

Call to Action Against the PRGT Pipeline

As of August 2024, construction work has started on the the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) pipeline. The project is owned by Western LNG and the Nisgaa Nation, the latter which has allowed for construction to start on their land first, the rural Nass river valley that sits adjacent to the pacific ocean. State and industry are committed to developing an “energy corridor” through the remote region. The nearly completed and fiercely contested Coastal Gas Link pipeline was the first pipeline in the southern energy corridor, and PRGT is the first pipeline projected for the northern energy corridor. The line is set to end at Ksi Lisims LNG terminal (Nisgaa owned as well) where liquid and natural gas would be stored and prepared for export to international markets by tankers. LNG is being sold as a green alternative for those looking to shift away from coal. But the green transition is a lie. We know that energy, and its current reorganization, are inseparable from domination, capitalist exploitation and the extractivist logic that devastates the land. We propose attack.

Social tension is rising against PRGT. Multiple sites of resistance have been brewing across North-Central BC. In 2016, during the first attempts of construction, Madii Lii camp was set up to blockade the access to the pipeline right of way in the Suskwa valley, in Gitxsan territory. The camp remains to this day, and another blockade by the Gitanyow has also been set up on the Cranberry Connector, the northern of the two roads into the Nass valley. A Gitxsan land reoccupation is also set up in the right of way in the Kispiox valley nearby, defying industry.

Gitxsan people have a long history of defending their land, notably some anti-logging struggles in the 80-90's, and expressing their solidarity with their Wet'suwet'en neighbors by blockading railways. We stand in solidarity with native resistance which will likely snowball into more blockades in key areas of the project. Conjointly, as anarchists we have our own projects of destruction. Autonomous attacks allow us to expand the methods of struggle, to engage in conflict at our own pace how we see fit and where we see fit, and to not compromise our visions and values. We propose an offensive struggle of diffuse blows carried out by affinity groups in dispersed formation, as others have said, to act without forming compact columns and without building permanent indefensible encampments. We seek to extend diffuse hostilities over a large terrain.

An autonomous struggle against the PRGT pipeline project begins by looking at the tools and capacities we currently have, identifying what we need to learn and acting from that without delay. The project spans thousands of kilometers, the offices, homes and interests of the companies behind it are spread throughout Canada and beyond. An expansive practice of attack can identify and target these diverse sites. Currently identified companies involved in the project are Ledcor (construction), Bechtel (construction) and McElhanney (surveing).

