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In 2015, we were given approval by the Lixian Forestry Bureau to gather the testing soil in a nearby forest. Because only a small number of soil samples were used in this study's microcosm experiment, our work had little impact on how the larger ecosystem functioned. e laws of the People's Republic of China were also followed in the conduct of this investigation. No measurements of people or animals were used in the research, and no endangered or protected plant species were used [8].

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At the Long-term Research Station of Alpine Forest Ecosystems (31°18 E, 3023 m a.s.l., Southwest China), 20 kg or so of tested soil was collected in October 2015. Using a soil auger with a 15 cm depth and 5 cm diameter, earth was extracted from ve forest plots (2 m 2 m in size) and combined a er being cleared of all visible trash and new litter. According to the IUSS Working Group WRB, the soil type was a Cambic Umbrisol, and the basic soil chemical characteristics (0–15 cm depth) were as follows: pH 6.5 0.3, bulk density of the soil 1.04 0.11 g kg-1, total organic carbon 153.9 27.4 g kg-1, total nitrogen 7.8 1.3 g kg-1, and phosphorus 0.9 0.1 g kg-1 are all acceptable values. A er being sieved (2 mm), the collected soil was combined. To prepare the samples for the soil microcosm experiment, stones, obvious animal

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