple. It was made by a great
2 leader of a great nation. "Let no decisions be made without
3 first considering the next seven generations -- our
4 children's children's children's children." Thank you.

5 **FACILITATOR:** The next number, 9716.

6 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is John. I'm a resident
7 of Pend Oreille County. I have a question for you. The
8 first thing is this project description -- is this submitted
9 by PacWest, or is this something you developed? You can't
10 answer that? Okay.

11 So my question is -- my comment is, is this is
12 probably a minimum estimate to what they are going to
13 produce.

14 **FACILITATOR:** Sir, I might note that if you speak
15 into the microphone, it will be recorded. And she is also
16 recording. So it's really your choice. If you could start
17 again.

18 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Okay. I'll speak into the mic.
19 So these are likely minimum estimates of what they are going
20 to produce. So at their minimum they are producing 73,000
21 tons of material a year, but the byproduct for the citizens
22 is a hundred times that in emissions. On top of that, you
23 are for sure going to suffer lower property values.
24 Nobody's neighborhood with a smelter sees high -- rapid
25 property value gains.

1 Jobs are going to be pretty specialized for that
2 plant, except for the building part of it. And I am a
3 builder; you know, I could benefit by something like that in
4 the short term. But in the long term, with lost property
5 values, it's not -- not a good deal.

6 And then their water usage, 5,000 gallons a day --
7 that's super low. Because they are cooling 1500 tons a week
8 of molten material. So 5,000 gallons a day of fresh water -
9 - that's impossible. Also, your energy rates are going to
10 go up. Guaranteed your electric rates are going to go up.
11 These things are super electric intensive.

12 So, all and all, a raw deal for the county, a raw
13 deal for small landowners, and a huge raw deal for large
14 landowners. So we should avoid this smelter project in our
15 area and any others that are proposed through the nearby
16 areas, such as Idaho. I have heard that they are not just
17 looking at this site. That's all I have.

18 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. The person with 9631, the
19 person with 9646 -- I'm going to read a few more numbers. 96
20 -- you know what, it actually helps me if you keep that.
21 Then I don't get confused. Thank you.

22 The person with 9673, the person with 9644, 9624,
23 9665.

24 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Thubten Semkye,
25 and I am one of the monastic members of Sravasti Abbey, the

1 Buddhist community up there outside of Newport, about eight
2 miles. Now, we have been tracking this since the very, very
3 beginning, and one of the things that continues to sort of
4 puzzle us is that when we get these meetings together, one
5 of the things we hear the experts say is, "This is all we
6 can give you because we don't know much about the project."

7 So we are already over a year and a half into
8 this, and there is still this lack of information, this lack
9 of understanding on what is the -- what are we actually
10 scoping here? We are not getting any specifics about it,
11 and things keep changing.

12 We really are concerned about the water. Where is
13 it going to come from? How much is going to be used every
14 day? Where is the effluent going to go? And what process
15 is being considered? It was -- it went from 300 gallons to
16 240,000 gallons, and now it's down to 10,000 gallons a day.
17 What are we -- how did that happen? Why is it so little?

18 We also heard a very encouraging thing a few
19 months ago where there was a possibility of the company
20 agreeing to taking a year to doing some on-site data
21 regarding the air quality that would really give them some
22 accurate information. And they have backed off out of that.
23 So they are using some sort of computer-generated model that
24 might be used instead. So when we are looking at the yearly
25 inversion on the valley floor -- all of that fog, the

1 inversions, the high humidity and fog in the colder months
2 could bring a concern about sulphur dioxide and acid rain.

3 There is an increase in vehicle traffic. There is
4 just a lot of impact on a somewhat fragile environment up
5 there. We have got some of the most beautiful air in the
6 country, and the EPA is going to give them a whole lot of
7 room to pollute that air up to a certain level and then they
8 start to question it. So we are really concerned about the
9 quality of the water and the air.

10 **FACILITATOR:** 9646.

11 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Taylor Garber,
12 and I'm extremely nervous -- gosh -- I don't do public
13 speaking. But I want to show you -- if it's all right to
14 you, as my brain goes away -- but I want to show you --
15 okay. So this is where Newport is. Okay. This is the
16 Colville National Forest; this is the Kaniksu National
17 Forest; this is the Kootenai National Forest; and this is
18 the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. And in the other
19 quadrant is a city that was the worst air quality last month
20 in the entire country.

21 So if I look at this, I'm thinking this just
22 doesn't look like a very good place for this. Now, I get
23 that it's cheap. But national forests -- we haven't always
24 had national forests. We are lucky to have national
25 forests. And they are put there because we have pristine

1 areas that we, as citizens -- or at least the leader at the
2 time said, "We need those pristine areas."

3 So amortizing -- or whatever you do with the
4 numbers -- and saying, "Well, it's under this threshold" --
5 or whatever -- that doesn't work here. These are pristine
6 areas.

7 I'm very concerned about our forests, and if you
8 were in Washington State in the last month, I'm assuming you
9 are very concerned about the forests in our area, as well.
10 So this just may not be a very good place. So that's all I
11 have to say, and when my brain comes back and

12 I think numbers, I'll write you, okay? Thank you.

13 **FACILITATOR:** 9673, 9644, 9624.

14 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Melissa Murdock,
15 and I am a licensed legal intern at University Legal
16 Assistance, and I'm here on behalf of Responsible Growth
17 Northeast.

18 It's been said multiple times already, but I just
19 want to reiterate the fact that we are all kind of confused
20 why we are at scoping when there has not been an
21 application, and this is clearly not an agency's goal. With
22 that being said, we have so many concerns about what we are
23 even going to depth with -- whether it's concern about the
24 water, the air quality, the transportation of raw materials,
25 how those materials are getting from the tracks to the

1 plant, how it's affecting the Tribes, environmental justice,
2 how it's affecting the culture, and how this entire town is
3 going to be flipped upside down by putting an industrial
4 facility in a small community.

5 So we are definitely going to be doing some
6 written comments, and we really want to encourage everyone
7 here today to do written comments, as well. And we do
8 appreciate your extending scoping for this. Thank you.

9 **FACILITATOR:** I assume you are 9665?

10 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Can you hear me? Hi. I'm Dr.
11 Renata Moon. I'm a physician here in the area. I could
12 speak to a lot of things tonight about the smelter and a lot
13 of concerns, and you will hear from me a great deal in the
14 future here with regard to air quality. But today I want to
15 focus on water.

16 Our region has a very unique situation in that we
17 have relatively clean water in Lake Pend Oreille, and our
18 aquifer is still relatively clean. Let's not forget that
19 Lake Pend Oreille and the Spokane-Rathdrum Aquifer -- they
20 all flow into each other, okay? This smelter really could
21 not be strategically positioned in a location better to
22 pollute that water source for a huge number of people.

23 How many people live in this region? I'll let you
24 all look that up. It's a lot of people, okay? And the
25 toxins from the smelter will absolutely get into the water

1 supply. Make no mistake about that.

