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Dear Sirs

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK PLAN

The National Park Authority has received responses from the statutory consultees to our Screening Report issued on 21 March 2005. All consultees considered that the National Park Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

In accordance with section 13 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Scotland) 2004, the National Park Authority subsequently determined on 18 July 2005 that the Park Plan does fall under the provisions of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Scotland) 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC on the Assessment of Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment. Therefore the National Park Authority is carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Park Plan.

The determination of the National Park Authority is being advertised to the public through newspaper notices and on our website in accordance with section 15(2)(c) of the Regulations.

Yours faithfully

Hamish Trench Park Plan Officer