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Dear Liz, I would like to express an interest in the possibility of leasing a small part of Woodland from the Scottish Forestry Commission in 2009, as proposed by Environment Minister Michael Russell.

I own and run my own part-time Land Management business called Scot Land. I have owned this business for four years now. I have just published a new website online as part of my business to encourage both individuals and businesses to have trees planted in Scotland to offset their carbon emissions.

I currently own two small plots of woodland near Fort William that I purchased in March 2008 that I have made available to plant trees through my business and my Carbon Offset Scotland website, but if I had a company or business submit a request to plant anything over around 200 trees this would more than likely fill my two plots immediately and I think it would be good to have the option of other plots of land that I could use to plant these trees and help achieve the future woodland targets of the Scottish Forestry Commission.

I would be grateful of any information you could provide that may enable me to lease a small area of Forestry Commission land. If this is not possible then the opportunity to have land made available just to plant trees for the Forestry Commission on behalf of any individuals or businesses that request trees to be planted in Scotland through my business would also be appreciated.

If possible I would like to work with the Forestry Commission through my business to help create new woodlands in Scotland.

Is it possible to volunteer for tree planting days or other tree planting events organised by the Forestry Commission around the Lothians that I could attend to plant a few trees and also gain more knowledge of woodland management?

Best Regards,
Sinclair Surgeon

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