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CC: Andrew Campbell (Andrew.Campbell@snh.gov.uk);
Date: 20-05-2011 15:57:01
Subject: Re: WLATHR query

Message: Dear Jane,

1. Thank you for your email.

2. I can confirm that SNH were aware of another route but we were not formerly consulted on it by FCS. FCS, quite appropriately, only consulted us on the route for which they had received an application under the Forestry EIA regulations.

3. We do not have detailed information on the other route but, from the little knowledge we have, my understanding is that it would negate any impact on golden eagles due to an access route.

4. SNH considered very carefully what measures we should recommend FCS to have in place as a condition of giving permission for the current route. SNH are content with the conditions which are in place and, as long as they are complied with fully, we do not consider the pair of breeding eagles to be at risk.

5. If the alternative route was proposed and found to not have any, hitherto unknown, adverse impacts on the natural heritage, SNH would have no objection to it being adopted in place of the current route. Indeed we would welcome it as it would remove any possibility of impacts to the golden eagles and, as such, release SNH resources from having to be involved with the future use of the track in relation to whether or not the eagles are breeding.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you

Stephen

>>> <jane.organ@tesco.net> 5/20/2011 10:54 am >>>

'Dear Mr. Austin,

In respect of the past West Loch Awe Timber Haul Route negotiations, would it be possible to confirm that SNH were not given the opportunity to discuss the merits or otherwise of a previously existing route which had been the subject of a FCS or FE application for funding for the WLATHR?

Although obviously somewhat hypothetical, if this route, after full examination, were found to avoid any impact of the golden eagle pair currently at risk, would the adoption of such a route be supported by SNH?

Yours sincerely,

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