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SUBMISSION ON HEDGE CUTTING AND BURNING
OF VEGETATION.

"BURNING OF VEGETATION."

A. SHOULD THE CURRENT DATES BE MAINTAINED
IF SO WHY?

NO. THE CURRENT DATES SHOULD NOT BE
MAINTAINED. THE CURRENT DATES DO NOT TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIATIONS IN WEATHER PATTERNS
FROM YEAR TO YEAR EVEN FROM AREA TO AREA.
THE CONTINUING FAILURE TO BURN OVERGROWN
VEGETATION YEAR AFTER YEAR IN ITSELF LEADS
ITSELF TO UNCONTROLLED BURNING BY VANDALS
AND MISCHIEF MAKERS.

B. SHOULD DIFFERENT CLOSED PERIODS BE
INTRODUCED FOR BURNING AS OPPOSED TO
HEDGE CUTTING.

THE NEED FOR HEDGE CUTTING IS COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT TO THE NEED FOR BURNING.
THE MAJOR REASONS FOR BURNING ARE, THE
PROTECTION OF WILD LIFE I.E. THE "RED GROUSE" AND
THE "MOUNTAIN HARE", ANIMAL WELFARE, AND PUBLIC
HEALTH. THE COMMON FACTOR IS A DISEASE
CARRIER, CALLED THE "TICK". THE CLASSIC
METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE "TICK" HAS BEEN
BY PLOUGHING OLD GROUND (NOT ALWAYS PRACTICAL)
AND "BURNING".

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