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Dear Beth,

**Re: Glenfalloch Native Woodland Restoration**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

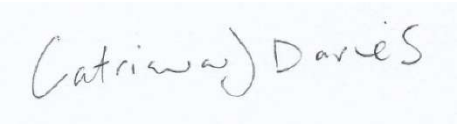
Mountaineering Scotland supports the re-establishment of native woodland in areas where it would naturally occur. We favour natural regeneration as it helps to establish a species mix that best fits the site and creates high quality habit that integrates seamlessly with the landscape, whilst supporting 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 no deer fencing is currently planned for this project.

I am also pleased to note that public access for recreation will be maintained across the site. The main hillwalking objectives within the project area are the summits of An Caisteal and Beinn A'Chròin, which are often climbed together as a circuit from Glen Falloch. There is also a popular bouldering venue known as Cruach Ardrain Boulders, a collection of boulders situated beneath the craggy ridge between Grey Heights and Cruach Ardrain, although they are outwith the project area and are usually accessed by walking up through the forestry from the A85, just south of Crianlarich.

I hope these comments are useful.

Kind regards,



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