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Dear Ms Winter

Thank you for your letter dated 18th November regarding open access restrictions in Eggesford.

The Forestry Commission try to keep inconvenience to members of the public to a minimum, consistent with being able to undertake potentially dangerous forest management and tree felling work as safely as possible.

The three 180 day closures at Eggesford are designed and intended to give us the flexibility to re-open sections of the woodland as operations are completed, rather than keep everything closed throughout.

I am pleased that Jimmy Mann was able to explain and reassure you on this point, and appreciate your wider supportive comment.

Yours sincerely

Chris Marrow
Forest Management Director

