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North Coast Water Board,

My name is Christina Pasteris and I have lived on Wrigley Rd. for almost 50 years.

I am going to give a history of our use of water from the North Fork of Elk River. In 1954 my father bought the property at 2492 Wrigley Rd. He pumped water directly from the river into his house for all his needs. A few years later he built a 8,500 gallon cement holding tank. My father passed away in 1967. After his death I had a bigger house built on the property. We raised three children and many animals on water from that tank. We never put any chemical in the tank. No one ever got sick from the tank water. Then in mid 1990 things changed drastically. When taking a shower, it felt like you were being sand blasted. When bath water was drawn it looked like several very dirty people had already been in the tub. My biggest shock was opening the clothes washer and finding our clothes full of silt. I would have to take all the clothes out and rinse them out with the hose put them back in the washer and hope I would

1 get clean wash.

2 My gardening was dramatically
3 effected by the silt in the river water. I can't
4 use my drip irrigation as it plugs up with
5 silt. I have to clean out my rotating sprinklers
6 all the time. In 2015 two sensor sprinklers
7 that I used to keep deer out of my flowers
8 were destroyed by river silt.

9 My husband and I worked hard to get our
10 place ^{the way} we wanted it to enjoy our retirement.
11 It was fun to live here, but not anymore!!!

12 I am writing to let you know what
13 life in Elk River used to be. Until all logging
14 is stopped on both the North & South ^{Fork} of Elk
15 River things are only going to continue
16 to get worse. Any type of logging is
17 going to put more sediment in the river.

18 The WOR that is before you now
19 will not help. It will only add to our
20 problems. Higher water, more destruction
21 of property, etc. When are we going to
22 get help? When is Elk River going to get help.
23 When it's too late!!

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