**Privacy and data security statement**

***In the context of the Assessing impacts on Wild Land Areas technical guidance consultation the term ‘Agencies’ refers to any or all of the following government agencies:***

***Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Government***

**Privacy & Data Protection**

All Agencies will process all personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Acts. Your personal data, i.e. name and email address will be held securely and only for as long as is detailed within the Agency’s Retention Schedule. The Agencies will not make any unauthorised disclosure of this information and will only share it with the other Agencies for the purposes of response analysis. We will also only contact you in relation to this consultation if you authorise us to do so.

**Handling your response:**

We need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Accurate completion of **the relevant questions** will ensure that we treat your response appropriately.

Unless you have requested confidentiality, Agencies will normally publish the consultation responses we receive, although we will redact any part of a response where we believe it would be inappropriate to release someone’s personal data or other sensitive information.

All respondents should be aware that the Agencies are subject to the provisions of Freedom of Information Acts and therefore are required to consider any request made to it under these Acts for information relating to responses made to this consultation.

**Please note: If you wish your response to remain confidential, you must also provide the reasons why.**