

# 2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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## IFLRA Chooses to Final Offer USW Committee Instead of Negotiate

USW Locals 1-417, 1-423 and 1-405 spent May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> at the bargaining table attempting to negotiate in good faith with the IFLRA to conclude a collective agreement for the Southern Interior forest industry.

Regrettably the IFLRA refused to negotiate, choosing instead to table a “Final Offer” that the USW Negotiating Committee cannot support. The IFLRA’s final offer is similar to the deal that was agreed to in the North, however, contains language not in the North agreement.

Due to the IFLRA’s refusal to compromise or move on those differences, the USW Southern Interior Locals will be giving the affected members an opportunity to vote on the final offer.

Your USW bargaining committee consisting of the presidents of Locals 1-417, 1-423 and 1-405 will be taking the IFLRA final offer to the membership for a vote of the affected operations.

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