2 We have a shortage of water in our country. We
3 have people from Arizona and California and multiple other
4 states looking for clean water supplies, and we are in a
5 very unique position here. So my question for you is: Who
6 will be deciding ultimately whether this makes sense for
7 this region and this location? It really doesn't, but I
8 hope that we don't end up checking little boxes along the
9 way and saying, "Well, this works, and this doesn't," and
10 not looking at the overall picture. The overall picture is
11 a clean water supply for us, no Superfund site.

12 Look at Hanford; look at Lake Coeur d'Alene, which
13 is a Superfund site; look at the toxic mess that we've left
14 for our children and the legacy we have left for them with
15 that. And please consider that when you are making this
16 decision. This is a bad decision. Thank you.

17 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 9663, 9712, 9367,
18 9627 -- come on up.

19 The person with 9663. 9712. Is one of you
20 gentlemen 9712? Is one of you 9637? Okay.

21 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I wasn't planning on speaking,
22 but I will. My name is Dan White. I'm a 46-year resident
23 of Pend Oreille County. I'm a structural ironworker, and I
24 have been involved in every type of powerhouse and power
25 plant construction. I was the supervisor on a paper mill in

1 Usk, Washington. I have been to all the nasty places we
2 have got in the Pacific Northwest, and what surprises me
3 most about this is this thing sits right on the top of our
4 municipal water supply source, and we just got new wells.

5 And from the top of the hill where this thing sits
6 -- my wife spent 33 years at the school. It looks right
7 over the top of that hill, and right next to there was three
8 other schools, a hospital, three elder care facilities, and
9 they are building a new unit on the hospital -- right next
10 to the hospital for dementia cases and Alzheimer's. And my
11 wife is a dementia case, a ten-year survivor of ovarian
12 cancer.

13 And I have seen all the stuff that we have gotten
14 here. We have been here for 46 years, with the fishing and
15 the hunting and everything else that we have gotten to do.

16 My neighbors are very important to me, and
17 everything I have seen with this thing there is no up side,
18 none. Sixty questions that it took me one hour and a half
19 to write them. I am extremely infuriated by this. We have
20 county officials that have gone over backwards to do
21 everything they can against what we stand for. We hired
22 them to look after our rights, our interests, and they have
23 stabbed us in the back. I have got an hour's worth.

24 **FACILITATOR:** 9627.

25 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi, there. My name is Mike

1 Bell, and just for the record I support creating good jobs
2 here in the Northwest. But I'm a retired CPA, and I would
3 ask you all to do a surprise visit, unannounced, to the
4 facility in Mississippi and see what a smelter really
5 operates like and what pollution is being created and how
6 much those workers like their jobs. Because I have heard
7 that they don't like it. I'd hate for you to go there and
8 announce it a month or two ahead of time and show up on the
9 Red Cross Day when everybody has got a package, and
10 everything is great. Do it on an audit basis, and that is
11 surprise, don't tell anybody, show up unannounced, and see
12 what you find.

13 I know the unions are here, and I support unions.
14 But there is no agreement supporting the union labor being
15 used on this facility. It's my understanding that because
16 it's part of NAFTA, a Canadian company, that they can bring
17 Canadian workers down to staff this, which is not what the
18 union is after.

19 I also encourage you to take a look at the
20 alternatives for other sites. Right now we have a facility
21 that closed in Addy, which is in Stevens County, and it's
22 not too far away, and there is still a mess there that
23 hasn't been cleaned up by the last company. And now we are
24 going to create another mess that they are going to use for
25 so many years and then walk away?

1 I think that looking at it from an environmental
2 standpoint and not looking at it from an economic standpoint
3 is totally ridiculous. I think they have to be looked at
4 together. I would expect the real estate values in Newport
5 to drop by 30 percent overnight as soon as this is approved,
6 and that's going to have a significant effect on that
7 community.

8 The other thing I will mention is that the smelter
9 in Moses Lake recently laid off 20 -- or 25 percent of its
10 employees -- about 100 of them -- and if they can't keep
11 theirs employed, how is this new one going to do it? Thank
12 you.

13 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. I'm going to read several
14 more numbers. I will skip the "9." 626, 657, 625, 638.

15 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Mary Beth Smith,
16 and I'm a resident of Pend Oreille County. I have multiple,
17 multiple concerns, starting with the question of legality
18 and leading to questions of is there a bias before this is
19 even started? I have grave concerns about air quality. We
20 have no working measurement in Newport. When we have such
21 terrible air, I was having to look at readings from Spokane,
22 from Deer Park, from Sandpoint. So I'm wondering how we can
23 study environmental impact when we don't even have an air
24 quality meter in our community.

25 The last couple of years almost half of August air

1 was so bad that I couldn't go outside to recreate. And then
2 you are going to add pollutants on top of that? I'm
3 extremely concerned about health -- public health. This is
4 located close to the town of Newport. Newport is such a
5 depressed community where we have low, low economic status,
6 a lot of folks that don't have good health insurance, and we
7 are going to be having a smelter right on top of our town.

8 I'm concerned about water quality. I know that we
9 don't have the infrastructure in our community to support
10 the traffic, to support the water -- there's not enough --
11 our wastewater can't support this. Like I said, I have so
12 many concerns that this isn't a good idea for Newport. It
13 isn't a good idea for our environment. The very beginning
14 of the Spokane River is in Pend Oreille

15 County. It will pollute our county, and it will
16 cause great public harm.

17 **FACILITATOR:** 657?

18 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Anybody want to see this? I can
19 give you a sample. I would like to welcome you folks here,
20 and I understand how you are executing the law, okay, and
21 that your personal feelings really don't come into play here
22 because, you know, the law has to be followed as it's
23 written.

24 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Can we hear you a little louder?

25 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Okay. But I -- personally I

1 find it very difficult to believe that this presentation is
2 actually taking place. Here is why. You probably recall
3 that a week ago or so ago Governor Inslee traveled to San
4 Francisco to an international climate change conference
5 hosted and arranged by Governor Jerry Brown of California.
6 And I wonder if you aware of the things -- including
7 Governor Inslee's statements that he said that indicate the
8 kind of changes that are going to be necessary to either
9 mitigate, slow, or reverse climate change, and if in your
10 minds you can come up with any kind of one of those "Elvis
11 is living on Mars" excuses about how this smelter is going
12 to affect climate change, okay -- any discussion of
13 community these days has to mean global community. You've
14 seen the weather; you see these big storms; you see they are
15 very closely linked to climate change, to carbon-based
16 temperature increases.

17 The other thing is I would like to be a little bit
18 more transparent about the process because 99 percent of the
19 process is, to me, irrelevant. The part I want to hear
20 about is what kind of public comments during the scoping can
21 actually bring a project to a complete halt and result in a
22 denial? And I would like to see that. I'm going to be -- I
23 live in Newport. I'll be here tomorrow. I'll see you guys
24 in Priest River, too.

25 **FACILITATOR:** 625 and 638.

