



Resistance in the North Woods

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Making breakfast at the camp after a heavy snowfall.

Campers started the Eagle Rock community garden in an area where Rio Tinto bulldozed.



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Eagle Rock, Michigan

In response to the arrest of a local resident for refusing to leave public land that the giant British and Australian company Rio Tinto wants to mine, four members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community decided to take a stand at *Migi zii wa sin*, or Eagle Rock, a sacred site to the Anishinaabe. Rio Tinto plans to blast a mine portal into Eagle Rock.

For nearly five weeks, a multicultural group of campers held traditional ceremonies and planted a large community garden in an area bulldozed by the company.

Michigan state police and sheriff's deputies raided the camp on May 27, arresting two members while Rio Tinto enclosed Eagle Rock with chain-link fencing.

Rio Tinto's proposed Eagle Mine has been criticized for its potential to collapse on workers and pollute Lake Superior, the most pristine of the Great Lakes, with heavy metals and sulfuric acid.

—Gabriel Caplett



On May 6, people rally in support of Cynthia Pryor, who was arrested for trespassing in April.