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TO: EPA Region 2 Enforcement Team

I support federal enforcement in the Tres Palmas Sunset View case in Rincón, Puerto Rico.

This property has a documented history of unpermitted clearing, construction activity, and sediment runoff directly impacting a federally protected coastal ecosystem, including the Tres Palmas Marine Reserve. Our community members have repeatedly observed and reported runoff flowing into the coastal zone during and after rainfall, including sediment-laden water entering sensitive marine habitat.

The Tres Palmas Marine Reserve protects critical habitat for endangered sea turtles, elkhorn coral, and other threatened species that are ecologically essential and culturally significant to Puerto Rico. Any activity that undermines its stability threatens public resources, community safety, and the long-term resilience of our coastline.

I respectfully request that EPA:

1. Impose the maximum appropriate penalty
2. Require corrective environmental restoration
3. Ensure continued monitoring and compliance reporting

I thank the EPA for its continued attention and enforcement efforts in Rincón. The community supports strong action to protect public coastal resources and prevent further damage.

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