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Forestry Strike vote

Forestry workers in Kamloops, Merritt, Kelowna and Cranbrook to conduct strike vote

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Forestry workers in Kamloops, Merritt, Kelowna and Cranbrook are poised to take a strike vote over the next 2 weeks. The President of the United Steelworkers local 1-417 Marty Gibbons says since the collective agreement expired almost 2 years ago agreements have been signed with Canfor, Conifer, West Fraser and the coastal companies. But Gibbons he says the IFRLA - the group representing interior forest companies -- has been resistant to accepting similar terms as their northern counterparts. Gibbons says the union is taking the next 2 weeks to ask for a strike mandate from their members. Some of the mills that could be affected are Tolko Heffley Creek, Tolko-

Nicola, Apsen Planers, Aspen Industries, West Fraser Chasm, a number of Tolko mills in the Okanagan, Tembec mills in the Cranbrook area, as well as a number of single operation sites.

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