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**Reff:** *Romsilva in your Weekly Update: Invitation to respond*

Following your email from October 5th, which you sent to Romsilva headquarters and also to the Suceava Forest Directorate, a subunit within Romsilva, regarding to reports of alleged linkages of illegal loggers related to attacks against environmental journalists, we would like to inform you about the following aspects.

The National Forest Administration - Romsilva manages 47.6% of the national forest area, that is an area of approximately 3.13 million hectares of forests, the state-owned forests.

We consider this clarification necessary, since, for the most part, the National Forest Administration - Romsilva is often associated and held responsible for the entire national forest area in Romania, which is not correct.

More than half of the national forest area is structured into:

- > private property of natural and legal persons;
- > public property of the administrative-territorial units;
- > private property of the administrative-territorial units.

We consider the above information necessary for a better understanding and delimitation of the incident you are referring in which the following people were involved: Tiberiu BOȘUTAR, Mihai DRAGULEA and Radu MOCANU.

That incident happened at the border between Șaru Dornei and Panaci localities, in a private forest, managed by Dealu Negru Forest District, a private forest district, which is not in the structure of the National Forests Administration - Romsilva.

Please be informed that no employee of the National Forests Authority - Romsilva was involved in that incident.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this concern and we assure you that the National Directorate of Forests – Romsilva condemns such deeds and delimits itself from that incident.