

Station 3:

Whose voice is louder? Why?



Environmental groups and local residents have lodged significant complaints and legal challenges regarding the construction of the Milan-Cortina Olympic bobsled track due to the extensive **felling of hundreds of trees** in a UNESCO World Heritage area. [🔗](#)

Details of the Complaint

- **Environmental Damage:** Protesters argue that building the new track (officially the Eugenio Monti Sliding Centre) involves unnecessary destruction of a significant portion of forest in the Dolomites. Reports indicate around 800 trees were cut down for the project.
- **Lack of Sustainability:** Critics point out that felling larches and other trees for a new concrete track, which requires an ammonia-based cooling system, goes against modern sustainability principles and contributes to climate damage.
- **Unnecessary Construction:** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) initially recommended using an existing, operational track in nearby Austria (Innsbruck) or Switzerland (St. Moritz) to save costs and avoid new environmental impact. However, local authorities in Italy decided to build a new facility on the site of the