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Mr Russell

As Manager of a Rally which is both a customer and a recreational user of the National Forest Estate, may I ask the question why neither myself or any of my colleges in the Rally Industry or the Scottish Rally Championship have not been contacted or consulted about the plans in the Climate Change Bill.

It further concerns me that area's within the National Park have already been identified as being part of the percentage to go. The part I refer to is Glentool Forest Park, which is as you are aware where my event is based. Unless you had forgotten you cut the ribbon on our newly built Service Area at Glentool.

Rallying probably does not fit neatly into the Green issue, but the Forestry Commission in Scotland benefits at the moment from some £200K of annual income from the charges for the use of forest roads and that sum only covers SRC registered events. If this amount was added to income injected into each local economy in Scotland from Spectator numbers and Competitor costs we would be into many millions.

Therefore I feel it only right that we should be given an equal voice in this matter.

Regards

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