

From: [Redacted - WG Official 1] (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 1]

Sent: 02 September 2021 16:38

To: [NRW Official 1] ; [Redacted - WG Official 2] (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Subject: RE: Ruabon Mountain

Hi both, just to confirm that I am content with issuing a licence subject to provision of a clearer map by the applicant of the proposed burn sites. However, I don't think a site visit is necessary this time as we assessed the issues last autumn and agree with the concern regarding Heather Beetle.

Kind Regards

[Redacted - WG Official 1]

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From: [NRW Official 1]

Sent: 27 August 2021 10:57

To: [Redacted - WG Official 2] (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 2];

[Redacted - WG Official 1] (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 1]

Subject: FW: Ruabon Mountain

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

I will be on leave as of this afternoon for a few weeks so not to hold anything up and since the map of the location of the areas to be burnt (affected by heather beetle) has yet to come through (a map would be great once it arrives from Wynnstay) and since I am aware roughly of where the heather beetle is located, just not the extent, thus I thought I would provide you with comments on the application.

Heather beetle outbreaks on the Mountain continues to be a concern and we are glad to see a proactive approach by the Wynnstay Home Farm Partnership in focusing management on those areas as they are discovered and we would support the burning of 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 as keeping on top of this issue is paramount as we have seen it spread to new areas over the last few years.

NRW hold a burning/mowing management plan (see attached photo, sorry for a photo of the plan it's too big to scan) 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.

Within the blocks identified on the plan upto approx. 30% will be managed (burning or mowing) within a 2-3 year window allowing flexibility for bad weather with the aim of producing a mosaic of diverse age structure heather from newly burned/cut areas to tall mature heather 15+ years across the site. A high proportion of the land will remain unmanaged. 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 continued presence of heather beetle in new areas of the mountain we would support the application to burn in September to allow sufficient time to accommodate the additional management required to burn these areas and keep on top of the ongoing management of the heath on Ruabon.

Kind regards

[NRW Official 1]

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Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales
Swyddfa Bwcle / Buckley Office

[NRW Official 1]

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From: [NRW Official 1]

Sent: 24 August 2021 12:47

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

Subject: RE: Ruabon Mountain

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

As it happens I met up with the Wynnstay Estate last week and was aware of the pending application and the continued problem with heather beetle.

Although we are supportive of the application to burn in an effort to control heather beetle the map is unclear as to the location of the areas. Could you approach the applicant for a clearer map of the areas to be burnt so that I can see how it fits into the burning plan.

Many Thanks

[NRW Official 1]

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From: [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Sent: 24 August 2021 11:53

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

Subject: FW: Ruabon Mountain

Importance: High

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

Please see below and attached application received on behalf of the Wynnstay estate to carry out burning on Ruabon during the month of September under licence. Could you please indicate your support or otherwise in relation to this request and whether a site visit is necessary/appropriate on this occasion. You will recall that the three of us carried out a joint visit this time last year to discuss a very similar licence application request which was approved.

Many thanks in advance,

[Redacted - WG Official 2]

Is-Adran y Tir, Natur a Choedwigaeth / Land, Nature and Forestry Division (LNFD)

Yr Adran Cyfoeth Naturiol / Department for Natural Resources

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government, Government Buildings, Picton Terrace, Carmarthen. SA31 3BT.

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Email-Ebost:

[Redacted - WG Official 2]

From: [Redacted: Agent]

Sent: 20 August 2021 15:56

To: [Redacted - WG Official 2] (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry) [Redacted - WG Official 2]

Cc: [Wynnstay 1]

Subject: FW: Ruabon Mountain

Dear [Redacted - WG Official 2],

Please find attached burning application for September.

Regards

[Redacted: Agent]

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Associate

Carter Jonas

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From: [Redacted: Agent]
Sent: 18 August 2021 13:42
To: [NRW Official 1]
Cc: [Wynnstay 1]; [Redacted: Agent 2]
Subject: Ruabon Mountain

Dear [NRW Official 1],

My apologies not to meet with you yesterday.

Please find attached an application to burn in September 2021. I have cc'd [Redacted: Agent 2] as I am away on holiday next week.

Regards

[Redacted: Agent]

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