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## Forestry Labor Talks Update

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If they don't go on strike it looks like about 6,000 BC forestry workers in the northern and southern interior could be working without a contract for sometime to come.

Conifer, the umbrella group bargaining for forest companies, reportedly left the bargaining table yesterday in Prince George because the union bargaining for the workers, refused to address management proposals for contract concessions.

That left the United Steelworkers Union pondering its options, including a strike vote...

Bob Matters is the chair of the union's wood council and he says the companies are asking for measures that would jeopardize the union's desire for more job security.

The union is apparently still pressing for wage increases in a short term contract. The last agreement expired July first and no talks have been scheduled.

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