



2019 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-1937 UPDATE

2019 BARGAINING UPDATE #41 – December 23, 2019

Coast Bargaining Committee - News Release

CLARIFICATION

In bargaining update #40 under the heading:

“WFP CONTINUES TO RELY ON CONTRACTORS TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK”

The update was written in such a way that some interpreted it to mean that all Logging Contractors are against the Union and that they are all working in conjunction with WFP, to undermine USW members on strike.

That was not the intent of that section of update #40.

There are many Logging Contractor Owners who support our members' right to strike and are supportive of their fight against WFP. For that, we are grateful for the support. The Local Union apologizes to those Logging Contractor Owners and Members who interpreted the words to mean that all Logging Contractor Owners were spreading misinformation and undermining the Union. That is not true.

However, there continues to be a select number of Logging Contractor Owners who are acting on behalf of WFP, in an attempt to undermine our members' solidarity, by spreading misinformation and by echoing WFP's request for Binding Government intervention.

These actions only serve to prolong the strike, as WFP will refuse to bargain if they think the Government is going to intervene and allow for concessions, as had happened in 2004. For example, last week in mediation, WFP representatives refused to remove their concessions and would not seriously address our proposals after hearing the Government strongly press for a deal to be reached.



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