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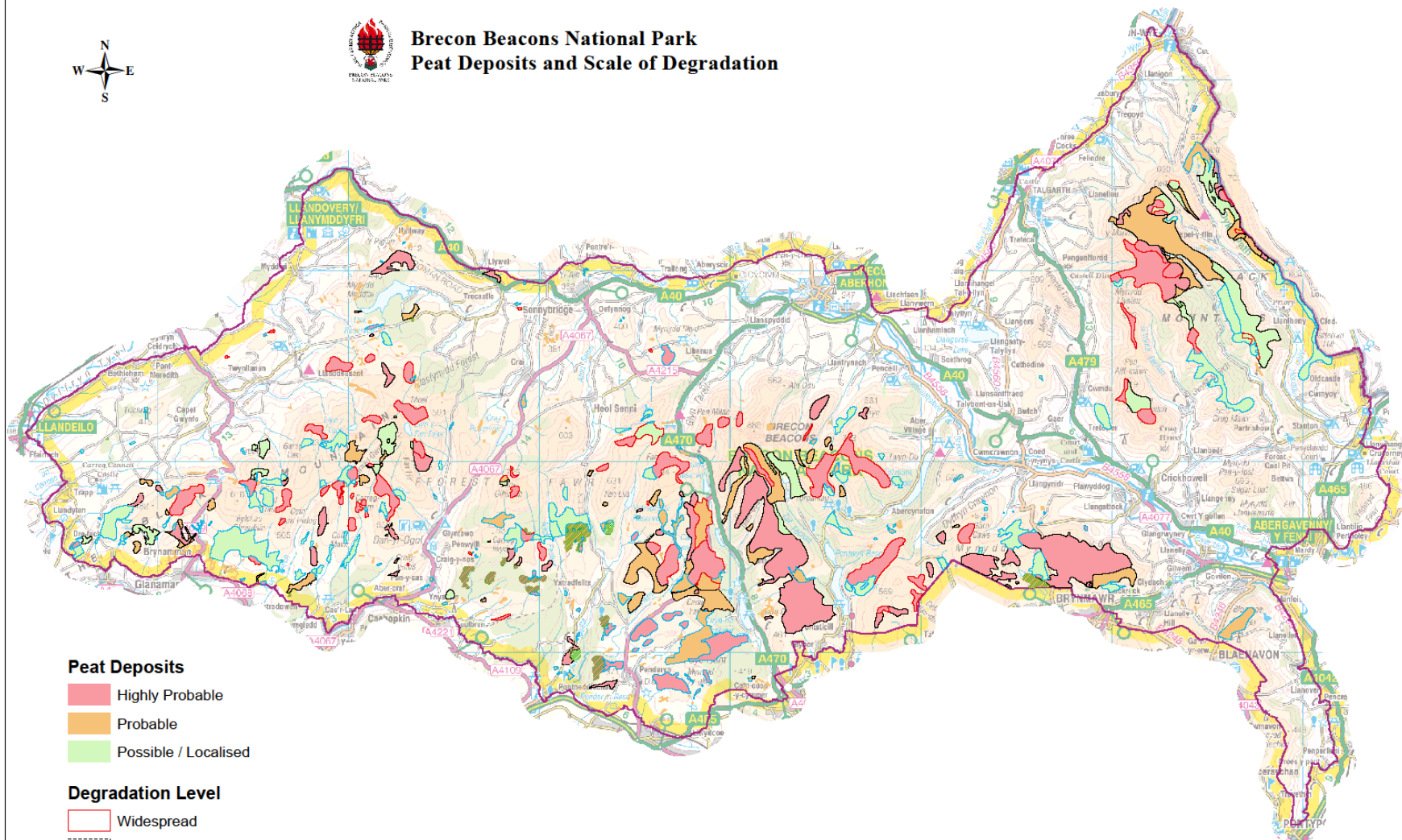


