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Subject: Re. Re.CHAP(2010)02125. Female eagle missing.
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Brakeland,

I am pleased to be able to be the bearer of more positive news.

Further to the alert below, and after the Freedom of Information request was lodged, this update has been received which reports that a new young female eagle has joined the remaining male. This report was received from the Forestry Commission(Scotland) following a request for enquires to be made to the developer, Green Power (Carraig Gheal)Ltd., The Ecological Clerk of Works is not answerable to the developer and so it is fortunate that he undertook the survey which has revealed the current findings.

The fate of the original adult female however remains, unfortunately, unknown. The results of the Freedom of Information request will be forwarded as previously advised.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Metcalfe.

Update from Green Power as follows:

In terms of works within the 'Eagle Section' of the WLATHR, the Ecological Clerk of Works has carried out further ornithological monitoring of the eagle and it has been confirmed that a pair of Golden Eagles (a male (presumed to be the resident bird) and a sub-adult female) have been observed in the vicinity of the recent and historical nest sites. The birds were observed displaying typical breeding behaviour including remaining in very close association with one another, stick passing by the female, mock-attacks and territory display flights by the male, food-passes, non-aggressive in-flight interactions and hunting together over the surrounding moorland and hillsides.


In light of these observations, the Ecological Clerk of Works has advised GreenPower (Carraig Gheal) Ltd ('GPCG') to stand down from works along the Eagle Section of the WLATHR in order to allow the eagles to prospect the various nest sites within the nesting territory without disturbance from the works. GPCG and our contractor have followed this advice and works have been stopped in the Eagle Section.

Regards

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Dear Ms. Laureckaite-Larsen,

Please could you pass the message below to Mr. Brakeland who is considering our complaint as it is an important and relevant piece of new information.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Metcalfe.

Dear Mr. Brakeland,

It was discovered yesterday that Scottish Natural Heritage staff have been informed that the female eagle from the pair at risk from the construction of the West Loch Awe Timber Haul Route has now 'disappeared.' A Freedom of Information request for more details is about to be lodged both with SNH and Forestry Commission (Scotland). The developer, Green Power(Carraig Gheal) Ltd., will also be asked to provide information as it is believed that this was discovered by their own monitoring activities. A subsequent lifting of conditions relating to road construction in the area of the nest sites is believed to have been requested. Results of these enquiries will be forwarded to you.

It will be noted that in 13(a) of our complaint form(Request for Supplementary Information) early concerns about deliberate or indeed inadvertent disturbance or harm were voiced. No accusation was implied by the raising of the implications provided by the clause within conditions however, this is the second instance of such an event as the adjacent wind farm of Beinn Ghlas also 'lost' the female of that resident pair. This is believed to be in the period leading up to consent for that wind farm. Confirmation will be sought on that point, but no pair have since returned to that area now that the wind farm is built.

RSPB will now be asked to provide details of any surveys carried out which plot the instances of raptor losses (and/or other protected species) attached to wind farm applications, their access routes and construction where their existence provides a barrier to progress. Such a survey is urgently required as should any kind of pattern emerge, we clearly have an additional problem on top of the ongoing poisoning events which so threaten our eagle population. Their response will also be forwarded.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Metcalfe.

