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Dear Hugh,

Forestry Disposals

I am writing on behalf of Scottish Environment LINK Woodland Taskforce to seek information on the woods being offered for sale from the National Forest Estate as part of the National Forest Land Scheme. Whilst we appreciate the commitment of Forest Enterprise Scotland to re-structure the national estate, we have an interest in understanding how woods are being selected for sale and the conditions of sale placed on these parcels of land.

The Framework Strategic Review of the national estate, the subject of a presentation to us at a previous meeting, identified a series of criteria for selecting woodlands for sale. Whilst we do not wish to comment on operational decisions taken by FES, we would appreciate it if you could update us on how this selection procedure is being carried out and what future trends you see developing in future sales.

Several LINK organisations commented last year on both the Framework Strategic Review consultation and the Forest District Strategic Plans and we would very much like to hear how our comments have been adopted into your current plans.

In addition we would like to discuss with you the conditions of sale imposed on purchasers of former FES plantations, in particular any commitments to maintain woodland management to UKWAS and UK Forestry Standards. Scottish Environment LINK members recognise the important role that FES has in maintaining standards to the whole forestry sector and would like to be assured that these standards are being maintained by both community and commercial purchasers of former FES woodlands,

Yours sincerely,

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