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Mr. Kim Carstensen, Director General
Forest Stewardship Council
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Re: FSC certification for Roseburg Forest Products, an Oregon company

Dear Director Carstensen,

I am writing this letter in support of the Water for Citizens of Weed CA request that you initiate an investigation into the practices of Roseburg Forest Products (RFP), operating in Weed CA. As a former Mayor of Weed, and having resided in Weed for over 80 years, I have observed the historic behavior of previous lumber companies operating at the site now owned by RFP.

To my knowledge RFP is operating without a current wastewater permit issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Additionally, they continue to violate the Clean Water Act by using clean spring water to water their pine logs. It is a federal violation to use untreated water on their log piles.

1. RFP has rerouted the stormwater from Beaughan Creek to Boles Creek.
2. Log storage watering is untreated water. They claim the water is treated, but it is untreated.
3. All treated Baxter stormwater is ground injected. That is a closed system; they do not treat any of RFP's stormwater.
4. Fresh Beaughan Creek water is used in A Deck (A Deck was IP A Deck, now identified by RFP as "Pine Deck"). So they use untreated water that we drink for watering, a complete violation of the rules re: use of fresh water. A Deck (Pine Deck) runoff enters the pump pond. The pump pond overflow dumps directly into Beaughan Creek and then into the park and is listed as a federal contamination of the Klamath River.
5. Log yard solid waste is not shipped to a legal solid waste disposal site. It is now wherever they put it around the plant. They have been hauling it in and putting it on my block in Weed. This has been reported to the City of Weed.

In 1979 when I was in charge of the logyard, we operated a solid waste site that required monthly reporting. Solid waste sites were legal in CA at that time; they are no longer legal.

I provide you with these details as a former logger, longtime resident and observer of the Roseburg policies that have adversely affected our community. It is time to call them out for their actions. If not now, when? If not you, who?

I am requesting Vicki Gold's assistance in emailing this letter.

Thank you for considering my thoughts,

Sincerely,

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