

By email to: rionagh@zora.eco

Rionagh Moggach
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10th March 2026

Dear Rionagh,

Re: Glenaladale Estate Long Term Forest Plan request for scoping opinion

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

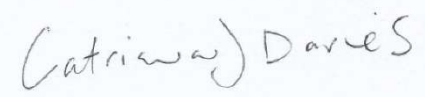
Mountaineering Scotland supports the restoration and expansion of native woodland in areas where it would naturally occur. We favour natural regeneration as it helps to establish a species mix that best fits the site and creates high quality habitat that integrates seamlessly with the landscape, whilst 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. I am therefore pleased to note that there are no plans to use deer fencing.

I am also pleased to note that the Estate's Management Objectives include *"To welcome and provide access for responsible recreational users."* Two Corbetts (Scottish Mountains between 2500 and 3000 feet high, with at least 500 feet of descent on all sides) are within or very close to the Estate boundary, Beinn Odhar Bheag and Beinn Mhic Caidh. Most hillwalkers will ascend these from the A830, via Beinn Odhar Mhòr but others may devise alternative routes or take in lesser summits.

I hope these comments are useful. I would be happy to discuss any of these points further if that would be useful.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Catriona Davies" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

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