1 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi, I'm Kayla Loomis, and I'm a
2 student at Gonzaga Law. I'm also the Environmental Law
3 Caucus president. And I just want to say that I have
4 written a lot of comments to agencies, and I don't think
5 fair weight is given to the impact of climate change when
6 they research this issue, and I think that Ecology should
7 definitely consider the issue of climate change and look at
8 the impacts of the greenhouse gases that the smelter will be
9 producing. And not only that, but the transportation
10 greenhouse gases. And that's what I have to say. Thank
11 you.

12 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. I'm going to read you some
13 more numbers. 664, 632, 9703 -- oh, well, 703 -- 710. So
14 the person who is 664, the person who is 632 -- come on up,
15 folks. It makes it go faster. Mattias, I need to see --
16 there you go. 703. 710. Who is 664? This person decided
17 not to speak. Okay 632?

18 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Good evening. My name is
19 Thubten Samten, and I'm one of the monastics at Srvasti
20 Abbey.

21 As we look at this, we, too, are very confused
22 about what is being scoped. The information that has been
23 mentioned already is that we have this changing information
24 load, and we are just wondering what it is that we should
25 even be asking questions. Srvasti Abbey is situated about

1 eight miles away from this proposed smelter, and the whole
2 reason the abbey was established there is because of this
3 fabulous natural beauty that's there and the air quality.
4 And we now have visitors coming to the abbey from all over
5 the world, and one of the reasons they come is this is a
6 very peaceful, quiet, pure environment.

7 What we are seeing now is that there's more and
8 more increase in wildfire smoke, and in the last two years I
9 personally have visited an emergency department because of
10 breathing -- and I don't have asthma -- and I know that I'm
11 not alone. Last year I was with hundreds of people visiting
12 the urgent care center in Spokane.

13 When you add that to the inversions that are
14 happening in Newport regularly certain times of the year,
15 add to that these greenhouse gases that PacWest has freely
16 admitted that they are going to be producing, we are
17 creating a situation here that will harm the elderly, young
18 children, and people who have very sensitive health
19 situations.

20 The increase in vehicle traffic is most alarming.
21 This importing of the coal from Kentucky or Columbia -- or
22 wherever it's coming from -- again, we know that there is
23 very well-documented rail accidents that happen. And all of
24 this pollution is going to end up in the water, end up in
25 the air, and we are all going to pay heavily for this. So

1 we are asking that this smelter be stopped. Thank you.

2 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 703 and 710.

3 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Carrie. I was born
4 in Spokane and have been back here since 1972. I support
5 the smelter for two reasons. It will help reduce the human
6 population on the planet and for positive economic impact in
7 creating business for Spokane's medical community. Thank
8 you.

9 **FACILITATOR:** 710.

10 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Jacob Johns, and
11 I live in Spokane, and I just want to talk about the future,
12 talk about the planet. How much -- how much money do I have
13 to pay you to poison your children? How much money do I
14 have to pay you to poison the air that your children
15 breathe?

16 Now, let's say -- okay -- let's not talk about the
17 air; let's talk about the water. How much money do I have
18 to pay you to poison your children with poisoned drinking
19 water? Because this company itself originally started
20 asking for 300 gallons a day. Then it went to 800. Now
21 it's at 240,000 gallons of water they are requesting from
22 the City of Newport. That's a lot of water. What's going
23 to happen to the wastewater of this? Is it going to just
24 magically disappear? How is this water going to be
25 translated? How is it going to affect the wildlife that's

1 living in that area? We are not separate from each other.
2 We are not separate from each other. We drink the same
3 water. We breathe the same air. We are human beings on this
4 planet, and we live in close proximity.

5 Once these corporations go into these small
6 communities, they destroy it. Look all around the country.
7 Look all around the country. This is a consistent thing
8 that happens all the time.

9 Now, they are anticipating dumping 320,000 tons of
10 greenhouse gas emissions a year on top of our already
11 climate that's dry and killing us with poisoned air. We are
12 talking about poisoning our air further. I mean, that's a
13 significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions. Are we going
14 to continue to destroy the planet? In the year 2018 are we
15 going to say, "Hey, maybe we should have a coal-fired
16 silicon smelter in a pristine country"?

17 Please think about the children. Think about the
18 future of humanity for this. Because we all need to breathe
19 fresh air, and we all need to drink fresh water. But think
20 about your children. Think about your children's children.
21 Think about your children's children's children's children's
22 children. Keep thinking about that. Because we are going
23 to save them, or you are going to kill them.

24 **FACILITATOR:** I have some more numbers. 647, 641,
25 649, 662. 647 -- is the person with 647 here? Okay. Let's

1 do the person with 641 -- or are you 647? Okay. 641 come on
2 up.

3 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Good evening, Grant. It's good
4 to see you. Last time we were sitting next to each other.
5 For those who don't know me I'm Michael Naylor the -- excuse
6 me -- chairman of CANSS. This smelter thing is destroying
7 our communities. It's ripping us apart. And it needs to
8 stop.

9 I have sent you letters. We have asked that the
10 Department of Ecology postpone this until after our
11 elections. PacWest is interfering through its agents in our
12 local politics. We have got people running for Public
13 Utility District commissioners. We have got people running
14 for County commissioners because of this project.

15 As you know, CANSS, RG NEW are suing the County,
16 HiTest, and the Public Utility District. CANSS -- I would
17 like to give this to you -- there's 2600 signatures from
18 both Idaho and Washington, Pend Oreille and Bonner County,
19 and I would like to submit these to you, if I could, with
20 our letter.

21 This is personal for me. I lost my wife in 2011
22 to PAH, which is a terminal illness because of her exposure
23 to air particulates in other parts of the country, in
24 Colorado. We bought our property a thousand yards away from
25 this facility and learned about it two months later. Our

1 Idaho house is only three miles down the road. Our
2 neighbors have already lost \$200,000 on the sale of their
3 house because of the smelter. We have got litigation going,
4 and there's a lot more coming on.

5 We have also through our FOIA requests have
6 learned of criminal activity possibly by our elected
7 officials. Members of our group have gone to the FBI. We
8 have also gone to the AG's office asking for people to step
9 in and look. My time is done? Thank you.

10 **FACILITATOR:** 662? Before you begin, sir, I'm
11 going to read a few more numbers. If you'd come on up, that
12 would be wonderful. 647, 641, 649, 662.

13 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** You already read those numbers.

14 **FACILITATOR:** Oh, well, the system isn't working.
15 I messed up. Go ahead, sir.

16 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Bob Eugene. I'm a
17 resident of Pend Oreille County, and I want to thank you for
18 coming tonight to listen. My comments are really the
19 location that's currently under consideration for the
20 silicon smelter, and I'm keying right now on the PacWest
21 response to Ecology's June 29th letter. And in that
22 response, PacWest indicated no intent to assess several
23 critical elements in the natural environment.

