

2023 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

Update #20 – August 23, 2024

Southern Interior Members to Decide on Agreement

Following the USW Bargaining Committee's return to the table with the IFLRA, and after two days of bargaining, the three Locals concluded a Memorandum of Agreement with the IFLRA-represented employers.

Heading into bargaining, the Southern Locals were adamant that the concessions and wage package that did not meet our members' expectations needed to change for any agreement to happen. The Bargaining Committee explored numerous avenues to shift the employer's stance from June 11, which included concessions. However, these attempts were met with resistance. The final decision now rests with the membership, ensuring your active involvement.

The employers did remove the proposal to expand the Temporary Supervisor's position to expand the number of days per year; however, the Supplement 8 changes remain, with the addition of the "Fortnite" shift and the change from the union selecting the shift listed to the company. The exception is Supplement 7 for Pacific Wood Tech—Golden, which returns their specific language that was different from the SIMA language.

The wage package, while an improvement, contained few changes.

The Locals agreed that while not recommended, the members will have the opportunity to review and vote on the document. Meetings will be scheduled in all three Local Unions. Please wait for the meeting announcements for dates, times and locations.

The Southern Interior Locals, 1-423, 1-405, and 1-417, represent members at Canfor (Radium/Elko), Tolko (Armstrong; Lumby; Heffley Creek) Interfor, Pacific Wood Tech, Stella Jones, Galloway, Atco, Weyerhaeuser, and Canoe.

We urge you to stay connected and informed through your respective Local Unions' social media and bulletins or by contacting the local offices for any information you may need.

Fighting for a Fair Agreement!

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