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Dear John

Corrou Forest Native Woodland Management Plan Consultation

Thank you for consulting us on the estate proposal to create new native woodland on the estate, through natural regeneration without planting or fences.

Mountaineering Scotland supports the regeneration of native woodlands and scrub where the land can naturally support them. Natural regeneration encourages plant growth that has a landscape and genetic fit with the area and can enhance wild land qualities. It may require a longer time frame than planting schemes to become fully established, and expectations may need to be managed accordingly.

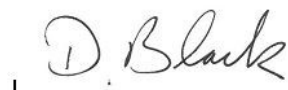
We would also support the establishment of natural tree lines in Scotland's mountains, where feasible and practicable.

Our main interest in this proposal is the maintenance of public access to Stob Coire Sgriodain and Chno Dearg. Your proposal document clearly states that public access is taken into consideration in the plan. From our perspective the routes for both summits meet/diverge below the shoulder of Sron na Garbh-bheinn, outwith your Project Area boundary, with only the single route for ascent/descent lying in the project area.

We welcome your intention to clear any tree growth along the route taken by walkers. Stem density overall in the project area from natural regeneration is likely to be low, and walkers are likely in reality to either trample or walk around seedlings on the route. However, birch and willow can grow quickly in dense clumps so clearing of dense growth in the hill path would be appreciated.

We wish you every success with this project, to demonstrate that woodland without fences is achievable.

With kind regards,



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