

By email to: forest@knoydart.org

21st August 2026

Dear Grant,

Re: Knoydart Black Hills woodland creation proposals 2026-27

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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 and 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 responsible enjoyment of our mountain environment.

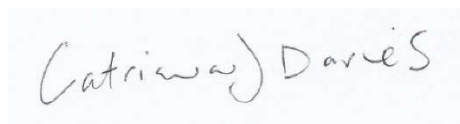
Mountaineering Scotland supports the re-establishment of native woodland in areas where it would naturally occur. We favour natural regeneration as it helps to establish a species mix that best fits the site and creates high quality habitat that integrates seamlessly with the landscape, whilst supporting 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 so I am pleased to note that this proposal is within the existing Black Hills strategic deer fence and that no new fencing is planned.

The popular mountaineering objectives of the Knoydart peninsula, including the Munros of Ladhar Bheinn, Luinne Bheinn and Meal Buidhe and the Corbetts of Beinn na Caillich, Sgurr Coire Choinnichean and Beinn Bhuidhe all lie to the east of this site. I therefore don't anticipate any significant access implications, although hillwalkers heading to Beinn na Caillich are likely to use the Inverie-Inverguseran track and foresters should bear this in mind when travelling to and from the site access point.

I hope these comments are useful.

Kind regards,



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