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Machinists Join Fight to Protect Washington State Forestry Jobs



The Machinists Union is part of a strong push to protect good union forestry jobs that sustain many rural Washington state communities.

The IAM and the Washington State Council of Machinists are fighting against an ill-advised attempt to restrict the sale of timber from public lands in Washington state by challenging decades-long interpretation and application of the state constitution. Current regulations, agreed to by industry, environmental and labor groups, already place strict and necessary environmental protections on timber harvesting on public land.

“Our membership in the wood, pulp and paper industry proudly advocates for both good jobs and sustainable environmental policies,” said IAM Western Territory General Vice President Gary R. Allen. “We stand on the right side of history by fighting for an economy and an environment that will benefit our grandchildren and generations to come.”

A lawsuit by opposition groups has already been thrown out in superior court, but is now being appealed.

“IAM members and countless communities in Washington state rely on forestry regulations that benefit the collective wellbeing of the entire state, not just a select few,” said Mike Rose, IAM Chief of Staff to the International President for the Woodworkers Department. “We will use every resource necessary to protect the right of our members and their communities to continue to be responsible stewards of public lands in Washington state.”

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DISASTER SEASON PREPAREDNESS

As another record breaking fire season is in progress and the threat of tropical storms and hurricanes are approaching, here are links to preparedness from the IAM Disaster Relief Fund, Union Plus, the National Weather Service and the Red Cross. Please share this with your fellow members, friends and family as a reminder of the best practices during this time.

Click [here](#) for information on how to apply for Disaster Relief from the IAM. To expedite assistance claims, please contact your local or district lodge to help you through the process.

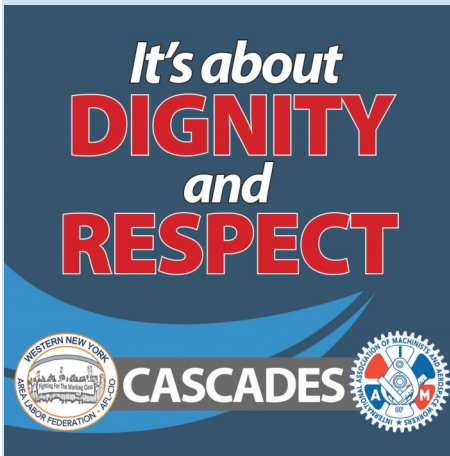
If you participate in specific Union Plus programs and have been affected by natural disasters, you may be eligible for financial assistance through the [Union Plus Disaster Relief Grant](#) program.

Visit the [Union Plus Disaster Relief Fund & Hardships](#) to learn more about the benefits and eligibility requirements. Let's Prepare, Respond, and Recover together by activating our networks now!

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Canadian Machinists Join Calls for Cascades Containerboard to Ink a First Contract with District 65 Members



Pressure continues to mount for Cascades Containerboard to bargain in good faith and agree to a first labor contract with more than 100 workers at its Niagara Falls, N.Y. manufacturing facility.

IAM Canadian General Vice President David Chartrand recently joined the chorus of labor and political leaders urging the Québec-based manufacturer to work toward a contract with its New York state workers.

“It’s frustrating and embarrassing to see a Québec flagship act in this way, especially since Québécois are shareholders in the company through the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec,” Chartrand said. “All workers deserve to be treated with respect and fairness, whether they are from Québec, New York State or elsewhere. We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers and support them in their struggle.”

Chartrand’s comments come just days after U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) [urged Cascades to negotiate in good faith with its Niagara Falls employees.](#)

The facility’s group of more than 100 workers [voted to join the Machinists Union](#) in April 2019, and have been attempting to bargain for a fair contract for more than two years.

Members [recently rallied to call for a first contract.](#) It has now been more than two years since the National Labor Relations Board certified Cascades workers’ vote to join the IAM in June 2019. It is highly unusual for companies to delay bargaining to this extent after workers organize with the IAM.

Working conditions at the facility are key issues for Cascades employees.

IAM Eastern Territory General Vice President Brian Bryant [has called Cascades’ actions as “shameful”](#) and vowed that the IAM “will continue to mobilize to help our brothers and sisters at Cascades secure a first contract.”

Such negotiations are unusual, IAM District 65 Directing Business Representative Ron Warner [told Le Journal de Montreal.](#)

“This kind of thing normally takes 6 to 12 months to settle. Not two years as is currently the case,” Warner told the publication.

Other lawmaker support for IAM workers includes U.S. Rep. Brian Higgins (D-N.Y.) who recently [wrote a letter to Cascades President Charles Malo](#), urging the company to “negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement expeditiously.”

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The IAM represents approximately 2,000 members in the wood, pulp and paper industry in Washington state.

“Generations of IAM members and countless others have worked to make forestry jobs good, family-sustaining and community-supporting careers,” said IAM District W24 President and Directing Business Representative Wayne Thompson. “We must continue to grow this industry, not tear down what we have built in the name of ideology.”

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*Ben Moody, P/DBR
District Lodge 171*

BIO-CORNER

This is Ben Moody, currently P/DBR of DL 171. To initially become a Machinist member, he first had to organize his shop at Four Winds Services at the FAA in Oklahoma City in 2005 and served the membership of Local Lodge 850 as vice president, recording secretary and finally, president. Brother Moody worked as a control room operator at the FAA for 15 years. Then using his grass roots and leadership abilities, he went to work as the District Lodge 171 Organizer in 2014. He supported the membership across the District as a Business Rep until 2020 when he became the District's P/DBR—the position that keeps him busy today.

Ben has 3 kids—Nick 29, Meagan 25, and Kenzie 20 and, 3 grandkids—Lane 7, Colt 5, and Brooklyn 3 months. You can find this Brother spending his free time fishing on the lake or grilling out at home.

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