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Good morning, [Redacted].

I would be grateful if you could provide me with a contribution regarding the concerns which have been raised in the forwarded email below (by cop 9 February if possible please).

Kind regards, [Redacted]

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Subject: Quinaig JMT - Out of Season culling of Stags

Dear Sir/ Madam

I write regarding the recent barbaric culling of stags at night (out of season) by contractors hired by the JMT on Quinaig. The wounding of animals is breathtakingly incompetent and the suffering of animals is sickening and appalling.

[www.theassyntcrofters.co.uk/deer](http://www.theassyntcrofters.co.uk/deer)

The JMT purport to be a 'conservation' body who state 'where nature, people and communities have freedom to thrive' but are holding the surrounding communities and the Assynt Crofters hostage.

Why if they are shooting deer at night, do they not follow animals up with a deer dog as is best practice?

During one of the night shooting operations, one stag ran off wounded (jaw hanging off) and was not followed up by JMT contractors. It was culled 5 days later which is a very clear welfare issue and an appalling way to treat Scotland's most iconic animal which is not being discussed.

There seems to be a reluctance by The Scottish government and its agencies along with charities that purport to support animal welfare, to call out anyone from the green and rewinding lobby when there are obvious breaches of animal welfare and negative actions taken against rural Scotland.

I would hope that those whom are listed in this email can see that there is an opportunity here to thoroughly investigate this matter and show yourselves to be honest and transparent in the way that we look after our land and iconic resources.

I look forward to hearing from you all. Thank you.