

By email to: alanm@treesforlife.org.uk

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Dear Alan,

Re: Gleann Còsaidh Pines Deer Fence Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal and congratulations on this exciting discovery.

Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with 16,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

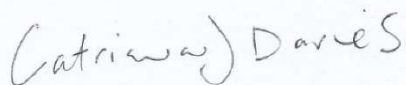
Mountaineering Scotland supports the re-establishment of native woodland in areas where it would naturally occur. We favour natural regeneration as it helps to establish a species mix that best fits the site and creates high quality habitat that integrates seamlessly with the landscape, whilst supporting increased biodiversity. However, we do support planting in areas where key native species are no longer present and need to be reintroduced to help create an optimum species mix.

Mountaineering Scotland believes land management infrastructure, including fences and tracks, should be kept to a minimum in mountain landscapes. When fences are needed, they should be carefully sited to minimise their visual impact, and to avoid fencelines standing out against the skyline.

Given the remote location of this enclosure, and its relatively small size, I don't anticipate any access implications. However, for future proposals, you should be aware there are a number of mountaineering objectives within or close to Barrisdale Estate, including the Munro of Luinne Bheinn and the Corbetts of Sgùrr nan Eugallt and Sgùrr a' Choire-bheithe.

I hope these comments are useful.

Kind regards,



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