



Youbou TimberLess Society

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Dear Recipient,

In January 2001, the TimberWest Forest Corporation closed the productive and profitable Youbou sawmill. Two years later, the Youbou TimberLess Society (YTS) commissioned a team of researchers at the University of Victoria (VIPIRG) to interview the displaced workers. Subsequent analysis of these survey results was conducted by Scott Prudham and Rob Penfold at the University of Toronto.

It is a significant milestone for the YTS to now provide you with a copy of Prudham and Penfold's final report as well as our own summary "special edition" newsletter.

The YTS wishes to thank Scott and Rob on the completion of this challenging project and for their ongoing moral support in general.

The YTS executive believes that the enclosed information will not only help document this example of a social injustice, but will also publicly validate the experience for over 200 former workers—many of whom are still struggling emotionally, psychologically, and financially more than four years later.

It is hoped that this effort will educate and inform politicians, public policy makers, business decision-makers, and community leaders. We know that the Youbou workers understand in a very personal way, the true cost of government negligence and poor ethics in business.

Sincerely,

Keith Dickens, YTS President

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