

SINCE LATE AUGUST 2015, THE GITWILGYOOTS HEREDITARY CHIEF AND LAND DEFENDERS HAVE SET UP A CAMP ON LAX U'U'LA (LELU ISLAND). PETRONAS AND PACIFIC NORTHWEST LNG ARE PLANNING ON BUILDING AN \$11 BILLION LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PLANT AT THE MOUTH OF THE SKEENA RIVER. THIS PLANT WILL BE FED BY 3 LNG PIPELINES, INCLUDING ONE PROPOSED TO CROSS THROUGH GITXSAN TERRITORY, AND WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING RESISTED BY THE GITXSAN PEOPLE AT CAMP MADII LII.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, COMMUNITIES HAVE SUSTAINED THEMSELVES BY THE PLENTIFUL OFFERINGS FROM THE SKEENA RIVER AND SURROUNDING TERRITORIES. THESE PROJECTS THREATEN TO DESTROY ANY ABILITY TO LIVE FREE AND OFF OF THE LAND, AS OPPOSED CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. COLONIZATION BROUGHT THE NEAR EXTINCTION OF THE PRAIRIE BUFFALO, AND IF WE DON'T FIGHT, THE WILD PACIFIC SALMON WILL FOLLOW.

THE CANADIAN STATE IS INVESTING IN RESOURCE EXTRACTION PROJECTS ALL ACROSS SO-CALLED CANADA. THESE PIPELINES, MINES, FRACKED GASLANDS, AND RAILROAD EXPANSIONS ARE NOT INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS—THEY ARE ALL PART OF THE SAME EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A SOCIETY AND LIFESTYLE THAT IS DEPENDENT ON DWINDLING NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTINUED COLONIZATION.