



Sustainable Uplands Agri- environmental Scheme (SUAS)

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Fuel Load



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Burn It/Get rid of it

Habitat



**Manage it (has a
value)**

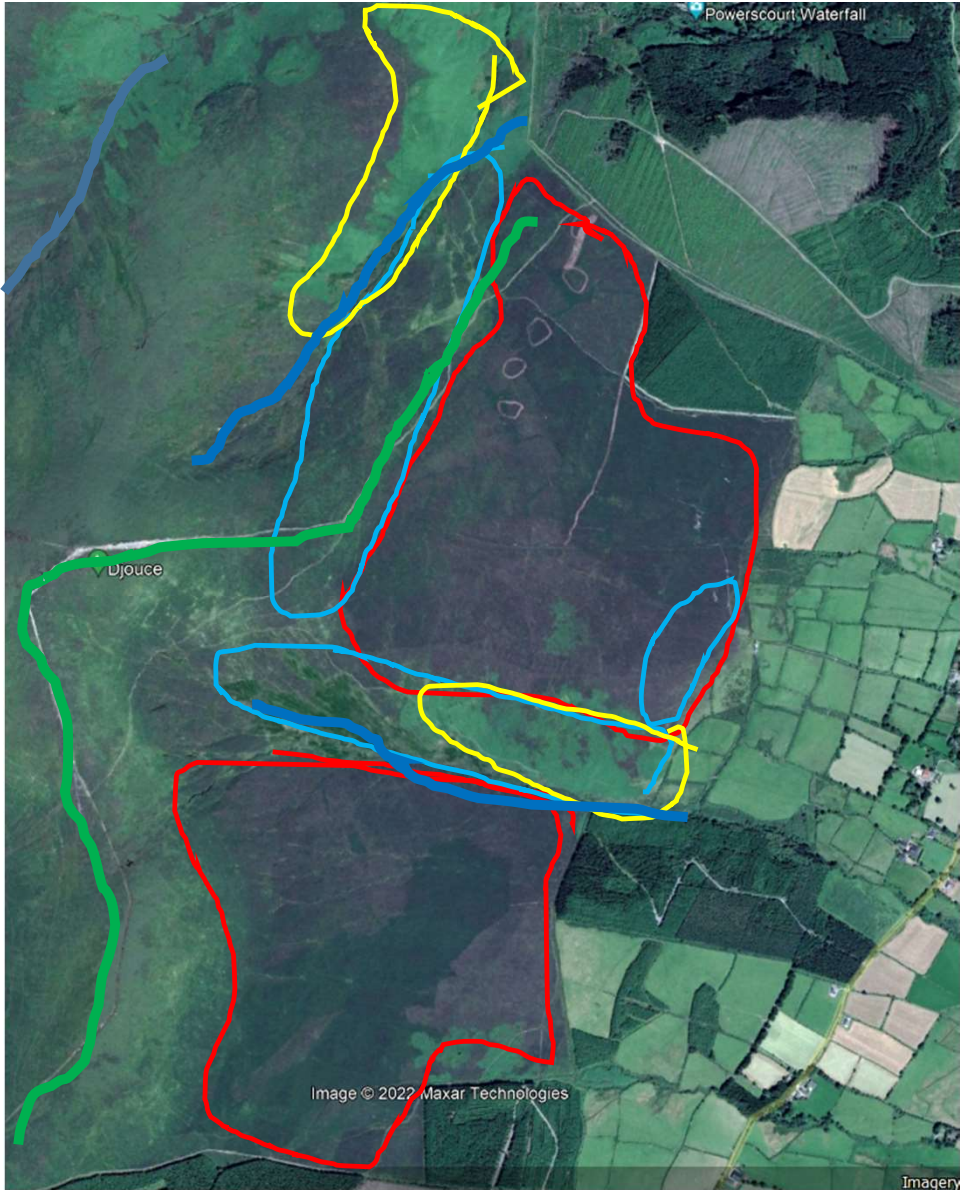
What do we want in our uplands?