Recent and Planned Partnership work, Black Mountains SSSI, Brecon Beacons

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Brecon Beacons National Park Peat Deposits and Scale of Degradation



Peat Deposits

- Highly Probable
- Probable
- Possible / Localised

Degradation Level

- Widespread
- Widespread / Intermediate
- Intermediate
- Localised / Occasional
- Forestry on Peat

— Brecon Beacons National Park boundary

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Kilometres

Scale 1:130,000 at A2 size

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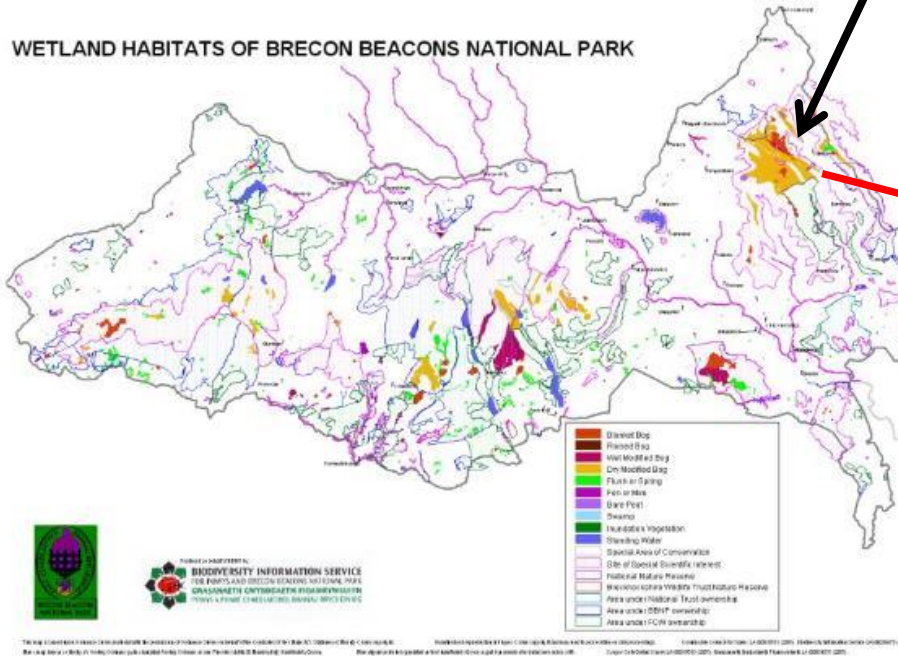


