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Hi Piotr

Glen Etive Native Woodland Restoration Proposals – MCoFS Comments

Thank you for sending the draft proposals. If I can make the meeting I will feedback in person, but in case not and for your records, here are the MCoFS initial comments.

1. I am still concerned about the amount of extra fencing, although not so much with the extension area adjacent to the existing forestry block, but in the area where currently there is no fencing. I would like to reiterate for landscape and access reasons please reconsider the possibility of achieving the desired outcome through grazing control. As well as the fence itself, it will create another harder edge to the woodland than natural for these developing woodland areas. Additionally, when the fence was removed and if the grazing pressure had not changed, the areas of woodland restoration would be unable to expand naturally either, so the use of fencing will only achieve a few extra small areas.
2. It would be useful to know exactly where the desire line up to the ridge is from about NN111453. It is not marked on map but I would be surprised if there is none. This is important in relation to the fence and the planned gate locations that may be used to gain access to the ridge leading to Beinn Trilleachan. This mountain is a Corbett so is likely to be reasonably popular.
3. I thought the path alongside Loch Etive was a Right of Way, but it is not marked as such on the map. This will need checked.
4. It is important that the fence if it goes ahead, is a reasonable distance from the bottom of the slabs to ensure ease of access and prevent dense encroachment on the base of the popular climbing area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely

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