

Public forestry and environment workers protect our natural resources.

- They also make sure trails, roads and campsites are maintained so you can camp, fish, hike, hunt, canoe, ski or snowmobile on public lands.
- They stock fishing lakes, and issue firewood and Christmas tree permits.
- They enforce logging plans, and protect our watersheds and endangered species.
- They make it possible for local operators to do timber salvage.
- And, they make sure that private, often foreign-owned corporations pay us what they owe for harvesting public timber.

British Columbians need sustainable jobs and a sustainable environment.



Don't let the B.C. Liberals sell out our public resources or environmental protection to multinational corporations.

Speak out. Take action.



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The Campbell Liberals are laying off the public workers who care for our forests, lands and water.

Our forests, our water, our environment... Our future is at risk.



Public forest workers are losing their jobs because the B.C. Liberals trust corporations will measure up on their own.

B.C. communities can't afford any more job losses

The B.C. Liberal government is laying off 1000 public forestry and environment workers, and closing 20 Ministry of Forestry offices in rural communities already hard hit by the softwood lumber crisis. The Liberals plan further cuts.

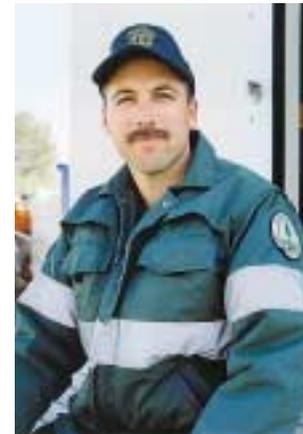
Public forests; private masters

The Campbell government has brought in a new Forest and Range Practices Act that appears to have been written by and for multinational corporations. Small businesses, working people and environmental groups with ideas for sustainable changes were shut out of consultations.



No environmental protection

The new legislation contains no minimum standards or environmental regulations. The Minister of Forests claims the changes are about reducing paperwork. As a result, corporations will monitor themselves under laws they've written to maximize their own profit.



No public oversight

Whatever regulations are outlined in a revised Forests Practices Code, there can be no real enforcement without the people who do the work. The skilled workers being dismissed are on-the-ground local people who ensured logging was sustainable, endangered species were protected, and proper revenues were collected for harvesting public timber.

We need public stewards to protect our land, our resources, our future

Over 92 per cent of British Columbia is public land. That's a wealth of public resources to manage. Forestry and environment workers in the public service make sure our valuable resources are managed and sustained for future generations.



New forest rules meaningless without people to enforce them.