24 The following were specifically noted as
25 withholding assessment: Natural environment; earth;

1 topography; unique physical features; erosion/enlargement of
2 land, accretion; water; surface water
3 movement/quantity/quality; groundwater movement/quantity and
4 quality; and plants and animals; fish or wildlife migration
5 routes.

6 You have heard multiple times tonight that this
7 proposed site is in the Little Spokane Drainage Basin under
8 USGS -- it's the Hydraulic Unit 17010308. This basin is
9 already stressed out with our current water rights. The --
10 and typically there's a aquifer directly underneath the site
11 that serves the City of Newport, as well, and I believe it's
12 actually tied into the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, as well.

13 The anticipated growth spurt and growth in access
14 roads east and west are going to change the grade
15 significantly and cause contamination of not only the waters
16 around but particularly the Little Spokane basin and the
17 aquifer over time, and I would ask that you evaluate this on
18 a 50-year cycle.

19 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. I have four more tickets
20 here, and then Cynthia, if you could -- when you are done
21 writing them down, if you could bring me up another four,
22 that would be great. So 662 decided to pass; is that
23 correct? Okay. Next is 623, 661, 713, 656. Thank you.

24 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Dan Wilson, and I'm a
25 member of Back Country Hunters and Anglers, (unintelligible)

1 Foundation, and Travel Unlimited. If you can't read between
2 those lines, that means that the best days of my life are
3 out in the woods.

4 And we talk about what the scope we need to cover
5 here is, and I think we need to be -- with a bad-faith actor
6 like HiTest, who has not provided a lot of information, that
7 scope needs to be as broad as possible. It needs to cover
8 the "Capital W," Salmo-Priest Wilderness Area, and the two
9 remaining caribou in the Continental U.S. that are up there,
10 and any impact it will have on them and on that pristine
11 wilderness.

12 It needs to cover our Gray Goose population in the
13 air. It needs to focus on our deer and elk migration
14 corners in the area. It needs to focus on the tributaries
15 from the Little Spokane to the Spokane to the Spokane Arm to
16 the Columbia all the way to the Puget Sound and the salmon
17 that live there, the endangered Redband trout that live
18 there, the endangered grizzlies that live in the North
19 Cascades and that live in the Salmo-Priest Wilderness -- all
20 that needs to be covered.

21 Because if they are not going to provide us with
22 the information to narrow the scope and they say 240,000
23 gallons a day, then maximize the scope. Because they are
24 not engaging in a good faith act. So the scope needs to be
25 as absolutely broad and as long term as possible. There is

1 nothing in between there because they don't put a limitation
2 on it.

3 And, finally, with that I would say -- the last
4 part is -- considering the REC smelter plant that was in
5 Moses Lake shut down a couple years ago due to tariff
6 disputes -- if this smelter plant were to close down, what's
7 the cleanup endeavor for us? What's our cost? What's put
8 back on us to be cleaned up if the company won't come
9 forward with the information we need now and decides to walk
10 away later? Thank you.

11 **FACILITATOR:** 661, 713, and 656.

12 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. Sheryl Miller, a Newport
13 resident. As a matter of fact, the property that I reside
14 on has the same property line as PacWest. I would like to
15 know why we finally got an air monitor back up there again a
16 couple of days after the air cleared out up there from the
17 fires. Yesterday the air did not register good up there
18 yesterday. Today it's no longer up there. We were told
19 that it was needed somewhere else. We were told that they
20 were too costly to leave up there for good air. That air up
21 there needs to be monitored for at least the next year.

22 Where you cannot get onto the HiTest property at
23 this time because there is no access, I'll be more than glad
24 to let you have an air monitor on my property. But it needs
25 to be monitored for the next year to see where our air

1 inversions are and how our air is before you would even
2 consider putting a smelter on a piece of property which at
3 this point isn't even determined is legally theirs yet.

4 So I would like to know when we are going to get
5 an air monitor to monitor the air in the area where this
6 smelter is proposed to be at. Thank you.

7 **FACILITATOR:** 713, 656. I'm going to read you a
8 few more numbers. 6 -- those folks have passed? Is that
9 right? 713 and 656? You're 656? Okay.

10 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi. My name is Lorraine. I'm a
11 landowner in Pend Oreille County. I bought land in Pend
12 Oreille County because of the beautiful air, the animals,
13 and the environment there. I have a child with special
14 needs -- specifically scleroderma. Some of the toxic
15 emissions that are potentially coming from the smelter are
16 going to affect people, not just in cancer but specifically
17 with the smelter.

18 When you do your EIS and you are looking at this
19 company, I want you to make sure that the company is going
20 to be held responsible for the health impact, the long-term
21 cleanup costs, the impact to the animals that we are going
22 to continue to hunt, and so that they are not going to be
23 able to do their damage and leave.

24 When you are doing your EIS study, realize that
25 you are in a rural county that has field burning and wood

1 stoves -- what are the cumulative impacts of the smelter
2 emissions -- and explain whether or not there is going to be
3 restrictions placed on the residents of Pend Oreille County
4 in order to facilitate the work of the smelter.

5 Also, when you do your EIS, I ask that you explain
6 whether the restrictions will be imposed on the smelter if
7 external conditions such as wildfires that we have had will
8 result in unsafe air quality, as is becoming more common,
9 and please take that into account and respond in your study.

10 Finally, based on HiTest's past actions and their
11 demonstration of non-compliance, I would ask that the EIS
12 evaluate how regulatory non-compliance would adversely
13 affect human health, the environment, and the socioeconomic
14 conditions, taking into account that HiTest has demonstrated
15 their lack of ability to comply and be transparent with our
16 community.

17 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 640, it's your turn.
18 707, 658, 629.

19 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is (unintelligible), I
20 live in Spokane, but I'm spending quite a bit of time,
21 retirement in the Sandpoint area. I am a Ph.D. biochemist,
22 and I worked for many years as a professor at the state
23 (unintelligible) university, doing research in heavy metals
24 and pollution in various areas.

25 The last 14 years I worked at a federal agency

1 named General Services Administration. I commuted every
2 week there. So anybody waiting for their job to come to
3 them, they should come and talk to me. The job I visited
4 was in Seattle, and I worked there. I was a chief chemist,
5 and I was on your side, trying to deal with permits for
6 various projects, various companies, and safety -- of
7 material safety (unintelligible) and similar things.

8 My concern is that in this proposal there is not a
9 single chemical number and single name listed. It's
10 completely ignored on emissions, and emissions is pollutants
11 coming out of these products. We are dealing with chemical
12 reaction on a larger scale, and somehow in the process
13 377,000 tons of material is up here. Is up here where -- to
14 our air -- what comes up, comes down. It comes through the
15 land.

16 So I'm here to help you, if I can, to specify what
17 is in these numbers. But I don't think it's appropriate to
18 do this kind of work without having actual numbers that we
19 can know what is going on.

20 **FACILITATOR:** Thank you. 707?