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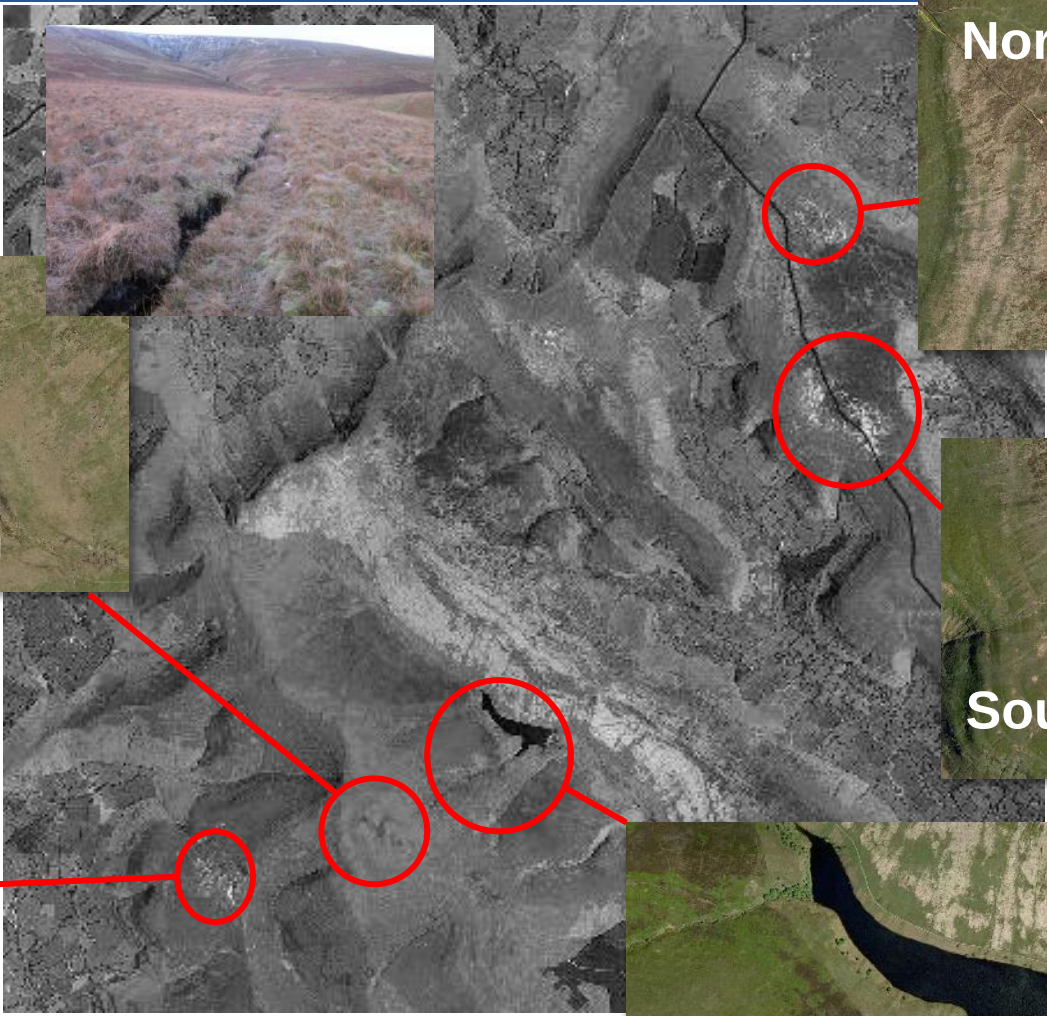


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Areas of bare peat, moorland grips, Black Mountains SSSI; restoration by Black Mountains Land Use Partnership



North erosion scar



South erosion scar



Waun Fach



Pen Trumau

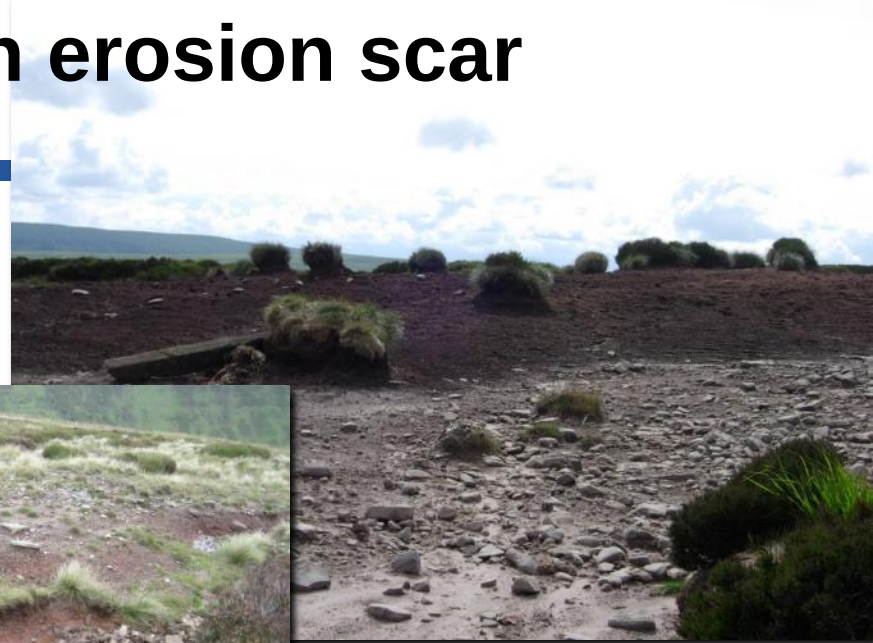


Grwyne Reservoir



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Erosion close up, south erosion scar



