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Mr. Kim Carstensen, Director General
Forest Stewardship Council
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Dear Mr. Carstensen:

On February 27, residents of the Weed community in California, United States submitted a complaint to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) concerning Roseburg Forest Products, an FSC-certified company.

The community submitted detailed evidence that Roseburg has violated their human rights by using a “Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation” (SLAPP) to silence their right to free expression and by attempting to deny them access to their primary source of clean drinking water. We strongly encourage you to open an investigation into the actions of Roseburg, as requested by the complainants.

EPIC and our members and supporters are all-too-familiar with such corporate bullying and silencing tactics and the chilling-effect that such a strong-armed approach can have on individuals, communities, and non-profit entities working for environmental, social and economic justice.

EPIC supports the citizens and community of Weed, California, in their attempt to seek redress from FSC with respect to Roseburg Resource Company and its FSC-certified status. We encourage FSC to open an investigation of Roseburg Resource Company, its certification as FSC-certified, and the certifying entity(s) responsible for Roseburg’s FSC-certification and status.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should there be questions.

Very truly yours,

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