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Dear Mr Turner

### **Strath nan Lub Land Management Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on scoping and revision of the Land Management Plan for Strath nan Lub, Glendaruel. Our interests lie with recreational access to hills and the visual effect on the landscape, including habitats for wildlife plants and animals. To this end we welcome the intention to maintain and improve the amenity value of the location

#### **Access**

We note the presence of the Cowal Way through the site, and also the presence of Creag Tharsuinn, which is a Graham, on the eastern ridge and a recognised hillwalking destination. Access to this point is generally from Glenbranter or Garvie.

We would wish to see access maintained on designated trails, local paths and informal access to and along the ridge with Creag Tharsuinn. We would welcome a level of deer management such that fences would be unnecessary, but if fencing is a requirement, then we would appreciate keeping any fences well back from the ridge walk, at least 10m from recreational routes. Pass gates in fences on current informal routes would be welcome.

#### **Landscape**

In the past forestry plantations often had hard green linear edges. We would wish to see a softening of the upper edges of plantations, and the inclusion of native broadleaf species along with open spaces to provide a diversity of habitat types for wildlife. Broadleaf trees flanking recreation routes would be beneficial for the visual amenity of the site and enjoyment of walkers.

I hope that you find these comments useful in the development of your Plan, and please do get in contact if you wish to discuss any of the points raised above.

Yours sincerely

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**Mountaineering Scotland**