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To: Nature Conservation

Subject: Annual burning.

I would like to make the case for carefully implemented burning for habitat restructuring, upland agriculture, strategic fire protection and fire suppression. we can gain benefits by only allowing land owners to burn on a planned non annual basis. land management requires Fire management but requirements should be integrated and we should aim to burn the vegetation, not the soil. Prescribed fires are specifically engineered to avoid soil heating and ignition. In a wildfire, under drought conditions, peat soil will ignite. The practice of annual burning by farmers is at variance with our efforts to be viewed as a green Economy.