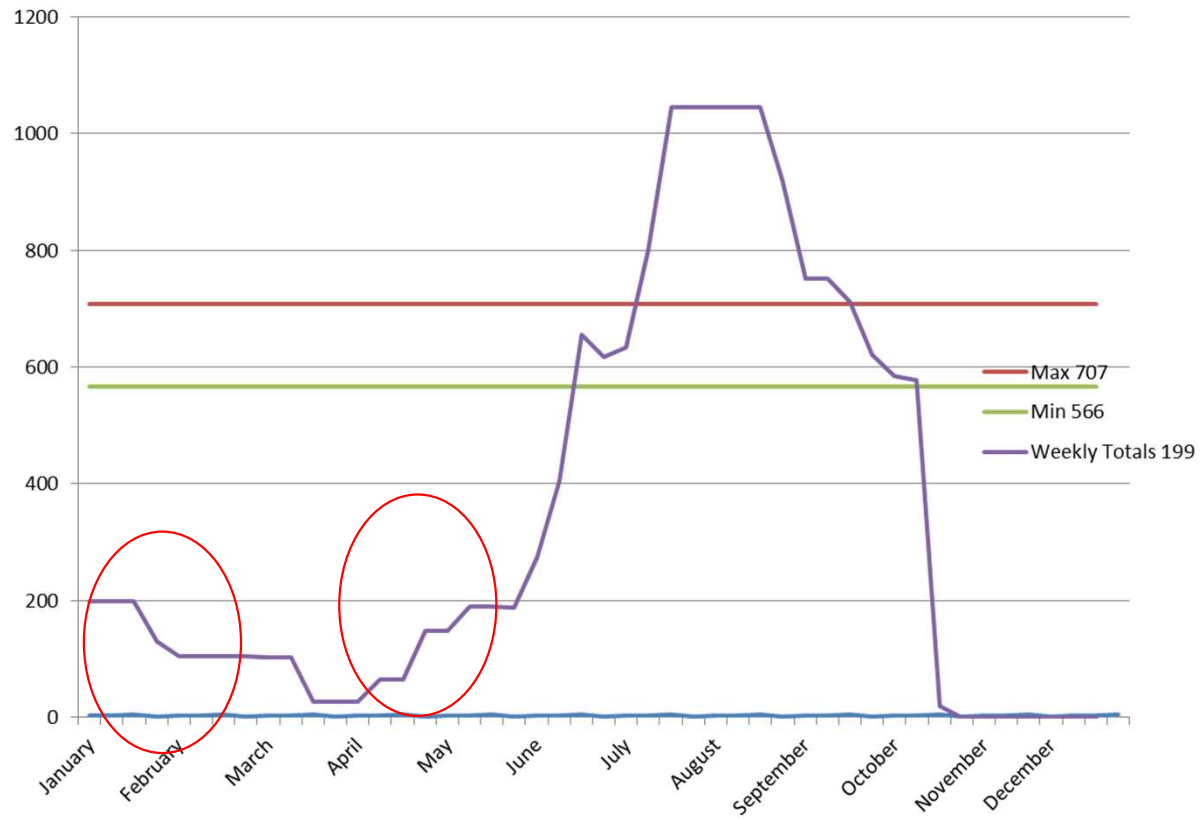
Habitat Management

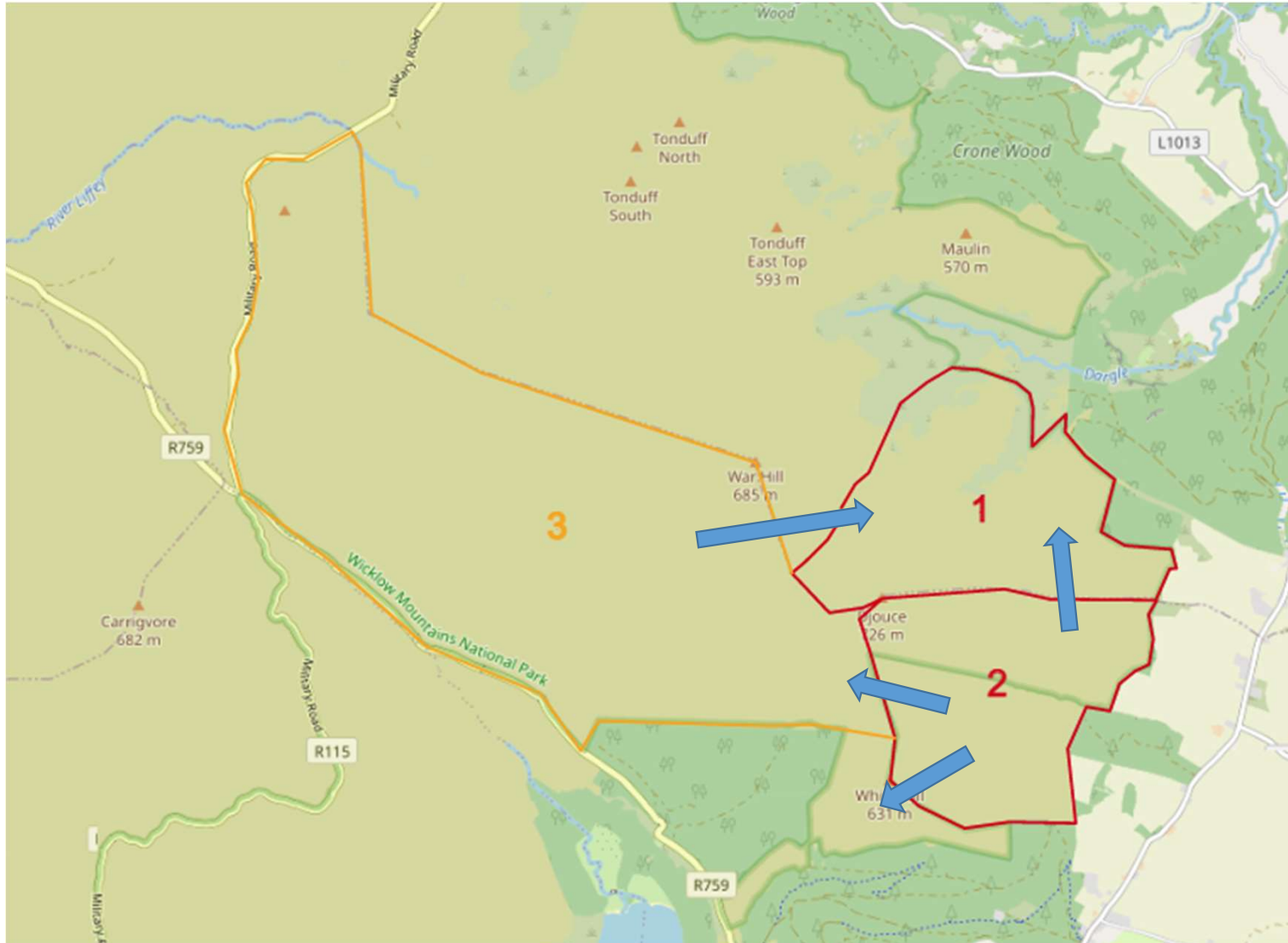


Multiple Issues on Hills



Grazing Levels on the Hills





The 4R's of Upland Grazing

• Right Type of Stock



Animals that will survive and thrive on the hill

Animals that will provide the right type of grazing



Stock that contribute to a viable farm enterprise

• Right Number of Stock



Enough to graze the available vegetation

Damage from Supplementary feeding



Most of our hills have too many stock in late summer and not enough for rest of year

• Right Time of Year



In early summer & late winter, sheep eat heather & courser vegetation

In late summer, sheep eat mostly grassy vegetation



In early summer, stock will eat Molinia Grass

• Right Areas of the Hill



Encourage more grazing on undergrazed areas

Reduce grazing on overgrazed parts of the hills



Avoid overgrazing on recently burned or cut areas

List Sheep Movements

Farmer Group: Farmer:

From Date: To Date:

Filter

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Search:

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Recording Grazing Activity



Why do farmers burn hills?

