

**Class I Redesignation of the Kalispel Indian Reservation
Fact Sheet**

The Kalispel Tribe is seeking to redesignate our Reservation a Class I air quality area under the Federal Clean Air Act’s Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program. This fact sheet is intended to help explain what this means for the community and address any misunderstandings. More information is available in the Technical Report supporting the Tribe’s redesignation proposal, and in an FAQ addressing common questions we have received concerning our redesignation. Both of these documents may be reviewed by visiting <http://kalispeltribe.com/kalispel-natural-resources-department/overview>.

Misunderstanding	Fact
If the Kalispel Reservation is redesignated a Class I PSD area, people in Pend Oreille County won’t be allowed to use wood stoves, burn slash piles, drive on unpaved roads, sand roads in winter, or plow fields.	Class I redesignation will <u>not</u> affect these day-to-day rural activities. The PSD program may only impose pollution limits on new or modified “major stationary sources.” This term includes facilities such as steel mill plants and petroleum refineries capable of emitting at least 100 tons of regulated pollutants.
If air quality in the Pend Oreille Valley gets too bad during the winter, people will not be able to use their wood stoves.	The PSD program does not impose any limitations on the use of wood stoves. Accordingly, Class I redesignation will have no effect on the Department of Ecology’s existing authority to regulate the use of wood stoves and other activities that may impair air quality.
Class I redesignation will stop all industrial development on and near the Reservation.	Class I redesignation will affect very few types of businesses, mainly large industrial facilities capable of generating significant enough emissions to require a PSD permit. In all of Eastern Washington, for example, only 11 facilities have PSD permits.
Class I redesignation will force more businesses to go through a PSD review if they want to locate in Pend Oreille County.	Class I redesignation will not increase the number of businesses that have to go through a PSD review. The Reservation is already a Class II PSD area and the same types of large industrial facilities that currently have to go through a Class II PSD review are the only types of facilities that will have to go through a Class I review.
Class I redesignation will require a reduction in all emissions on and near the Reservation.	The PSD program does not require a general reduction in existing emissions. Rather, it places tighter limits on the amount of pollution new or modified major stationary sources can emit in addition to existing emissions.
Class I redesignation will adversely impact all counties in northeastern Washington and beyond.	Due to the prevailing wind patterns and topography of the area, Class I redesignation is unlikely to impact economic development outside of Pend Oreille County. The likelihood of adverse impacts in Pend Oreille County is low given the limited number of PSD-permitted facilities in Eastern Washington, the availability of pollution-control technology, and the ability of the County to attract new businesses with low or no emissions.

If you are interested in giving public testimony regarding the Class I redesignation of the Kalispel Reservation, we invite you to attend a public hearing at the Tribe’s Camas Center for Community Wellness (1821 LeClerc Rd N, Cusick, WA) on Monday, April 10th at 5:30 pm. We appreciate your input and feedback.