

2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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USW Local 1-2017 Issues Strike Notice & Negotiations Set to Resume with the IFLRA

Further to booking the mediator out earlier this week, USW Local 1-2017, covering all of northern BC based in Prince George, has issued 72-hour strike notice and will be in a legal strike position at 8 am Saturday, October 6, 2018.

As a result of negotiations breaking down in the North we are now scheduled to resume negotiations with the IFLRA (Interior Forest Labour Relations Association) in Kelowna Oct 10 – 12 to attempt to conclude a collective agreement and set a pattern for all outstanding BC Interior negotiations.

If the IFLRA tables a similar package to CONIFER, we will be conducting a strike vote in the Southern Interior Locals 1-405, 1-417 and 1-423 in the coming days.

The IFLRA is the bargaining agent for the following operations:

- Local 1-417: Canfor Vavenby, West Fraser Chasm, Tolko Heffley Creek, Aspen Planer Sites 1 & 2 and Canoe Forest Products.
- Local 1-423: Tolko's Armstrong, White Valley, Kelowna and Lumby Roads Crew, Lumby Forest Techs, Interfor Grand Forks and Weyerhaeuser Princeton.
- Local 1-405: Canfor's Radium, Elko and Woodlands, Interfor Castlegar, Galloway Lumber, LP Golden and Stella Jones.

All Interior agreements expired on June 30, 2018.

Your USW Interior bargaining committee consists of Doug Singer – Local 1-405, Marty Gibbons – Local 1-417, Pat McGregor – Local 1-423, Brian O'Rourke 1-2017 and spokesperson Bob Matters – Wood Council chair.

Updates will follow as actions unfold.

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