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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	The Muirburn Code (Scotland)	Prescribed burning on moorland	Cutting of Heather as an alternative to muirburn
Description/ Overview	The current code sets at the legislative restrictions to burning and best practice for land managers carrying out burning.	This guide seeks to encourage greater understanding of fire and its prescribed use, and complements the information in the Code.	
Leading organisation(s)	Scottish Government/ Heather Trust/ Moorland Forum	Scottish Government	SNH
Development started / published	The revision of the moorland code began in 2012.	Aug-11	Aug-96
Work due to be completed by:	The review of the Code is seen as the start of a process, that has no defined end date.		
Link to relevant documents	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/08/09125203/0	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/355571/0120116.pdf	http://www.snh.org.uk/publications/online/advisorynotes/58/58.pdf
Additional Comments	New GAEC will be in place from 2015 which will address the impact of burns on Organic Carbon Matter. No further guidance is known at this time (October 2014)		

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Cut or burn Heather Moorland	Constructed Tracks in the Scottish Uplands	Access & Awareness, Electric Fencing
Description/ Overview	The advantages and disadvantages of cutting vs. burning	Best practice guide to constructing tracks in the uplands	Guidance for the placement and use of electric fencing on moorland
Leading organisation(s)	Moorland Association (England)	Scottish Natural Heritage	Moorland Forum
Development started / published		2005	Jun-09
Work due to be completed by:		updated June 2013	
Link to relevant documents	http://www.moorlandassociation.org/heather_burning2.asp	http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/heritagemanagement/constructedtracks.pdf	http://www.jottercms.com/files/moorland/027112009155756_091022_Guidance_on_electric_fence_design.pdf
Additional Comments			

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Principles of Moorland Management	Heather management for Grouse	Bracken Management
Description/ Overview	Document covering a range of guidance and best practice literature	Guidance on best practice management	Guidance on how to manage bracken
Leading organisation(s)	Moorland Forum	BASC	RSPB
Development started / published	Jun-03		Nov-08
Work due to be completed by:			
Link to relevant documents	http://www.jottercms.com/files/moorland/030601_Principles_of_Moorland_Management.pdf	http://basc.org.uk/conservation/guidance-and-factsheets/	http://www.rspb.org.uk/forprofessionals/farming/advice/details.aspx?id=204253
Additional Comments			

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Managing ticks in the presence of deer and hares	Bracken Control Best practice guidance (Scotland)	Bracken Control
Description/ Overview	Position statement		
Leading organisation(s)	GWCT	Scottish Natural Heritage	SEPA
Development started / published		last updated in 2008	Jun-08
Work due to be completed by:		This document needs to be updated to reflect the EU ban on Asulam.	
Link to relevant documents	http://www.gwct.org.uk/game/research/disease-and-welfare/managing-for-ticks-in-the-presence-of-deer-and-hares/	http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/SEARS/brackencontrol.pdf	http://www.sepa.org.uk/land/land_publications.aspx
Additional Comments		See the website of the Bracken Control Group http://www.brackencontrol.co.uk/	

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Natural England: A review of upland evidence	Natural England: Moorland Infrastructure Guidance	Natural England: Upland Guidance
Description/ Overview	The review covered 5 priority topics.	Guidance on moorland infrastructure for designated sites. Includes guidance for: water scrapes, grouse butts and gritting stations.	A range of upland best practice guidance including farming for wildlife in the uplands, sustainable grazing etc.
Leading organisation(s)	Natural England	Natural England	Natural England
Development started / published	2011		A range of dates from 2001- 2014
Work due to be completed by:	Final reports published in May 2013	Published January 2014	
Link to relevant documents	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/uplands/default.aspx	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5196204459687936?category=35004	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/35004
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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	English Nature Upland Management Handbook
Description/ Overview	Provides a blueprint for the practical delivery of the land management that will benefit upland wildlife.
Leading organisation(s)	Natural England
Development started / published	
Work due to be completed by:	Published 1 February 2001
Link to relevant documents	http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/82050
Additional Comments	11 chapters. Most relevant: 2 - Wildlife & Land Use, 5 - Montane Areas, 6 - Moorland, 8 - Woodland & Scrub

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	IUCN: UK Peatland Restoration demonstrating success.	Keep Carbon on the Hill	Moorland Gripping
Description/ Overview	A range of briefing notes from IUCN on burning, grazing and restoring peatland	Guidance paper encouraging land managers to maintain carbon stocks and rewet peatland.	Advice to farmers on how to grip existing drains
Leading organisation(s)	IUCN	Moorland Forum	RSPB Scotland
Development started / published	Nov-14	Jun-09	Dec-08
Work due to be completed by:			
Link to relevant documents	http://iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/resources/iucn-briefing-notes-peatlands?destination=node%2F277	http://www.jottercms.com/files/moorland/09122009114950_091022_Carbon_Management_for_Moorland_Managers.pdf	http://www.rspb.org.uk/forprofessionals/farming/advice/details.aspx?id=204365
Additional Comments			

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Ponds, Pools and Lochans	Natural England: The effects of managed burning on upland peatland biodiversity, carbon and water	Natural England: The impact of tracks on the integrity and hydrological function of blanket peat
Description/ Overview	SEPA advice for the creation and maintenance of water features including fresh water lochs	Upland Evidence review of muirburn on peat	Evidence review of the impacts of tracks on peatland
Leading organisation(s)	SEPA	Natural England	Natural England
Development started / published	Jun-00	Jun-13	Jun-13
Work due to be completed by:			
Link to relevant documents	http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_publications/habitat_enhancement.aspx	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5978072?category=35004	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5724597?category=35004
Additional Comments			

