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LOGGING CONFRONTATION ESCALATES

The confrontation between loggers and First Nation landowners escalated on Tuesday when loggers blockaded the First Nation roadblock.

Loggers dumped logs across the only road leading into and out of the Maiyoo Keyoh roadblock.

“We asked them how we can get out if we have a medical emergency” Maiyoo Keyoh spokesperson Jim Munroe reported from the site about 100 kilometers by road east of Fort St James.

“They told us that’s our problem.”

He said the loggers also said that if anything happens to the logs piled across the road “we’ll bring our big guns out.”

He said the logs were dumped across the road just after two Ministry of Forests officials visited the Maiyoo Keyoh blockade. He said the officials did not include District Manager Lynda Currie. “We’ve sent several invitations to her asking her to come and meet us, but she hasn’t showed up.”

He said Canfor representatives and the logging contractor working for Canfor, Art Julian, have also been invited to discuss a resolution to the conflict but haven’t met the Maiyoo Keyoh either.

The Maiyoo Keyoh blockade of the logging operation began February 9 when the logging contractor employed by Canfor began cutting a road right of way onto the keyoh.

The Maiyoo Keyoh say the road way clearing and logging is an unjustified infringement on their title to the land. They say the road was being pushed towards an area where Canfor was planning a massive clearcut on the keyoh.

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