



Beaver Update

January 2025

Activity

- Rothiemurchus. Increased felling activity of after the snowmelt. Continuing lodge building allowing covered access to the food cache
- Wildland 1. Lodge being increased in size. Felling of five, small Aspen after the snowmelt
- Wildland 2. Tree felling and canal building seen
- Insh Marshes. Of the two lodges, the one with the camera has captured lodge augmentation
- Wildland 3. No change
- Wildland 4. Lots of feeding on trees and aquatic vegetation, lodge found with food cache.
- Inshriach. The beavers have been exploring on the Spey and feeding on willows there
- Loch Morlich. Lots of feeding on willow on the Abhainn Ruigh-Eunachan. No lodge or burrow found
- Aviemore. No fresh feeding signs found
- Kingussie Grazings visited on 14 Jan, quite a lot of feeding signs, Indicating a resident beaver. Two trail cameras put up on 21 January

Monitoring and Mitigation Plan Actions

- Weekly patrols of release sites and potential high impact areas undertaken
- Inshriach beaver kit. Found in a pond, near Cromdale. It has been there since early November. The site manager wishes the location to remain confidential
- Removed beaver dam site. Beaver(s) still using the site but much less frequently

Raising Awareness and Understanding

- No talks or walks this month

Flood Embankments Survey

- Sent out to the landowners and managers involved on the 30 January