

## Nuxalk Nation Government



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### Invitation to Environmentalists

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*“First of all; we acknowledge and recognize Tatau, the Creator through Manakays, the Great Spirit for all that is provided for us since the beginning of time and still is today.”*

Our Sacred Site is being desecrated by Interfor. The logging done at ISTA is illegal because Interfor is trespassing on Nuxalk Land. We have not consented or negotiated away our Nuxalk Title and Rights at ISTA so the timber is being stolen from us.

We have continually requested sustainable logging practices but ISTA is still being clearcut logged under the BC Forest Practices Code. We call for an end to industrial clearcut logging on the mid coast of BC. We invite the Forest Action Network (FAN), Greenpeace, Bearwatch and P.A.T.H. to stand together with us to protect ISTA and the ancient rainforests of Nuxalk Territory

The political position of the Nuxalk has always been in place and has not changed at all. We call for support from the Chief and Councils of the Heiltsuk, Kitasoo and Oweekeno to protect Indian Land in Nuxalk Territory.

**For the future of our children, grandchildren and those yet to be born . . .**

**Way!**

**Chief Nuximlayc (Lawrence Pootlass)**

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