



Beaver Update

February 2025

Activity

- Rothiemurchus. Not much activity and lodge much the same, sap now rising in some gnawed birches, tree regrowth noted.
- Wildland 1. Lodge being increased in size. Felling of five, small Aspen after the snowmelt, continued stripping of large aspen felled. Site visit during Aspen Bristle-moss training course to this location.
- Wildland 2. Tree felling and canal building seen
- Insh Marshes. Of the two lodges, the one with the camera has captured lodge augmentation- water levels have been high in last week of Feb.
- Wildland 3. No change
- Wildland 4. Lots of feeding on trees and aquatic vegetation, lodge found with food cache. Small possible new lodge found.
- Inshriach. The beavers have been exploring on the Spey and feeding on willows there, bank lodge located.
- Inshriach beaver kit. Found in a pond, near Cromdale. It has been there since early November and is still resident. The site manager wishes the location to remain confidential.
- Loch Morlich. Lots of feeding on willow on the Abhainn Ruigh-Eunachan. No lodge or burrow found
- Aviemore. Very few fresh feeding signs found
- Kingussie Grazings visiting weekly, quite a lot of feeding signs and footprints found. Adult and sub-adult captured on camera.
- Site upstream of Fochabers on a backwater of the Spey- 3/3/25 alerted to signs of beaver, met site manager, owner and ghillies on site, set up camera to monitor number of individuals present.

Monitoring and Mitigation Plan Actions

- Weekly patrols of release sites and potential high impact areas undertaken
- At beaver dam removal site. Only one beaver seen on site during February and have not rebuilt the dam.



Raising Awareness and Understanding

- No talks or walks this month

Flood Embankments Survey

- Landowner event held on February 20th at Boat of Garten Hall, report available on our website [Spey floodbank condition report](#)