

Press release: Defend Eisner Cove Wetland
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UPDATE: HRM residents block clearcut machinery at Eisner Cove

“Today a group of peaceful citizens gathered at the Eisner Cove wetland to protest the destruction of the forest and wetland. In the morning, a logging group arrived for work and left again. In the afternoon, the logging company returned with security guards.

We, the protesters, were standing amongst the machines. They did not ask us to move away, and they did not let us know that they were going to start up their machinery. They started up their heavy tree harvesters, with us just a meter or so away.

It was confusing, I thought they were planning to take the machines out. But they started ripping up trees right beside us! And they were heading in, to do more logging. I turned to block the nearest machine. (Captured on video). The logger saw me, he didn't care, he headed towards me. I thought he would stop. But he kept coming. When I could touch the machine tread, which was as high as my neck, a security guard pulled me out of harm's way. That man would have run me down.

Next, Jacob Fillmore could see that the logging activity was starting. He ran towards the logger, the same one who almost killed me, and waved his arms, saying, "stop, stop!" The driver didn't stop. Jacob jumped on his machine, looked him in the face and asked him to stop. He kept going. Captured on video: Jacob on the hydraulic arm of the logger, begging them to stop and the guy continuing to pull out trees. It was a completely unsafe and unexpected situation.

Eventually security was able to convince the loggers to turn off their machinery. We were all unhurt, thankfully.

As of end of day, the loggers have moved their machinery to the edge of the highway and gone home. We will be there again tomorrow because we don't trust them. But we will be taking legal steps, to be determined.

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