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Heli-logging in Fort Ware? Geographers decide: Yes or No?

HELI-LOGGING AND JOBS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The people of Fort Ware say, "No way!" to heli-logging in the forests near their community, but are they jumping the gun?

Heli-logging, which is the cutting down of trees and forests using helicopters, allows logging companies like the **British Columbia Logging Company** to harvest trees from remote **regions** in British Columbia. The British Columbia Logging Company is now looking at starting heli-logging near the isolated village of Fort Ware, which is **located** in northern British Columbia, just south of the Yukon Border in the beautiful Rocky Mountain Trench (an environment with the **physical characteristics** of tall mountains, deep lakes and lots of wildlife). Although much of the area in the Rocky Mountain Trench is protected by national parks, the area just beside Fort Ware is unprotected and full of trees that are perfect for lumber.

The mountains beside Fort Ware.

The people of Fort Ware say that logging near their community will hurt the environment and be an example of a bad **interaction** between humans and the nature around them. They have hunted in the woods around their town for generations, and know that not all of the animals, lakes and vegetation would survive heli-logging. However, there are many important benefits of heli-logging that would help Fort Ware as a community.

Heli-logging in the area would provide much needed lumber and resources for the town, which could be used to build roads to increase **movement** into the region. It would also provide the town with jobs and money, which it needs because of years of poverty.

If heli-logging is done carefully, the forests can be protected and deforestation doesn't need to occur. Small areas of the forest can be used to create lumber that will be used for building many things, and the rest of the forest can be used to animal habitats and hunting. We say that the British Columbia Logging Company should have a chance to try!

A map of the forests around Fort Ware

Kwadacha river

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