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Dear Malcolm,

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**National Forest Land Scheme (NFLS)**  
**North Sutherland forests;**  
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In response to the question, are there any implications for private forestry support if a transfer of ownership takes place?

We recognise the ability of NSCFT to deliver environmental, forestry and rural development projects. Many of the forest management activities proposed would be eligible to apply for RDC funding including the preparation of a long term forest plan.

A modest amount of woodland removal is proposed to restore peat areas and encourage managed deer movement.

Such removal would be subject to Scottish Government's policy on control of woodland removal

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Removal of woodland to restore bog, particularly where it is affecting Natura sites, is supported in the Peatlands of Caithness and Sutherland Management Strategy 2005-2015 particularly where forestry is affecting Natura sites.

The emerging north woodfuel market is seeking timber supplies. As recognised the proposal will help to supply this market.

Yours sincerely,

John Risby  
Conservator

