



GRINCH ALERT: BCFA Denounces Today's Illegal Disruption in Ladysmith

CAMPBELL RIVER, DECEMBER 2, 2020—The BC Forestry Alliance (BCFA) says the illegal disruption of forestry workers in Ladysmith, British Columbia today is misguided and should not be tolerated.

BCFA board member and spokesperson Carl Sweet said it was like the Grinch had visited because of the untimely targeting of a forest community where workers need to provide for their families.

“We find it extremely unproductive for these protest groups to negatively impact forestry workers in this manner in the lead-up to the holiday season,” said Sweet.

“These workers and their communities are enduring difficult conditions, both economically and personally, to continue providing for their families during this pandemic and economic downturn. For these protesters to interfere with their livelihood during this time we find extremely distasteful.”

The BC Forestry Alliance is preparing to collaborate with other organizations and the provincial government on the findings of the recent old growth review panel.

“We are calling on the government to send a clear message to these protesters that they cannot be part of a process if they refuse to respect the needs of workers going about their business. The continued illegal blockades in Ladysmith and elsewhere must not be allowed to continue.”

Communities hurting from COVID-19 cannot afford their law-abiding industries to be targeted in this way at any time of the year.

“There is a critical need for order to be maintained for forest workers to transport products and be able to safely access their work sites,” said Sweet.

BC's forest workers respect the local environment while contributing to a better future world-wide. With continuing support including a designated Working Forest, communities and families will benefit for generations to come.

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