21 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hello. My name is Crystal
22 Oliver. I'm the executive director of the Washington
23 Sun growers Industry Association. Our members are committed
24 to the sustainable cultivation of cannabis beneath the sun.

25 I'm here today testifying in opposition of the

1 smelter. Our members are highly concerned about the impact
2 that pollution created by the smelter will have on the air,
3 land, and water. And as farmers who grow our crops
4 outdoors, air and water pollution -- especially heavy metal
5 contamination -- will impact our ability to sell our crops
6 and earn a living.

7 Department of Health currently requires heavy
8 metal residual testing for our crops, and the Washington
9 State Department of -- or Liquor and Cannabis Board has also
10 constrained changes to their regulations that require heavy
11 metal testing, as well. So we are concerned about the
12 impact that this would have on our crops.

13 We urge Department of Ecology to keep Pend Oreille
14 County pristine and just say no to the Newport smelter.

15 On a personal note, I live in Deer Park,
16 Washington, and my family frequently goes to Pend Oreille
17 County to hike or enjoy Priest Lake. This summer we had the
18 opportunity to go up to the Roosevelt Cedar Groves where
19 they have hundreds-of-years-old trees, and it was a
20 beautiful hike, and not once did I think during that hike
21 that, "Gosh, you know what this is really missing? A
22 smelter 60 miles south."

23 And there are places in this world that are worth
24 protecting, and I don't think that there is a -- I don't
25 think you can come up with a number that is acceptable, as

1 far as air pollution is concerned, in this particular area.
2 We need to keep Pend Oreille County pristine. Thank you.

3 **FACILITATOR:** 658, 629. And before the next
4 person speaks, I'm going to read a few more numbers.
5 Cynthia, make sure I haven't already read these. I don't
6 think I have. 640 -- I just read that. Okay. I did
7 indeed. Thank you for keeping me honest here. Okay. If
8 you will wait just one more moment. Thank you. 633, 706,
9 648, 645. Thank you.

10 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Esther Angell, and
11 I'm almost 13. I live in Spokane, and I have -- but I have
12 many friends and loved ones who will live close to the
13 smelter. I can't believe anyone could be short-sighted
14 enough to not see all the damage this will cause to not only
15 the plants, animals, and people, but also increase global
16 warming.

17 Results show that one smelter causes 320,000 tons
18 of greenhouse gas, which is equal to 65,000 cars driving
19 11,000 miles in a circle around Newport annually. And not
20 only that, it also produces SO₂, NO₂, and CO, which cause
21 acid rain and smog.

22 Now, I'm pretty sure I know what you are thinking.
23 "We are doing this for a good cause, producing silicon for
24 solar panels and cell phones." That is no excuse. Nothing
25 can make up for this. The Washington State Department of

1 Ecology invited the public to tell them what should be
2 included in the environmental studies. Are you thinking any
3 of this should be reviewed when the facts are right in front
4 of our faces?

5 State Senator Shelly Short said, "Not only would
6 it potentially provide jobs for us, it also has very good
7 benefits for Washington, as a whole." When you say
8 "Washington," Shelley, I'm pretty sure you mean top-of-the-
9 pyramid folks. So let me ask you: Is poisoning our planet
10 and her inhabitants worth 150 jobs? Thank you.

11 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 629 -- or we just
12 heard from her? Okay. 629. 633 -- Cynthia, I can't see
13 it. If you could move it a little toward that direction.
14 706, 648, and then 645.

15 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Kim Alexander. I
16 live in Spokane Valley. I have an undergraduate degree in
17 zoology and natural history from University of Montana,
18 Missoula, and a master's degree in science education and
19 ecology and biology. I like to thank you for being here;
20 although, I think it's a glitch in the legal process.

21 I like to thank all of you for coming tonight and
22 putting your input in here. That's amazing. We can't -- we
23 have to do it again, though.

24 I have a question for you, Grant. What -- I'd
25 like you to define in your presentation your quote, unquote,

1 term of "expected impacts" of this smelter. To me, that
2 sounds like something is already set up, that there's going
3 to be impacts; we just don't know what they are or how bad
4 they are going to be. That's a problem right there.

5 Next, I think you need to add a minute or two --
6 add to your presentation. You forgot in the little picture
7 frame with the nine things -- topics -- mental health.
8 Let's not forget mental health. That's a big deal. And
9 culture -- culture of the wilderness and of the people and
10 the communities together. We need to have that in there.

11 I also think we should send a notice to every tax-
12 paying landowner that will impact -- this will impact that
13 area -- every area that this smelter will impact. Every tax-
14 paying landowner needs to have a notice that this is going
15 to happen. I just found out about this last week on
16 Facebook. Seriously? Seriously? That shouldn't be
17 happening. We should know about this before, not by finding
18 out on social media. 30 seconds? Okay.

19 Next, I think all the legal people in the audience
20 here -- we need to get a court injunction to stop the
21 process now, not wait for it to happen later. We need to
22 stop this now. We need a court to decide that this is not
23 good for the Newport area, for Washington and Idaho and
24 Canada. We should go to Canada, too. It's going to affect
25 them, too. It's not just us; it's the whole planet, just

1 like the person that spoke before said. It's everything.
2 And we shouldn't be letting you even do this. This shouldn't
3 even be happening. Yeah, I won't stop.

4 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. 648 and 645. And I'd like to
5 have -- as we are waiting for the next person to stand at
6 the microphone -- 654, 643, 667, and 635.

7 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hello. Tracy Morgan, concerned
8 resident of Pend Oreille County. First question, short but
9 sweet. Why are they using charcoal? I talked to your
10 engineers outside, and they told me that was a very good
11 question and encouraged me to ask you that. So -- and how
12 can they justify using -- oh, sorry. Coal. I'm sorry. Why
13 are they using coal? They need to justify why they are.

14 My second comment would be more of a big-picture
15 statement, along the lines of the sequence of SEPA and the
16 regulatory framework. Given the impact that this project
17 will have over a very large region, why is this not a NEPA?
18 Why isn't the EPA directly involved and coordinating state
19 efforts between Washington, Idaho, Montana, and even the
20 Canadian citizens and residents that will be impacted by
21 this?

22 The reason I think this is a viable question is
23 because HiTest and the Economic Development Council of Pend
24 Oreille County convened a leadership committee, oh, over a
25 year ago with entities from Bureau of Reclamation, Canadian

1 small communities, the National Park Service. U.S. Forest
2 Service, I think the Corps of Engineers, BPA -- I'm assuming
3 Ecology was there, hopefully -- and so conversations during
4 those meetings included impact with Glacier National Park.

5 And so I believe that this scoping needs to cover
6 the extent of all those communities, and those communities
7 need to be informed and contacted to participate in this
8 scoping process. Thank you.

9 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 654. Is that you?
10 643.

11 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** That's me. Okay. Thank you. My
12 name is Mike Brixey, and I'm a resident of Elk, Washington.
13 I live about ten miles direct sight from the smelter site --
14 proposed smelter site -- it's not a done deal yet, I hope.

