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Alison Wilson
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Public Petitions Committee
The Scottish Parliament

By email to: Alison.wilson2@scottish.parliament.uk

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Dear Alison Wilson

PE1383 on Wild Land

Thank you for your letter of 7 October requesting an update on our wild land mapping.

As indicated in our earlier response to the committee, we have undertaken further GIS analysis of Scotland's wilder landscapes in order to refine our 'Search Areas of Wild Land'. These were originally identified in SNH's 2002 policy statement 'Wildness in Scotland's Countryside'. As a result of technical issues with the mapping tool used this has taken longer to complete than intended. We are hopeful that these issues have now been addressed, and following a period of validation we would intend publishing the results by the end of November.

I apologise if the production of our maps is delaying the consideration of this petition, but we have needed to ensure the evidence is robust. We will of course provide the Petitions Committee with the results of the project as soon as it is completed.

If you would like any further information in the meantime, please contact Simon Brooks (simon.brooks@snh.gov.uk or 01463 725315).

Yours sincerely



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