

**Fairy Creek Workshop by Arvin Singh
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Do you know a place that is constantly being fought over? People getting arrested for protecting it? And people doing wild things to get media attention? Well, that is Fairy Creek Forest on Vancouver Island. A forest with the tallest trees and home to endangered species. Arvin Singh an activist for Fairy Creek spoke to my peers and I about what is currently going on at Fairy Creek, one of the biggest cases of civil disobedience in Canada. This forest is currently getting logged by big companies because of the great quality of the wood that stands. This angers many, who then show up to Fairy Creek to defend the forest from loggers coming in. These defenders and protestors make theatrical scenes to try and get media attention. For example a lady put her arm in a nugget of wood and the police had to detach her arm from the wood and it brought people to Fairy Creek to see what's going on. A couple made a teepees at the front of the forest bridge and hung from them so that big machines cannot get through. People will stay and make shelter in the tall trees so that the trees do not get cut down making sure they stay standing. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has showed up to Fairy Creek many times and have gotten into disputes with the defenders and protesters and have abused some of them. Many of these protesters have gotten arrested multiple times for a civil contempt charge and enforcing violence possibly just for videotaping to show the world what is going on at Fairy Creek.

Relating to a Global Studies theme, the environment, species have gone extinct since trees are getting cut down and the loud noises of RCMP helicopters interfere with the breeding seasons of many animals. Since these trees are getting cut down and possibly being burned, the carbon dioxide from the tree is released into the atmosphere adding to the other greenhouse gases making the Earth's climate warmer. Which today is a huge issue affecting different parts of the world, with melting ice caps increasing sea levels and causing drought in some countries. Since land is getting cleared, humans like to occupy land, building houses or edifices for human life. With that comes pollution, from our cars, washing machines and gas stoves worsening the air quality.