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RE: STUDY OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION'S ESTATE IN ENGLAND

I am writing to inform you of a study we will be undertaking over the course of the next year and to welcome your engagement in the process over the coming months.

Following our recommendation we have been asked by Ministers to undertake a study that will:


“consider the future long term sustainable role for the public forest estate making recommendations about any necessary changes to improve its ability to deliver relevant priorities in the Strategy for England’s Trees, Woods and Forests and contribute to other government objectives.”

The study forms part of our Corporate Plan 2008-11 (published in June). The study will clearly show the current contribution of the 250,000 ha estate and how it might sustainably evolve. I am enclosing a leaflet that highlights some of the activities taking place on the land that we manage.

To help us in this process we will be forming a Working Group and running a public consultation process with a number of events in 2009. We will make more details available on our website at www.forestry.gov.uk/england-estatestudy.

Laura Jones will lead this work for the Forestry Commission and we look forward to your views. I hope the enclosed leaflet will be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely



Paul Hill-Tout
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