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Green Diamond to end company logging

Union 'deeply unhappy' with closure decision

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Green Diamond Resource Co. will end its company logging and road building operations in Northwest timberlands this February, affecting more than 45 Shelton employees, Policy and Communications Manager Jason Callahan told the Journal in an email. The union representing Green Diamond workers called the decision “devastating.”

The company will continue “sustainable timber management in Shelton,” according to the email. While in-house logging and road building will end, contract loggers will still be used. “This change will allow us to begin implementation of a more flexible and demand-based operating model for these services. Our goal is to have more flexibility to adapt to market needs, while prioritizing our time and resources towards our continued focus on stewardship in this region. We remain committed to providing the same level of forest stewardship and sustainable timber management operations in Shelton. This is a business decision that was carefully evaluated to ensure that Green Diamond remains competitive and achieves better alignment with our long-term goals,” Callahan wrote. Shelton employees have been notified about the “very difficult” decisions, he said.

“Along with this change, we’ve also made some very difficult staffing decisions. This shift will impact over 45 employees based in Shelton office. All affected employees have been notified, and staffing changes will be phased over the coming six months,” according to Callahan.

The decision to end the company operations was not related to any federal, state or local policy changes and had nothing to do with recent state trust land management decisions, he said.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, representing unionized logging workers at Green Diamond, have scheduled negotiations to “seek a resolution,” Larry Bickett, the business representative for IAM District W24 told the Journal in an email.

“The Union is deeply unhappy with Green Diamond Resource Company’s decision to announce the closure of its Northwest Division in Shelton, Washington. The Union has proudly represented the members at this location for 88 years, and this decision will directly impact 40 union members and their families,” Bickett wrote.

“This announcement is a devastating blow to our members, their families, and the Shelton community. Our members have given generations of dedication and hard work to Green Diamond, and to see this happen just after we reached a new four-year contract is incredibly disheartening,” he said in the email. The union and Green Diamond officials have scheduled a meeting and Bickett plans to “explore every possibility to keep this operation open,” he said.

“If closure cannot be avoided, we will fight to secure the strongest possible severance package and support for our 40 affected members and their families,” according to Bickett.

Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Deidre Peterson told the Journal in an email that she has “limited information” about the announcement and will be speaking with Green Diamond officials soon.

“Leadership has assured us that they remain committed to serving the community,” according to Peterson.