

2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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Bargaining Update #20

November 30, 2018

Rotating Job Action Begins at Interfor

USW Local 1-405 members at Interfor Castlegar along with Local 1-423 members at Interfor Grand Forks initiated the first job action in the forest industry in our Local in 32 years with a 24-hour strike early Monday morning, November 26. It was the first job action planned among the southern interior locals after talks broke off with the provincial mediator last week. More job action in the Southern Interior is imminent.

As we prepare to engage in rotating strikes at USW 1-417 operations, we will be required to appoint Strike Captains.

Strike Captain Job Description

- Help Communicate with their shift when job action is to begin
- Distribute strike signs
- Coordinate picket duty coverage for your crew
- Ensure the safety of picketers

What to do When a Rotating Strike is Called

- If coming into work, **DO NOT CROSS A PICKET LINE**, join it
- If on shift safely shut down equipment, inform your supervisor a strike has begun and that you will be exiting the site; collect personal effects and join the picket line.
- Picket Captains will coordinate picket duty for their shift

Please contact your Local Business Agent via email or cell phone to sign-up as Strike Captains.

The purpose of rotating strikes is to progressively put pressure on industry. Most rotating strikes will last for a 24-hour period unless otherwise stipulated.

Members are encouraged to keep warm clothing with them for possible job action. Burning barrels; propane fire/pits and firewood along with pop-up shelters are also needed in case of inclement weather. Members will be notified via Text Alert approximately an hour before job action begins.



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