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Grant Pfeifer
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Re: EIS Scoping, PacWest Silicon

Dear Director Pfeifer:

Thank you for the opportunity to supply our comments to the record regarding the EIS Scoping for the proposed PacWest Silicon project. As we read through the documents supplied so far, some of our comments may be similar to what you have already received, but we feel it important to include them. Given the regional concerns that this proposal has generated, our due diligence is most important. As such, we have begun task of conducting an initial Health Impact Assessment of the region as a beginning step of our due diligence.

Our comments will generally be confined to the documents entitled "*PacWestSiliconProjectDescription*", "*PacWestResponse_EcologyJune29*" as found on the Ecology website, as well as *Washington Annotated Code (WAC) 197-11-444*.

"PacWestSiliconProjectDescription"

Contained in this document is an overview of the project as a whole, with that in mind, it is our hope that that document is at least partially relied on for the basis of the upcoming EIS and that potential issues posed by that document get due consideration. The following issues are some that we feel need to be addressed:

- 1) Site grading of +/- 70% of the site to reduce site slopes from 15% to 2% - 3%. The estimated quantities of the earthwork and the environmental effects.
- 2) Methods of material handling to eliminate fugitive dust.
- 3) Earthwork quantity estimates and vegetation removal for the onsite rail loop.
- 4) Emissions from onsite equipment, including locomotives.
- 5) Stormwater collection and treatment methods for on and off-site improvements.

- 6) The effects of fencing +/- 188 acres with regard to wildlife passage.
- 7) Spill containment and clean-up methods for petroleum and other potential contaminants.

"PacWestResponse_EcologyJune29" and WAC 197-11-444

This document is in response to an inquiry from Ecology dated June 29, 2018. We offer the following:

- 1) The response does not include the need for a Boundary Line Adjustment to avoid building over property lines.
- 2) The response does not include the need for an approved Conditional Use Permit.
- 3) Given that the proposal is partially located in WRIA 55, we feel that Groundwater movement/quantity/quality is warranted for inclusion in the EIS. (Stricken in the response letter)
- 4) Fish or wildlife migration routes was also stricken, but as previously stated, the effects of fencing +/- 188 should be explored with regard to wildlife passage.
- 5) Pend Oreille County as a whole is experiencing a housing shortage, with the prospect of creating 900 jobs (directly and indirectly), we would not be doing our due diligence to exclude exploring the impacts of the proposal on housing.

We would again like to thank you for the opportunity to comment and hope that our stated concerns are included within the scope of the final EIS. We appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,

PEND OREILLE COUNTY
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