



Information Note 19

Better Woodlands for Wales (BWW)

Deadline Update

May 2011

GLOS issues

Over the past few weeks the performance of GLOS has been affecting both Management Planners and FCW staff trying to input and process BWW cases.

Our IT department are working on a range of options to rectify these issues and a timetable is included at the end of this Information Note. In view of the lack of availability and slow operating speeds FCW have decided to extend the deadlines for submission and approval of BWW management plans.

The revised deadlines are as follows: -

Stage	Land registration and CRN	MP Maps submitted for digitisation	MP (FCW) Maps ready for spatial linking	PRL1 Management Plan (required standard*) submitted to FCW	DCT Management Plan approved by FCW	APR Management Plan signed by owner & with FCW
Date	1 st July 2011	1 st July 2011	1 st Sept 2011	1 st January 2012	10 th March 2012	31 st March 2012

* All applications must meet the requirements set out in Information Note 18 BWW Administration during 2011, in particular the principle of 'right first time'.

All cases that do not meet these deadlines for each of these stages will be rejected and will not be eligible for resubmission.

The digitisation of paper maps and importing of digital data is not affected by GLOS performance and therefore the deadline for map submission is unchanged. This deadline is for both paper maps and digital data.

Land Registration

All land must be registered with WAG by 1st July 2011. We realise that due to the Mapping Update Project (MUP) being carried out by WAG delays in processing Field Maintenance Application Forms (FM4 or FM3) have occurred. Divisional Office staff have apologised for delays in responding to recent applications as quickly as they would have liked. Now that



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the MUP has been completed they are hoping that any delays to FM4 and FM3 applications will be minimal.

In order to ensure that BWW applications are prioritised please can you ensure that you submit a covering letter confirming that the land registration is for the purposes of a BWW application.

When woodland officers assess BWW plans at PRL1 they check whether the land is registered to the correct CRN. Where this is not then the BWW scheme will not be approved until we have received updated details from WAG to show this is correct.

GLOS Performance Improvements Timetable

Date	Work	Objective/expected outcome
w/c 9 or 16 May 2 days downtime	Upgrade hardware	Upgraded specification of the server should improve performance
May 2011	Split application server between England & Wales	Reduce load on servers should improve performance on individual servers
May/June	Move reports and spatial queries to a separate database	Running of reports in separate database improves performance
May/June	Upgrade J developer to same version as test database	Remove possibility that out of line versions affect future releases (not evidence that it has affected past ones but need to remove possibility)
23 rd June	Database improvement work	Improving reliability and speed of specific screens and reports

We will continue to monitor GLOS performance and if you are experiencing issues with the system then please email details to bwwsupport@forestry.gsi.gov.uk