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PRELIMINARY ECOLOGICAL SURVEY RECORD

Contract Reference:	22009	Contract Name:	Nether Howcleuch
Location:	Phase 2 felling in compartments 10	Date of inspection:	13/10/16
	&11	Time of inspection:	0930Hrs
		Weather conditions:	Dry and cold
		Inspected by:	John Proudlock
			John Adams
Approx area of work site (m^2)	270000	Job title:	Forest manager, Field Manager

PROTECTED SITE? (circle as appropriate)

E.g.	SAC Special Areas of Conservation	SPA	Special Protection Area	SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
	NCR National Nature Reserve	AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	NP	National Park
	LNR Local Nature Reserve	CA	Conservation Area	TPO	Tree Preservation Orders

Other special designation:

VEGETATION / HABITAT TYPE: (brief description **and** note key ecological features, e.g. hedgerow, watercourse, woodland)

Un-thinned stand of Sitka spruce 42 years of age in an even aged monoculture, very little ground vegetation on the forest floor. Good upland grass development on the areas of open ground and burns either side of the standing timber. NO water courses within the felling area, with a functional drainage system operating

INVASIVE OR INJURIOUS WEEDS? (circle as appropriate)

E.g. Giant Hogweed Common Ragwort Japanese Knotweed Himalayan Balsam **Other: None on site**

BIRDS Species seen on site (and estimate of numbers)

	Nesting activity	Nests
e.g. blackbird 2	*Yes*	*No*
Survey and operations to be undertaken Novemeber to April- outside of nesting period.		

OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES (e.g. newts, badgers, lizards, dormouse) State type (and evidence seen) e.g. Bats (roost sites in trees)

Red squirrels	Small amount of stripped cones on a feeding area

Photographs taken:	No*	* delete as applicable		Nesting activity in area:	No*
Schedule 1 Birds present:	No*	➔ If Yes, contact line manager **immediately**		Nests found:	Y No*

ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR SITE (e.g. specialist consultant / further survey required, work planning notes)

Consultation has been undertaken with the Red squirrel liaison officer, feeding areas identified but no drays , works are to be planned to fell from the exposed edges towards standing timber, to allow any squirrels to move from the harvesting area to secure area