15 I don't believe that this is an appropriate place
16 for this. But one of the things that I have concerns with -
17 - and some of the other speakers have talked about the
18 smelters that have been in the Northwest -- one of the
19 smelters they didn't mention was the one in Tacoma. And
20 part of my job responsibility is a review of commercial
21 construction projects, and one of the things we had to do on
22 a project in Lacey that was 30 miles from the Tacoma smelter
23 was they had to do soil testing for potential soil -- heavy
24 metal contamination that was -- it's probably been more than
25 20 years since that smelter's been closed.

1 So that was a responsibility and burden that was
2 put on that landowner 30 miles from this smelter that they
3 had no control over. No one ever asked their permission of
4 whether or not they could have this -- emissions from this
5 facility come on their property, and then to bear the
6 expense of having testing done to confirm that it wasn't
7 going to be a hazard to people who were going to be living
8 there -- this was a residential project.

9 So, you know, there's a very wide scope of area
10 that needs to be considered when a smelter is proposed to go
11 in here. And, additionally, when you look at the history of
12 smelters and their track record for when things peter out,
13 when things go away, that they go away, as well, and they
14 leave the burden on the taxpayers to clean up the mess that
15 they have left.

16 There's lots of other comments that I had, and I
17 know we don't have much time. But I will certainly submit
18 written ones, too. Because there are a lot of things that I
19 believe need to be answered about this project before it
20 moves forward. Thank you.

21 **FACILITATOR:** The person with 667, and then I'm
22 going to read some other numbers here -- 669, 672, 666, 676.

23 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hey, Grant. I'm Zach Welker
24 from the Kalispel Tribe. We have been following this
25 project for a long time, and I'm curious if this is the

1 smelter that's going to be built in Addy or Usk or Newport?
2 Is it the one that is going to be run by HiTest, or is it
3 PacWest? Is it the one that's going to take 8,000 gallons
4 of water a day? 230,000 gallons of water a day? 5,000
5 gallons of water a day now? Is this the one that's going to
6 use only the cleanest source materials and produce no
7 emissions at all? Or is this the one that's going to use
8 just Kentucky Blue Gem coal that they might get from
9 Columbia? Or is it the one that's going to use charcoal
10 that they say it's going to use now? Which we noticed that
11 that leads to other questions like will it produce 320,000
12 tons of CO2 a year or 762,000 tons, like would be the case
13 now?

14 My point in raising all of those issues is that I
15 think that you are on a fool's errand starting the scoping
16 process now. I think HiTest has played our community for a
17 long time. I saw Jason Tymko in here earlier. I saw him
18 leave with the union folks. He is trying recruit on his
19 side, and I don't think he cares about the people who aren't
20 supportive of this facility.

21 And we said that right off the bat, you know,
22 early on, "Just do the honorable thing, and maybe you will
23 get community support," and we haven't seen that.

24 The second thing I wanted to say is I think the
25 SEPA process needs to make sure that it doesn't punt on all

1 of the air quality questions and impacts to the air
2 permitting process. People need to know that just because
3 you get a permit doesn't mean that you won't be harmed. And
4 there will be a lot of new contamination in the atmosphere,
5 and it's critical that the EIS look at that carefully,
6 explain what those impacts will do to people and resources,
7 and don't just say that the air quality permitting proposal
8 will protect us. That's just not true. Thanks.

9 **FACILITATOR:** 635, 669, 672, 666, and 676.

10 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Dr. Chris Moon. I'm a
11 physician in the area. As a physician here, I don't think
12 that my concerns about the health impacts of a project like
13 this could really be overstated. But let's focus on air
14 quality for a minute. My concern is how will the particle
15 pollution impact be evaluated for a project like this?

16 A lot of people have stated concerns that we don't
17 really have the information that we need. I think that we
18 know that chronic exposure to particle pollution can cause a
19 lot of health conditions. It can shorten life span by one
20 to three years. It increases the risk of lung cancer. And
21 this happens even at levels that meet current standards.

22 So one thing that we need to avoid is falling into
23 a pitfall of saying that just because the levels meet some
24 type of a standard, that that's okay. Sometimes that's
25 still not okay. EPA studies concluded that fine particle

1 pollution poses serious health risks. These are -- include,
2 but are not limited to, early death, cardiovascular harm --
3 that means things like heart attacks, stroke, heart disease,
4 respiratory harm; that includes things like worsening asthma
5 and COPD; we know that it can cause cancer; it may cause
6 reproductive harm; it may cause developmental harm. There
7 are a lot of health impacts. Air quality is just one of
8 them. There's a lot of other impacts also that need to be
9 considered.

10 The other thing I'd state is sometimes at the
11 office I talk about administrative justification, people
12 kind of going through things from an administrative
13 standpoint and just stamping things as we go along. We need
14 to make sure that we really are being thoughtful with this
15 and that's it's not a foregone conclusion, but really taking
16 time to think as we go through. Thank you.

17 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I'm Thubten Chonyi. The
18 smelter's emissions will damage the pristine natural beauty
19 that brings people like me to Pend Oreille County, visitors
20 who patronize local businesses that will suffer from the
21 decline in tourism. The noise level of an average -- on an
22 average of ten railcars per day and 250 vehicles per day to
23 the smelter, plus the noise from the smelters equipment and
24 processes will destroy the quiet that attracts visitors to
25 Newport, further damaging local businesses. It may

1 discourage people from moving to the area and encourage some
2 residents to leave, further damaging the economy of the
3 area.

4 The smelter's emissions will, of course, degrade
5 our air quality and cause health problems for children, the
6 elderly, and adversely affect the entire population. The
7 silicon smelter will contribute to greenhouse gases,
8 accelerating the onset of climate change. Emission data
9 recently disclosed in PacWest's draft PSD modeling state
10 that at least one air pollutant is expected to exceed the
11 Prevention of Significant Deterioration major source
12 threshold.

13 Ecotourism holds tremendous possibilities for Pend
14 Oreille County. A smelter will block this.

15 PacWest states that there is the possibility of
16 accidents and accidental spills that could be hazardous to
17 people and the environment. Pend Oreille County is on a
18 watch list of counties in the western United States that are
19 at the highest risk of exposure to dangerous levels of
20 pollution from wildfire smoke in the coming decades. The
21 amount of pollution released by a fire at the silicon
22 smelter would be disastrous for the residents of this
23 county.

24 It is counterintuitive to imagine that such a
25 facility in that area that has such natural beauty, a place

1 that people -- families move to to raise their children, a
2 place where people wish to retire, a place where people come
3 to enjoy a wonderfully rich and year-round outdoor
4 opportunities that the surrounding area provides, we request
5 that you reject the construction of this smelter by a
6 foreign company in our county. Thank you.

7 **FACILITATOR:** I'm going to read four more. 642,
8 639, the person with 704, and the person with 659.

