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To: Nature Conservation

Subject: Concern

I am writing with reference to the indiscriminate burning of moorland in West Cork, I own a family property situated in the hills over Skibbereen and each year land close to the house is burned for reasons of stimulating the growth of grass and increasing its grazing potential, yet no animals graze on the land throughout the year. The land is covered in heather and gorse and provides a very good habitat for wild life but as per normal the land is burned and it is burned on several occasions outside of the burning period, I have experienced the burning of whole mountains such as Mt Gabriel and Mt Kidd, the loss of wildlife has been severe, how does one notice this, well on a number of walking trips you can visually see the lack of wildlife in particular birds, they have been driven from their habitat, I would ask you not to support the lengthening of the proposed burning period, I would actually look at banning it on the hills of West Cork.