

## Addendum to the report covering the first year of the All Forest Scotland survey

### Purpose

This note presents details of a revision to the report covering the first year of the All Forest Scotland survey, [Scotland 2004-05](#)<sup>1</sup>. The first round, from June 2004 to May 2005, covered Buchan, Galloway, Lochaber, Scottish Borders and West Argyll and was originally published January in 2006.

### Revised estimate for number of visits at Glentress

The original published version of this report estimated that there were 1,240,000 annual visits to Glentress. Although Glentress is a busy site, used particularly heavily at weekends for mountain biking, the estimated annual number of visits produced using the All Forests fieldwork, count and grossing up methodology was thought to be a substantial overestimate.

Subsequent analysis of the original count data indicated that a large proportion of the original overall estimate of annual visits was derived from a small number of anomalous count periods. For example, although Christmas tree sales is an activity that draws numerous additional visitors to Glentress, the concentration of much of the December 2004 fieldwork into two of the busier days for sales, had the effect of inflating the estimates for equivalent time periods across the year. In addition, it was clear from reviewing the maps of access points at which fieldwork counts were undertaken, and cross-referencing against the fieldwork schedule, that there was some potential double counting of visitors.

Vehicle and pedestrian counter data was obtained for some of the Glentress access points. This was used to devise a revised method of grossing up the All Forest survey counts for Glentress. The revised method involved some imputation of data, based upon both All Forests survey data and vehicle and pedestrian counter data. The result of this work was a revised estimate for the annual visit numbers to Glentress of 385,000.

### Summary of change

**Table 1 - Original and revised estimates of annual number of visits**

<i>Forest District</i>	<i>Original estimate</i>	<i>Revised estimate</i>
Buchan	694,000	694,000
Galloway	812,000	812,000
Lochaber	559,000	559,000
<b>Scottish Borders</b>	<b>1,676,000</b>	<b>821,000</b>
West Argyll	292,000	292,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,033,000</b>	<b>3,178,000</b>

Please use caution when using results detailed in the first round report [Scotland 2004-05](#)<sup>1</sup> as this change affects a number of results presented there.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/AllForestsScotland2004-2005-FinalReport.pdf/\\$FILE/AllForestsScotland2004-2005-FinalReport.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/AllForestsScotland2004-2005-FinalReport.pdf/$FILE/AllForestsScotland2004-2005-FinalReport.pdf)

The All Forests Scotland survey final report contains, and is based upon, the revised Glentress visit number estimate.

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