9 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I'm Vicki Bronson, and I was a
10 teacher for a long time in Newport, for about 35 years, and
11 a major concern for everyone there is that what -- something
12 that's been brought up a couple of times, but I want to say
13 that we were blindsided by it. We have -- we are going to
14 have that smelter smack dab in the middle of the city.

15 And you talked with a few people -- Sheryl Miller
16 and Michael Naylor -- and their property is, like, two or
17 three hundred feet from where the proposed site is. That's
18 horrible. And we weren't told about it ahead of it time.
19 People bought property and then found out.

20 And I'm way off of what I was going to say. So
21 the proximity of it is going to cause all the problems that
22 people have been talking about, such as health concerns,
23 aesthetics, water problems, traffic, all the new railways in
24 a rural area where we aren't there for that reason, to be in
25 the middle of a city. So my question is why can't the

1 smelter be moved to an industrial site instead? Because
2 it's in the wrong place.

3 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** In Bellevue.

4 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. Does 704 or 759 -- people
5 with those numbers, would you care to speak? I'm sorry.
6 659.

7 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Good evening. My name is
8 Kirsten Angell, and I live here in Spokane. The fact that
9 this proposed smelter project is located so close to
10 neighborhoods is a clear indication that our government is
11 no longer able to protect its citizens from corporate greed.
12 If you want input about this project, here it is. Stop this
13 project. Find a location that is actually zoned for heavy
14 industry.

15 The incredible number of people that will pay the
16 actual price for this smelter is undeniable. You don't have
17 to look very hard to find current examples of silicon
18 smelters that are negatively impacting nearby communities.
19 This heavy industrial process will be spewing out
20 pollutants, many of which cannot be filtered by any
21 technology currently available. Those pollutants are proven
22 to cause smog and acid rain and contribute to poor lung and
23 heart health for humans.

24 I would like you to answer a few questions. Who
25 is going to pay the ultimate price? The people of Newport,

1 Priest River, Sandpoint, the Kalispel Tribe. I want to know
2 how you can rationalize the negative collateral damage that
3 will be caused by locating this plant so close to people.

4 What's this company's investment in the health of
5 these communities? Are you going to look at other smelters,
6 like the one in Iceland that has been shut down and reopened
7 and shut down again because residents are complaining of air
8 population? Is there a plan for the coal ash waste? Where
9 will their wastewater flow? Lots and lots of questions.

10 Some of these costs are long-term, cumulative, and
11 you can't possibly predict them. And if you could, even
12 if we looked even seven years into the future, we wouldn't
13 be here because you would see that this is wrong. Too many
14 people will suffer because of this smelter being located at
15 the site.

16 And have you considered the political activists'
17 explosion -- explosion you could have on your hands? This
18 is a new era. People are waking the hell up, and they feel
19 passionate about defending themselves against corruption
20 like this. Know that there will be a huge uprising on this
21 project before it gets ugly.

22 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Yep, it will. We will.

23 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. We have 705, 702, 668, 711.

24 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Alrighty. I'll get started. I'm
25 Scott Sherman. I'm a resident of Spokane. I also own

1 property out at Priest River. Thank you for allowing us to
2 speak tonight and giving us the time. I read something like
3 a hundred -- it's like the equivalent -- that this place --
4 the emissions they are going to have is like burning 165,000
5 fires in your woodstove in Newport, Washington, and I think
6 if we'd try to do that in Spokane, they'd say you can't burn
7 your wood-fired stoves in Spokane those days. So I look at
8 that and say, "Wow, that's a lot of emissions."

9 And that air not only flows up into Priest River;
10 it flows down into Spokane. And that's something that if we
11 can't have regular homeowners burn their woodstoves, why are
12 we going to put -- at that volume -- why are we going to put
13 a plant in a community that would do that? So I ask you to
14 consider that. That just seems like an extreme amount of
15 smoke in the air -- or soot or emissions.

16 So the second thing is, though, is I have heard a
17 lot of folks say, you know, there is not a lot of
18 information provided by this company. But I read that they
19 are going to invest about \$325 million. I work for a
20 multinational global organization, and if we invest \$325
21 million, we know exactly what's going to happen and where
22 that money is going to go and what the cause and effect is
23 going to be. So I think they know. I'd like them to be
24 forthcoming with it, and I'd like them to share that and say
25 -- I mean, there's a lot of companies that have invested

1 money like that and caused a lot of damage, and they go
2 bankrupt, and they are not held accountable. But the people
3 that are left have to deal with that.

4 So that's my final point. We will get economic
5 impact. And I say, okay, well, there is the economic impact
6 of the global good, but we don't necessarily always consider
7 things like quality of life. And a lot of nations around
8 the world are starting to do that, and I think that this
9 nation should certainly do that.

10 But also look at -- if you look at economic
11 impact, then you have got to also look at the economic
12 impact of the minority. And I think Newport, Washington, is
13 definitely a minority because they don't necessarily --
14 speaking of this, it's not a high volume of people -- so
15 just consider that one person, what's the economic impact on
16 them, as well as the people who have 325 million to invest.

17 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. The next person.

18 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Thank you. My name is
19 Susan Brudnicki, and I'm from Spokane. There are three main
20 concerns that we have heard about tonight: transportation,
21 the environment, and inadequate infrastructure for building
22 this facility. I read through this PacWest Silicon Project
23 description. What a joke. I hope they didn't pay anybody
24 to do this. It's an embarrassment.

25 Let's talk about transportation. This location

1 does not have adequate infrastructure to support this
2 project. The routes and the infrastructure in northeast
3 Washington, Idaho, Canada, and western Montana are not
4 adequate to support the traffic that exists now, let alone
5 after this smelter is built. Highway 2 doesn't have the
6 capacity to handle the traffic coming. The Idaho DOT has
7 already funded a study because they realize it will create a
8 significant traffic impact. I hope that will be done in
9 Washington. This is a two-lane road, and it simply doesn't
10 have the capacity for that much traffic.

11 Truckers -- electronic driver logs tell them when
12 they have reached the capacity of the hours that they drive,
13 and they literally have to pull over to the side of the
14 road, shut their vehicle down, and wait for the next 12
15 hours before they can fire it up again. So what are we
16 going to have? These big rigs parked along the side of a
17 two-lane highway that people are going to have to pass in
18 the middle of the night. There aren't any facilities.
19 There's no motel, no truck stops, no fueling depots in this
20 area.

21 Who pays to upgrade the infrastructure for all
22 these jurisdictions to widen those highways to put those
23 facilities in for people who are commuting? The taxpayers?

24 People talked about environmental concerns --
25 water usage, air quality, and emissions. The dust generated

1 from this project is extremely toxic -- toxic, as you've
2 heard. The project wants to be built less than a quarter
3 mile from downtown. That means hundreds -- this little
4 thing said a hundred railcars a day -- are you going to cut
5 me off?

6 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hey, you are doing good.

7 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** There's nobody behind her. Let
8 her talk.

9 **FACILITATOR:** We are going to talk about that in a
10 minute.

11 Okay. So everyone who has taken a ticket has had
12 their two minutes, and I want to express my appreciation for
13 your respect for that. It's always a challenge.

