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Dear Sirs,

**STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION
UPDATING THE CAIRNGORMS FOREST AND WOODLAND FRAMEWORK**

The National Park Authority has received responses from the statutory consultees to our Screening Report issued on 25 January 2006. Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency considered that the updated Cairngorm Forest and Woodland Framework is likely to have significant environmental effects.

In accordance with Section 13(1) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Scotland) 2004, the National Park Authority subsequently determined on 27th February 2006 that the updated Cairngorm Forest and Woodland Framework 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 updated Cairngorm Forest and Woodland Framework.

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) of the Regulations.

Yours faithfully

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