

Media Advisory--January 19, 2006

Wilderness Committee Confronts Tembec on Logging Provincial Parks

What: The Wilderness Committee and its members will be confronting multinational logging corporation Tembec about the controversial practice of logging provincial parks.

Where: Tembec's Open House - Place Louis Riel Hotel, 190 Smith Street

When: Monday, January 22, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Who: The Wilderness Committee, Manitoba office and its members and supporters

Multinational logging corporation Tembec is holding an open house in Winnipeg on Monday to discuss their future plans for logging Manitoba wilderness.

Clearcut logging Nopiming Provincial Park, on the eastern edge of Manitoba, is one part of Tembec's stated plan.

A recent government document* has shown Manitobans feel there should be no industrial activity in provincial parks.

The conflict is coming to a head as Tembec is looking for government permission to log provincial parks through 2028.

"You can be certain that very passionate and vocal people will be on hand to confront Tembec with hard questions regarding clearcut logging our provincial parks," said Eric Reder, Manitoba Director of the Wilderness Committee.

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*Government document sited can be found online at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/parks/public_consult/pdf/summary_of_public_comment_letter.pdf

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