14 If you had a ticket and you decided to pass but
15 you've changed your mind, would you come on up here?

16 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I must have missed my number.

17 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. Well, come on up. And if
18 there is anyone else who maybe you didn't take a ticket
19 because you just weren't sure but now you'd like to speak,
20 come on up.

21 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** So while I was sitting there, I
22 was able to write a -- I will show you a little target --
23 and it's a moving target. I did that while I was sitting
24 here.

25 My name is Lorelee Gill. I am a Spokane resident

1 -- born and raised -- went up to Newport, Priest River, and
2 everywhere in between my whole life. My parents started
3 taking me up to there to Fort Steele in Canada. Why doesn't
4 Golden want this thing, right? Didn't they say, "No, we
5 don't want it"? There is a reason for that.

6 I'm a contractor. I appreciate the business that
7 wants to go out -- and that -- but it's not going to help
8 the people that are working there. I actually looked up the
9 information about the Mississippi -- Burnsville, population
10 1,034. Newport, 2,126. One stack in Mississippi. Two
11 stacks in Newport. Mississippi, a flat area, east and west
12 the highway flows from Chattanooga to Memphis, four lanes.
13 It has a north-south, a ten-town waterway built just to move
14 equipment and commerce up and down that waterway with ten
15 locks. The railway going in there.

16 The people that work in the mill down there at
17 Burnsville -- a 5.0 rating; they get a 2.1. Look to
18 Burnsville. Find out the people that are working down there
19 and living there and what it's doing to them. Because it's
20 going to tell you why Newport shouldn't have it.

21 Newport has hills and valleys. That stuff is
22 going to come down, rain down. And if Spokane really knew
23 what was going on, this room would be overfilled. And it's
24 not because they are putting these people who live up there
25 through hell, trying to stop this, and taking up their

1 energies and not getting it. The environmental, the Ecology
2 -- you guys can stop this, and you need to do that.

3 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. It's about ten minutes to
4 9:00. That means we can have six or seven more people with
5 two-minute increments -- oh, and here they are back here.
6 I'm sorry. I didn't see you.

7 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Hi, there. My name is Rachel. I
8 learned about this project earlier this year. My husband
9 and I were considering buying a property up at Scotia Road
10 on the Little Spokane River.

11 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Speak in into the mic.

12 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I'm sorry. My name is Rachel,
13 and I learned about this project earlier this year when my
14 husband and I were considering purchasing a property on the
15 Little Spokane River off of Scotia Road. We -- I fell in
16 love with it, but unfortunately my husband just didn't feel
17 comfortable buying it because of this project. The irony is
18 that he's not really an environmental type of person, but
19 just the risk of losing money on it in the long term if this
20 were to happen was too much for him to feel comfortable
21 with.

22 But -- so I haven't really followed along since
23 then. I kind of did a little bit of research early on
24 earlier this year. But I'm curious about what the status is
25 of the application to Ecology for PacWest. I came in late

1 so maybe I missed it in the beginning, if that was
2 discussed. But I'm curious about what the process is prior
3 to starting this building and where the application needs to
4 be. So I don't know if you can answer that now or if that's
5 on the website somewhere.

6 **FACILITATOR:** I will invite you to ask one of the
7 folks in the back, and they can answer that question for
8 you.

9 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Oh, okay. Okay. Great. And
10 then I was also curious about -- it just seems -- it seems
11 like there's a lot of numbers being thrown around the room
12 in terms of, like, water use and emissions, and I was
13 curious of whether Ecology is being guided by a reliable set
14 of data from PacWest on this and what the procedure is if
15 the reality of the smelter exceeds the limit of the scope.
16 And also will the scoping include the possibility of the
17 second step because I know I have heard that being talked
18 about. Thank you.

19 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** My name is Steve Parker, and I
20 live in Spokane, but I love the area up in Newport and on up
21 into Priest Lake. I'm a member of the Selkirk Conservation
22 Alliance, and I received an e-mail today suggesting that we
23 show up if we care about the area.

24 Recently -- I have a couple of acres where I live,
25 and I have had a little trouble with pine bark beetle, and I

1 have been doing a lot of research lately about the issues
2 and discovered, lo and behold, that drought weakens trees.
3 And we also know that pollutants and that sort of thing also
4 weakens trees. And we can see parts of our area in the
5 Northwest that have had extreme concentration of pine bark
6 beetle infestation have led to help to contribute to some of
7 the extreme fire situations that we have seen.

8 And so that's one of the things I really would
9 encourage you to check in your impact -- what's going to be
10 the impact of our drought-impacted forest, and what's going
11 to be the impact of the pollutants that are going to be
12 coming in there -- and find out exactly what those are.

13 Thank you.

14 **FACILITATOR:** Okay. I'd like to ask if there is
15 anyone else who has not had a chance to speak? We have a
16 gentleman, I know, who has spoken before who would like to
17 perhaps close us out.

18 But, first, anyone else who has not had a chance
19 to speak?

20 Why don't you close us out with the last two
21 minutes. And then we have a few more minutes until 9:00. A
22 couple of you who came in late and didn't hear the initial
23 presentation, please do find a person from the Department of
24 Ecology and ask your questions and make your comments.

25 Thank you.

1 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Grant, I didn't get a chance
2 because of the time, but I want to speak to you about
3 truthfulness. Since PacWest bought the property --
4 HiTest/PacWest -- we had an issue on January 2nd of this
5 year where PacWest hired a large front-end loader, plowed
6 the road from Highway 2 all the way underneath the BPA
7 access road up to the property, approximately 2-1/2 miles.

8 PacWest was notified two weeks before by the BPA
9 not to do this; if they wanted access, they had to file a
10 federally required form, contact all the property owners,
11 get their permission in writing prior to any access. So
12 they have been trespassing all summer long.

13 When they plowed this, they were going to bring up
14 heavy core-drilling equipment in order to do core-drilling
15 samples on this property -- all without permission, no
16 applications, in full knowledge that this was not
17 acceptable, they would be trespassing and breaking the law.
18 PacWest did it anyways.

19 People reported on the hotline -- the BPA hotline.
20 As you know, Homeland Security calls our dams and our power
21 lines are one of number one priorities. The Sheriff's
22 Department did not respond. The Washington Patrol had to be
23 called.

24 We had a problem up there with reports missing.
25 There is a lot of things going on in Pend Oreille County

1 that needs to be addressed. When we have a Canadian company
2 breaking our laws, trespassing, damaging property, and
3 nothing is done about it, we have got a real problem.

4 So it tells me we can't trust these people
5 anyways, even when we do give them what they have got to do,
6 they are going to break it anyways. So they are -- they are
7 not trustworthy. You can't believe a thing they say. Thank
8 you.

9 **FACILITATOR:** And I'm going to say thank you and
10 pass it to Grant to close out the -- this part of the
11 meeting.

12 **(Public comments adjourned at 8:52 p.m.)**

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