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Hug Burnaby Mountain, Organized by Protect the Planet

(Burnaby, BC)—It's the biggest hug in BC! On Saturday May 7 from 1-4pm Burnaby Mountain will be hugged by supporters of Protect the Planet and its partners, grassroots organizations that stand against the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion. In an action inspired by other iconic human chains in history and around the world, we will encircle Burnaby Mountain to convey a powerful message of shared concern for our Mother Earth.

Kwekwecnewtxw: traditional Coast Salish Watch House on the Trans Mountain Trail in Burnaby will be the central meeting point for families, children, earth protectors, and concerned citizens from across the lower mainland. At 2pm attendees will stand, link arms or stretch fabric between them, and encircle the mountain that is focal point for the pipeline expansion

Hug the Mountain is a response to climate change. The crisis demands that we stop building new fossil fuel infrastructure. Yet the federal government crown corporation, Trans Mountain Expansion, will increase global emissions. If completed, the TMX pipeline will carry 890 thousand barrels per day of highly toxic, flammable diluted bitumen from the Alberta tar sands to Burnaby BC. The pipeline will run through residential neighbourhoods, next to schools and vulnerable salmon-bearing streams and sensitive ecosystems. Once it reaches Burnaby, it will be loaded onto massive tankers that will transport it to the Pacific Ocean and ultimately to foreign refineries in countries, such as China.

This project is the opposite of what scientists and health experts have been urging for years, undermines Canada's commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement, crosses the unceded lands of many Indigenous communities without consent, and ignores the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) global report that UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres called "code red for humanity."

Burnaby Mountain is a highly impacted site of the construction as it hosts the Burnaby Terminal (a collection of storage tanks) and the Burnaby Mountain Tunnel, which will involve boring through the mountain to accommodate the pipeline. So, partners Climate Convergence, 350 Vancouver, BROKE, Green Faith, CAPE, Youth Stop TMX, SFU Student Society, and Protect the Planet, are bringing the community to together to sound a collective message of no more pipelines and to show the lands of the səlib lʷ ətəʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem), Skwxw .7mesh .xwumixw (Squamish) and xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam) Nations our love.

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