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Attn Mr P Kilg Carr
Forest Service
Wexford

Submissions to Forestry Acts.

Dear Mr Carr,

unfortunately I am unable to locate my copies of the Forestry acts. From memory there is a section dealing with burning. We have had a number of fires over the years 2 serious and two we were able to cope with.

The section dealing with this states "not burning growing vegetation within 1 mile of a plantation". There is a problem where vegetation such as gorse, birch etc are leaped and burnt during the Summer. We had a recent case where 6 fires were lit within 100' x 200' of a plantation with no regard to a substantial acreage of Plantations. The Garda took a prosecution, but it failed in court as ^{it} was not "growing" as it states in the present act. It should read something like "within a mile of a plantation any material growing or dead". Molinia grass is one that could be classed in the Spring as "dead" & is most vulnerable at that time of year.

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick M R Hyde

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