Monitoring and risk assessment framework for visitor management issues across the Park

Introduction

- I. This short paper sets out the key information requirements to enable all active partners in visitor management to make realistic resource decisions and to support the development of further Visitor Management Plans in the Park.
- 2. It must be acknowledged that a large percentage of visitors enjoying the outdoors are behaving responsibly. This monitoring and risk assessment framework will attempt to quantify the cumulative impacts of repeated responsible behaviour and incidents of anti-social behaviour at key hot spots and supply intelligence to partners to support efficient use of resources.

Immediate- daily/weekly

3. CNPA Ranger Service will share incident logs and patrol reports with partner ranger services and land managers on request.

Core period – April to October

- 4. To guide management interventions at an area and park wide level the following data will be gathered via a reporting form (see annex 1) and shared weekly:
 - a. Number of tent nights at a given site
 - b. Number of open fires and barbecues at a given site
 - c. Number of camper van nights staying over night
 - d. Number of serious irresponsible access incidents.
- 5. This data will be gathered by each site based ranger service on a weekly basis and collated by the CNPA for the weekly visitor management meeting. Additional information on camp sites, fires and irresponsible access outwith of site based ranger services will be gathered by CNPA seasonal ranger staff.

Risk assessment

6. Based on the "events" calendar (see annex 2), trends for the weekly reporting, lockdown easing measures and other conditions such as weather and high fire risk forecasts the CNPA and the Visitor Management Group will identify if a combination of factors in the coming week or two will lead to an increase in the number of visitors and an increase in the risk of irresponsible behaviour. This risk assessment will be shared widely with key agencies and land owners to ensure measures such as ranger coverage, car park management and signage are in place.

End of season review

7. In order to ascertain what worked well and what didn't and what interventions will need to be taken forward to implement a deliverable visitor management process

across key hot spots in the Park a review document will need to include the following:

- a. Summary of camping trends over key period
- b. Summary of fires trend over key period:
- c. Data on number of visitors and key trends in relation to peak periods:
- d. Trends in irresponsible behaviour
- e. Summary and reflections on interventions:
- f. Summary and reflections on communications.

Annex I

Cairngorms Visitor Management Feedback Template

Week commencing-

Number of tents	
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Number of camper vans	
staying overnight	
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Outdoor Access Code (this	
can include instances of	
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Other matters to report	

Annex 2 Risk Assessment Calendar

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