



Landowner & Farming Issues associated with Current Wildfire Problem

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Land Ownership in Hill Areas

- Freehold
 - Commonage & Private
- Landlord
 - Grazing Rights
- State
 - Some Grazing Rights



Land Uses in Hill Areas

- Farming – Mainly Sheep
- Turbary
- Hill Walking
- Recreational Uses
- Wind Energy
- Forestry



Farming

- Problems with over grazing in late 90s
- Addressed through Commonage Framework Plans
- Land Designations – SACs/SPAs
- Restrictions have led to under grazing in certain areas
- Problems with scrub as defined for SFP



Changes in Farming Practices

- Destocking
 - Cattle virtually gone
 - Reduction in Sheep numbers
- Framework Plans
 - Now being reviewed
 - Will take time to restore numbers
- REPS Scheme
 - Ensured farming continued
- AEOS Scheme
 - Not as attractive



What is required

- Review of commonage grazing regime
- Controlled burning must be allowed
- Change in the burning date from 1st March to 15th April
- Upland scheme under agri-environment Programme



Thank You For Your Time

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have

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