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Dear Stakeholder

**CONSULTATION
FOREST ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND – FRAMEWORK STRATEGIC PLAN
AND FOREST DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANS**

I would like to invite you to contribute to these important documents which set out our strategy for managing the national forest estate. You can do this either by responding directly to me or by attending one of the public meetings announced below.

The Scottish Government's Forestry Strategy was published in October 2006 and the draft Forest Enterprise Scotland - Framework Strategic Plan defines how Forestry Commission Scotland will implement this Strategy on the national forest estate and what other actions it requires from its operating arm. This Framework Strategic Plan provides direction for fourteen individual Forest District Strategic Plans.

Drafts of the Framework Strategic Plan and the fourteen individual Forest District Strategic Plans are now available for public comment. Copies of the plans are available online from 17 March 2008 (www.forestry.gov.uk/fesplans) or a printed copy can be requested by calling 01463 232811. Strategic Environmental Assessments of each of these plans can also be viewed and commented upon by visiting our website.

The consultation period is from 17 March 2008 until 9 June 2008. During the consultation period Forest Enterprise Scotland will hold seven public meetings to explain the Forest Enterprise Scotland – Framework Strategic Plan and staff will be available to answer questions about the Forest District Strategic Plans. The location and date of these meetings are as follows:

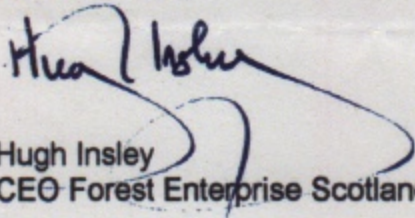
- 23 April 2008 - Dumfries
- 25 April 2008 - Perth
- 28 April 2008 - Edinburgh
- 29 April 2008 - Glasgow
- 30 April 2008 - Lochgilphead
- 6 May 2008 - Inverness
- 9 May 2008 - Aberdeen

For details on the venue and starting times please call 01463 232811 or email Strategic.Plans@forestry.gsi.gov.uk stating which location you will be attending.

We believe that people are very passionate about their forests and woodlands and that they all have their own ideas about what they want from the national forest estate. We want to hear as many of those views as possible and urge anyone with an interest in Scotland's forests to take part in this consultation process.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Insley', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Hugh Insley
CEO Forest Enterprise Scotland