

TREE SIT INFORMATION AND UPDATES

May 20th

The following text is actively being distributed to neighbors and landowners in Gibson County. Help spread the word!!

In the waning hours of Sunday May 18th, dedicated community members in resistance to I-69 set up a defensive encampment high in the trees above the farmland that INDOT and Mitch Daniels consider the future site of the NAFTA Superhighway.

Landowners, neighbors, and concerned residents are joining together in a multi-faceted struggle to end the \$4 billion debacle that is this road. 450 Indiana families stand to be evicted, and a growing number are committing not to bend over easily to INDOT's intimidation tactics. Eminent Domain suits, community solidarity networks, public meetings, nature walks and bike rides along the route, barbeques, marches, and demonstrations allow participation in this effort by folks of all commitment levels and time constraints.

Nearly 10,000 fertile acres await a fate of asphalt and concrete if we fail to act, but this road is not a done deal, and this first act of physical land defense will not be the last. As long as bulldozers continue to threaten our communities we will do everything we can to stop them.

To learn more and plug into the resistance visit: StopI69.wordpress.com

For free legal support and assistance finding free lawyers to defend your land contact the toll free legal hotline at: 812-650-4414 (Leave a message and someone will get back to you)

PICTURES AND MORE INFORMATION ARE FORTHCOMING!!

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Monday, May 19th, 5:30 PM – – Just hours after the first tree sit in opposition to Interstate 69 was erected, Indiana state police and Gibson county sheriffs have begun attempts to remove the two tree-climbers from their sits. Police presence has been heavy since early this afternoon. After forcibly removing the on-the-ground support of the climbers, police moved in by foot and helicopter to surround the trees. Helicopters flew dangerously close to the tree-sitters, blowing around a dead tree close to the sit of one of the protesters. As police negotiators shouted at the protesters, these helicopters whirred close to the support lines which suspend the climbers at least 40 feet in the air, causing them to stretch and increasingly their likelihood of breaking.

As well, the support lines of one of the climbers was pulled by cops on the ground. All of the ground support were detained, unable to respond to the cops' life-threateningly dangerous actions.

As of 6:30 Monday night, all of the law enforcement had left them site and ground support moved back in. According to statements made to the press, the law enforcement agencies intend to leave the tree-sitters to be, claiming that the construction won't be to that location for some time.

More updates to come soon.