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FAO The Directors of the Rewild Project

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Forest Management Director
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Dear Sirs

We are writing following the incident that took place on Forestry England land, at Woorgreens, on Friday 16 December. The incident is now being investigated internally by Forestry England.

Having read the Rewild Project's own activity risk assessment, it is clear that the activity organised and overseen by the Rewild Project on Friday would not have been permitted nor found to be in any way acceptable by Forestry England. For the avoidance of doubt the risk assessment was not sent to us prior to the activity and was provided to us only following the incident. The Rewild Project did not seek any formal permission from Forestry England.

Had the Rewild Project sought any such permission or approval, it would not have been granted by Forestry England due to severe safety concerns.

The Rewild Project has one current agreement with Forestry England: the licence for the shared use of the premises, Kensley Sheds. This licence covers the shared use of the premises only and does not allow for activities anywhere else on the Forestry England Estate. The Rewild Project does not have any agreement, whether formal or informal, to undertake any other activities on Forestry England land.

Due to the seriousness of the incident, and pending the investigation, Forestry England is suspending the licence agreement (dated 9 December 2021) between itself and The Rewild Project for the shared use of Kensley Sheds with immediate effect.

We would be grateful for confirmation that your operations from Kensley Sheds have ceased immediately and that any members of the Rewild Project have vacated the premises by midday tomorrow (20 December 2022) and will not return until permitted by Forestry England.



The agreement renewal process for both Kensley Sheds and the coppicing, which was discussed at your last meeting at our Coleford office, has also been suspended.

In the event that the licence agreement expires during the investigation period, the Rewild Project will be required to remove any of its property from the premises, as, at that point, no agreement will exist between the Rewild Project and Forestry England for the use of the premises.

The Rewild Project is reminded that they have no permission, agreement or approval whatsoever to undertake organised or commercial activities upon Forestry England land and are strongly requested not to do so.

The Rewild Project will be informed of Forestry England's decision and any further steps once investigations have concluded.

Yours sincerely

Forestry England

