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Subject: FW: Derryclare Wild Western Peatlands restoration project
Attachments: 13. Forest Service Scoping Cover Letter_D1_240804.pdf; Scoping Document F - 2024.10.23 - 240804.pdf

Hi Kevin and Emmet,

This morning we have received a request from MKO (see below and attached) for comments in relation to the scoping document for the Coillte Western Peatlands – Derryclare pilot project.

As you might be aware, DAFM is involved with providing some funding for this project and we have recently issued a funding agreement letter for project preparatory & engagement costs to a maximum of €710,000. I have also recently contacted the colleague in the NPWS who seems to be dealing with the project on their side to coordinate our respective approach towards supporting this project. I hope that we will be able to organise a meeting with the NPWS in the not too distant future to discuss this and I will provide you with further details as soon as I have an update from the NPWS.

In relation to the attached request, I am happy to coordinate any comments DAFM might have and please feel free to forward this email to any of your colleagues you think should be included.

The letter from MKO does not mention a deadline for replies, but I think it would be useful if we could – if at all possible – provide a reply over the coming weeks. Could you send me any comments you might have in relation to the attached scoping document by Friday, 22nd November please?

If you have any questions in relation to this, please let me know.

Many thanks,

Regards,

Sonja

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FYI

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To whom it may concern,

MKO is preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment Report Statement (EIAR) for the proposed Derryclare Wild Western Peatlands restoration project, located adjacent to Derryclare Lough and Lough Inagh in Co. Galway. The applicant for the proposed project is Coillte. The proposed project involves the removal of 343 hectares of poorly performing, inappropriately sited conifer plantation and the restoration of up to 281 hectares of blanket bog and wet heath habitat, and up to 62 hectares of native scrub woodland.

As part of the EIA process, we would welcome any comments that you might have in relation to the proposed project. Please see the attached Cover letter and Scoping Document for detailed information about the proposed project.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Conor.

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