- Protect Farm Payments
- Improve Grazing
- They've always done it. It's traditional management.
- It's a cheap & easy way to control the vegetation
- Don't have any alternatives







Controlled Burning is Not Just
About Lighting a Fire

Controlled Burning



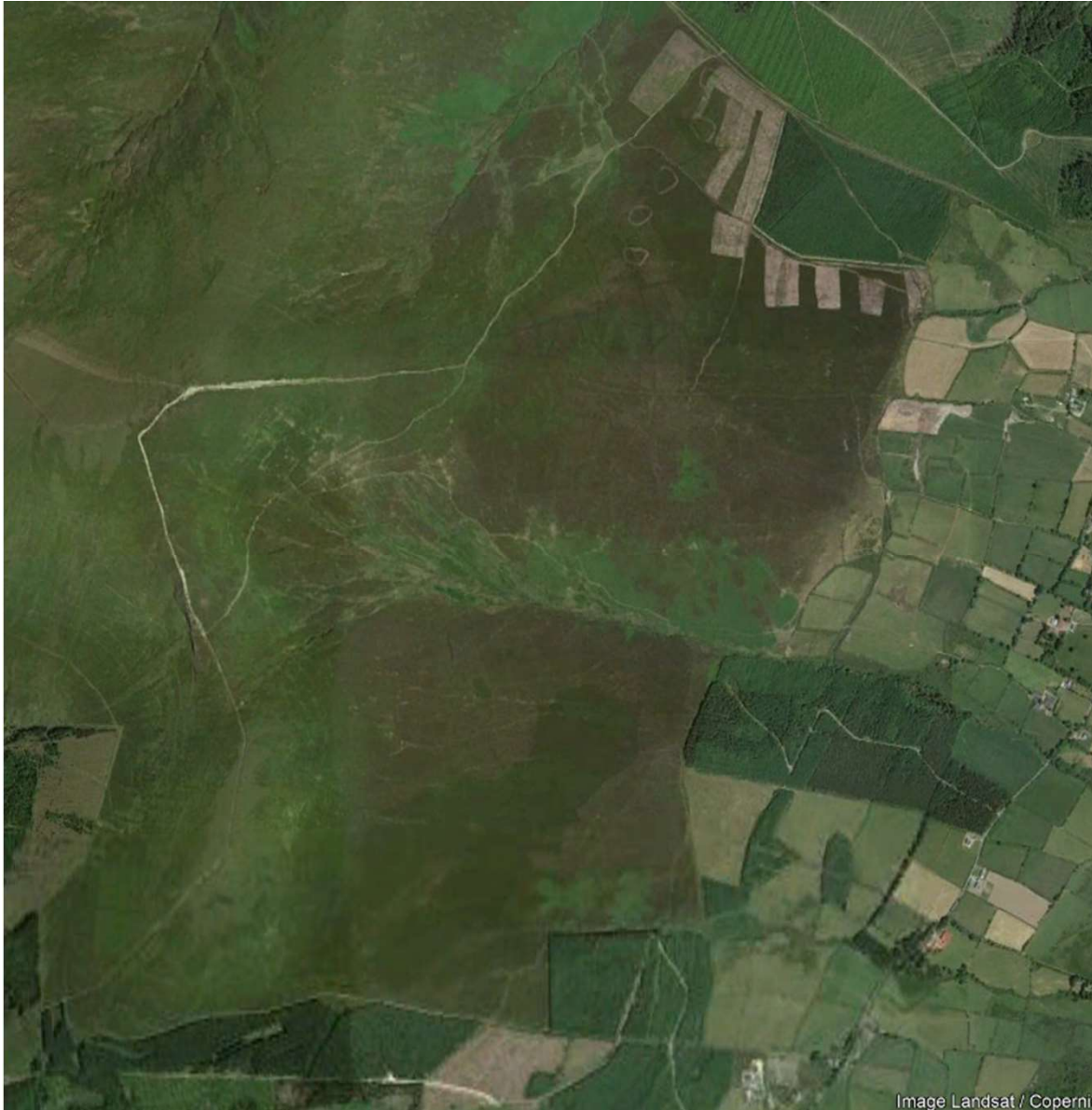


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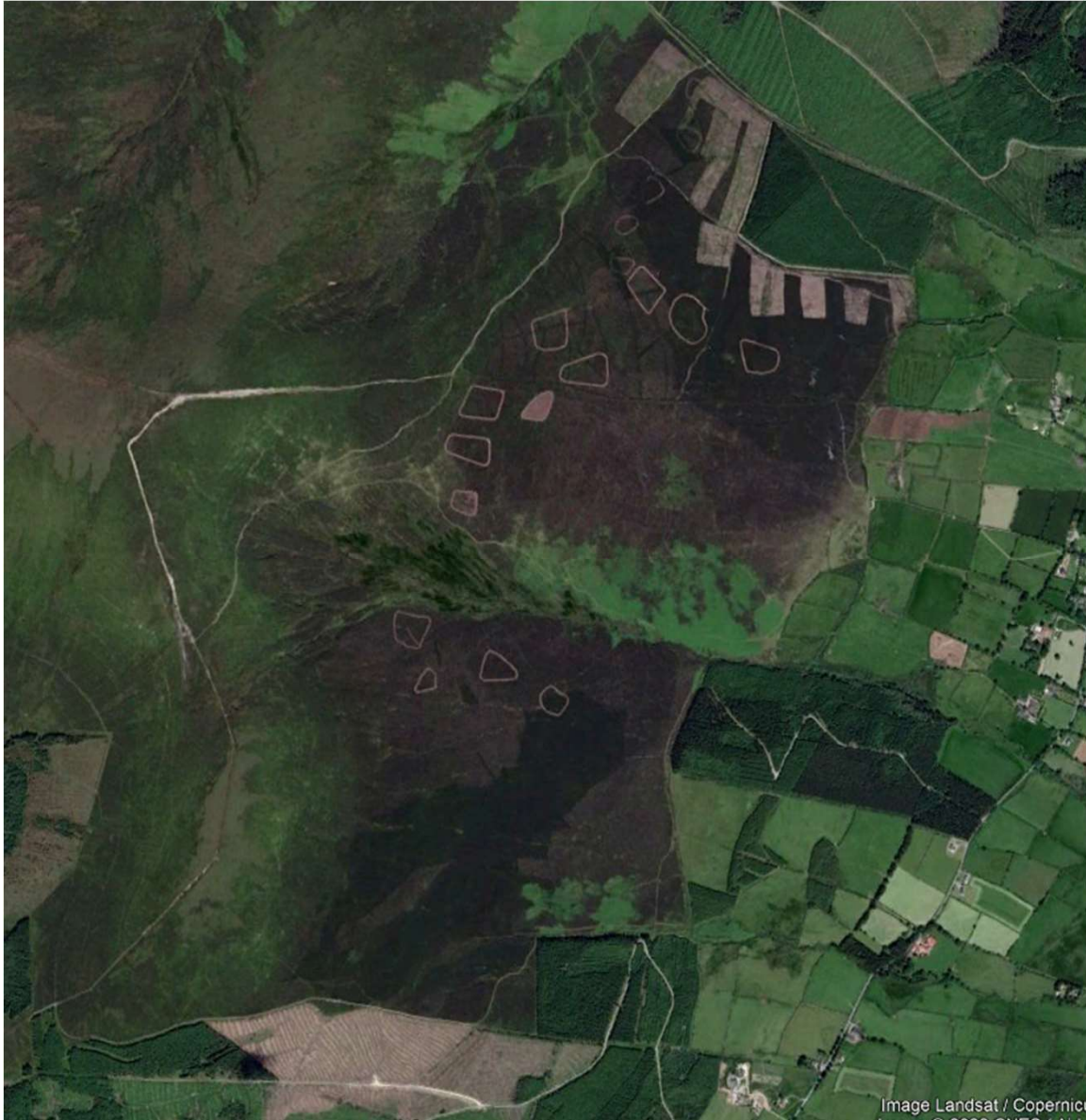


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Summary

- Its Habitat Not Fuel
- Need agreement on what we want (resilience to wildfire has to be part of that)
- Provide options on how to manage the habitats
- Support the farmers to **deliver** the required management
- Provide an incentive to farmers to deliver habitats in good condition