

From: [Redacted - WG Official 2] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry)

Sent: 11 September 2020 09:44

To: [NRW Official 1] ; [Redacted - WG Official 1] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >

Cc: [Redacted - WG Official 4] (ESNR - ERA - ERA EU Exit and Strategy) <[Redacted - WG Official 4] >; [Redacted - WG Official 3] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 3]

Subject: RE: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Thank you [NRW Official 1].

Based on this and [Redacted - WG Official 1] 's recommendation I will endeavour to issue a licence to the Partnership today and copy you in for information.

Thanks again,

[Redacted - WG Official 2]

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From: [NRW Official 1]

Sent: 11 September 2020 09:05

To: [Redacted - WG Official 1] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >; [Redacted - WG Official 2] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Subject: RE: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Hi [Redacted - WG Official 1] and [Redacted - WG Official 2]

It was nice to meet you both on Monday out on the Ruabon.

NRW hold a burning management plan for the 2900ha of Ruabon which is being actively managed by the Wynnstay Home Farm Partnership within a management agreement with NRW for the positive management of the SSSI with areas of dry heather to be burnt or mown agreed as part of a 5 year burning/mowing plan which is based on a 15 year rotation for the whole of the manageable area of heather by using a small patch burning or mowing strategy.

We note the application specifically mentions heather beetle. The recent outbreak of heather beetle on Ruabon is of concern which has been limited to only a few outbreaks on very small areas of the mountain in the past and we would support the burning of the affected areas as we have done in the past. We have a mechanism within the management agreement that consideration will be given to the management of areas of less than 15 years old that have been subject to damage by heather beetle, the affected area has not been managed for a long time and if I recall is an area due to be managed in the near future.

Since the activity of burning is very much weather dependant with often unsuitable conditions for burning during the burning season (1 October – 31 March) and due to

the recent large outbreak of heather beetle in a new area in this instance we would support the application to burn in September to allow sufficient time to accommodate the additional management required to burn this area and keep on top of the ongoing management of the heath on Ruabon.

Kind Regards

[NRW Official 1]

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From: [Redacted - WG Official 1] <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >

Sent: 08 September 2020 14:51

To: [Redacted - WG Official 2]; [NRW Official 1]

Subject: RE: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Hi [NRW Official 1] – nice to meet you yesterday.

I felt it was important for [Redacted - WG Official 2], as WG responsible officer for H & GB Regs, to get a handle on the particular issues on Ruabon Mountain, particularly the heather growth rate.

As we discussed could you confirm that NRW hold the Burning Management Plan for the hill and what NRW's position is regarding supporting this licence application?

Many thanks

Kind Regards

[Redacted - WG Official 1]

[Redacted - WG Official 1]

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Normal working days Mon, Tues, Thurs.

From: [Redacted - WG Official 2] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Sent: 07 September 2020 22:06

To: [NRW Official 1]

Cc: [Redacted - WG Official 1] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >

Subject: FW: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Importance: High

Hi [NRW Official 1]

Nice to meet you today. A good, constructive meeting I felt with some important management issues raised. Just forwarding background info as agreed.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you soon,

[Redacted - WG Official 2].

From: [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Sent: 19 August 2020 11:59

To: [Redacted - NRW Official 2]

Cc: [Redacted - WG Official 1] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >; [Redacted - NRW Official 3]; [Redacted - NRW Official 4]

Subject: RE: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Importance: High

Good morning [Redacted - NRW Official 2]

Thanks for getting in touch. I attach a copy of the application received from Mr Paton for information. This is consistent with the last application received for 2016. There is no detail on the specific location of the intended burns, however this can be clarified through a visit and amendment to the site's burning management plan if deemed appropriate.

We intended to visit on Tuesday 1st September. Would you or another officer be available to accompany us on that date? Obviously NRW will need to approve any burning management proposals as well. If so I will contact [Redacted: Agent] to confirm arrangements with the likely meeting point being the Mountain Lodge.

Thanks again,

[Redacted - WG Official 2]

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From: [Redacted - NRW Official 2]

Sent: 19 August 2020 08:32

To: [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Cc: [Redacted - WG Official 1] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >; [Redacted - NRW Official 3]; [Redacted - NRW Official 4]

Subject: FW: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Importance: High

Hi [Redacted - WG Official 2],

I've been forwarded your email by [Redacted: NRW Official 3]. The Environment staff which would normally deal with this kind of query are on leave currently, but I'm happy to support in the meantime.

Can you send me some more information on the application? Location etc?

Thanks,

[Redacted - NRW Official 2]

From: [Redacted - NRW Official 3]

Sent: 17 August 2020 09:06

To: [Redacted - NRW Official 2]

Subject: FW: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020

Importance: High

[Redacted - NRW Official 2]

Are you or an Environment Team member able to go out with [Redacted - WG Official 1] on 1 September? I have not been involved with out of season burning in autumn before but I should imagine that the main concern is dryness of the ground and vegetation in relation to the risk of an uncontrolled fire, which [Redacted - WG Official 1] will know all about I should imagine?

[Redacted: NRW Official 3]

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From: [Redacted - WG Official 2]
Sent: 14 August 2020 11:08
To: [Redacted - NRW Official 3]
Cc: [Redacted - WG Official 1]
Subject: FW: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020
Importance: High

Good morning [Redacted: NRW Official 3]
Sorry, I have received a bounce back to my email to Bethan below. Is she still in post? Are you, or do you know who the appropriate person in NRW is please?

Much appreciated,

[Redacted - WG Official 2].

From: [Redacted - WG Official 2] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry)
Sent: 14 August 2020 10:44
To: [Redacted - NRW Official 5]
Cc: [Redacted - WG Official 1] (ESNR - ERA - Land, Nature & Forestry) <[Redacted - WG Official 1] >
Subject: Application to Burn on Ruabon Mountain 2020
Importance: High

Dear [Redacted: NRW Official 5]
We have received an application from [Redacted: Agent] to burn areas of Ruabon Mountain under licence during September 2020.

The application was received on 6th August and based on the 28 day required turnaround, a decision needs to be communicated to [Redacted: Agent] by 3rd September.

The last licence for the area was agreed for September 2016. Given this we are minded to visit the site with the only available date for [Redacted - WG Official 1], our technical ecologist, being 1st September.

Could you please confirm that you are still the NRW contact for this site.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[Redacted - WG Official 2]

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