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Snaring Practitioners Guide	Deer Management: Wild Deer a National Approach	Deer Management on Grouse moors
Description/ Overview	Best practice guidance for snaring	WDNA is an approach to the sustainable management of wild deer. Developed by private bodies, membership organisations, partnerships and government agencies.	GWCT position statement
Leading organisation(s)	GWCT, BASC, SGA	Scottish Natural Heritage	GWCT
Development started/ published	First published in 2012	2014 (this document is reviewed every 5 years)	Jun-13
Work due to be completed by:	It is likely that this document will be reviewed in 2016 at the same time as a wider policy review of snaring.	2014	updated 2014
Link to relevant documents	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00412984.pdf	http://www.snh.gov.uk/land-and-sea/managing-wildlife/managing-deer/wdna/	http://www.gwct.org.uk/policy/position-statements/mountain-hare-management/
Additional Comments			http://snh.presscentre.com/News-Releases/SNH-GWCT-SL-E-position-on-large-scale-culls-of-mountain-hares-to-reduce-louping-ill-15f.aspx

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Managing Moorland for bumblebees	Moorland Forum Bird Survey Guidance	Guidance for Ecological Survey work
Description/ Overview	Advice on how to manage moorland habitat for pollinators.		
Leading organisation(s)	GWCT/ Bumblebee Conservation Trust	Moorland Forum	Moorland Forum
Development started/ published	Sep-14	Feb-14	Apr-08
Work due to be completed by:			
Link to relevant documents	http://www.gwct.org.uk/media/425210/bumble-bee-moorland-management-factsheet.pdf	https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/agri-environment-climate-scheme/management-options-and-capital-items/#32416	http://www.jottercms.com/files/moorland/03102008144837_survey_work_best_practice.pdf
Additional Comments			

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Best practice guidance Lamping	Guidance for Trapping Pest Birds	Guidance for Trapping Pest Mammals
Description/ Overview			
Leading organisation(s)	BASC	BASC	BASC
Development started/ published		Mar-13	Jul-13
Work due to be completed by:			
Link to relevant documents	http://basc.org.uk/cop/lamping/	http://basc.org.uk/cop/trapping-pest-birds/	http://basc.org.uk/cop/trapping-pest-mammals/
Additional Comments			

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Fox Snare Guidance	Tunnel Trapping Guidance	GWCT 'Green Guides'
Description/ Overview			Advisory books on best practice management
Leading organisation(s)	GWCT	GWCT	GWCT
Development started/ published			First published 1995
Work due to be completed by:			No longer printed.
Link to relevant documents	http://www.gwct.org.uk/game/research/predation-control/fox-snares/	http://www.gwct.org.uk/game/research/predation-control/tunnel-traps/	http://www.gwctshop.org.uk/books-1-c.asp #
Additional Comments			There are a number of guides including: Predator control, Woodlands for Pheasants, Roe Stalking, Deer management in small woods and Red Grouse & Moorland Management.

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Upcoming reviews & research

Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Sustainable Moorland Review	Land Use Strategy	Snaring Review
Description/ Overview	SNH are conducting a review of how to sustainably manage moorland in Scotland	A refreshed action plan for 2014	The WANE Act 2011 stated that snaring would be reviewed by the Scottish Government
Leading organisation(s)	SNH	Scottish Government	Scottish Government
Development started/ published	Summer 2014	May-14	Unclear how snaring will be reviewed in Scotland
Work due to be completed by:	June 2015?		2016
Link to relevant documents		http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/05/4575	
Additional Comments	Evidence session took place in December 2014		

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Langholm Moor Demonstration Project	Cryptosporidiosis	Mountain Hare Management
Description/ Overview	7 year review	Disease management guidance/ position statement on a disease affecting grouse.	GWCT position statement on Mountain Hare Management
Leading organisation(s)	GWCT, SNH and RSPB	GWCT	GWCT/ SLE/ SNH
Development started/ published		Jun-14	Jan-14
Work due to be completed by:	Published December 2014	ongoing	
Link to relevant documents	http://www.langholmproject.com/PDF%20downloads/7yr%20review.pdf	https://www.gwct.org.uk/policy/position-statements/cryptosporidiosis/	https://www.gwct.org.uk/policy/position-statements/mountain-hare-management/
Additional Comments	This is an on going project that may have practical implications for raptor conservation.		

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Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Scottish National Peatland Plan	Mountain Hare Management	Wildfire Operational Guidance Manual
Description/ Overview		New population study of Mountain Hare	Gives fire and rescue service personnel an additional understanding and awareness of the phenomenon of wildfire.
Leading organisation(s)		GWCT, SNH and JHI	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Development started/ published		2014	
Work due to be completed by:	to be launched March 2015	?	Launched 22 October 2013
Link to relevant documents			http://www.ukfrs.com/Legacy%20Guidance/00436138[1].pdf
Additional Comments			Produced for the Scottish Government by Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service. Now adopted by Fire & Rescue Services in England and Wales.

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New SRDP

Policy/ Advisory Fact sheet /	Management of Grazing	Rural Priorities: Upland Management Habitat Plan
Description/ Overview	CAP reform 2015, although a national policy CAP reform will have a number of practical implications on grazing including setting the minimum stocking density	Guidance to drafting a holistic upland management plan for rural priorities
Leading organisation(s)	Scottish Government	Scottish Government
Development started/ published	Work is on-going	
Work due to be completed by:	Minimum stocking density should be finalised by December 2014 and future SRDP schemes are likely to be approved by the European Commission in early 2015 leaving a limited window for applications in 2015.	Guidance is available but Scottish Government are waiting for the European Commission's approval.
Link to relevant documents		https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/agri-environment-climate-scheme/management-options-and-capital-items/#32416
Additional Comments		Applications for rural priority funding are likely to be open in 2015, guidance offered to land managers within the new SRDP will be relevant to any wider best practice guidance offered to land managers.