Pen Trumau Woollen Line

2009-2012

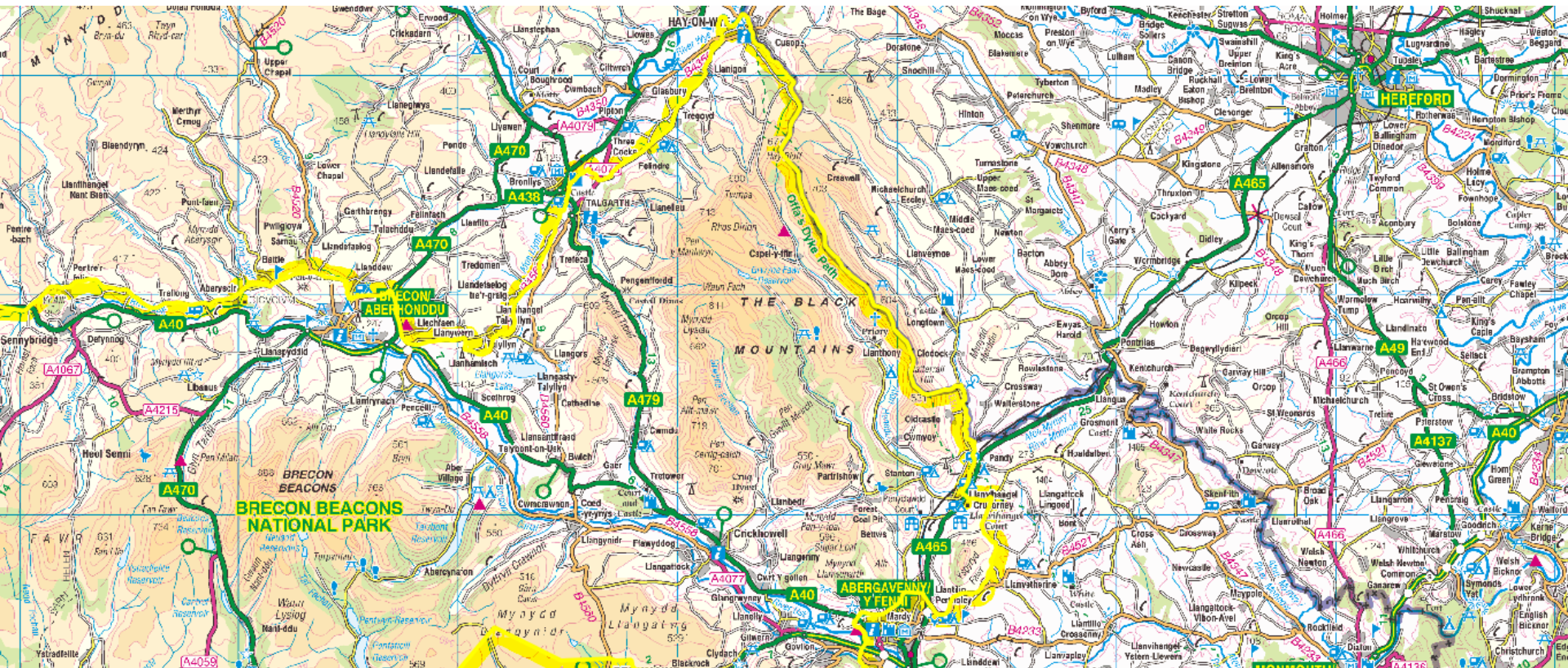




Nature Fund Project 2015: Waun Fach



Waun Fach



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Waun Fach summit 1960



Waun Fach 2012!

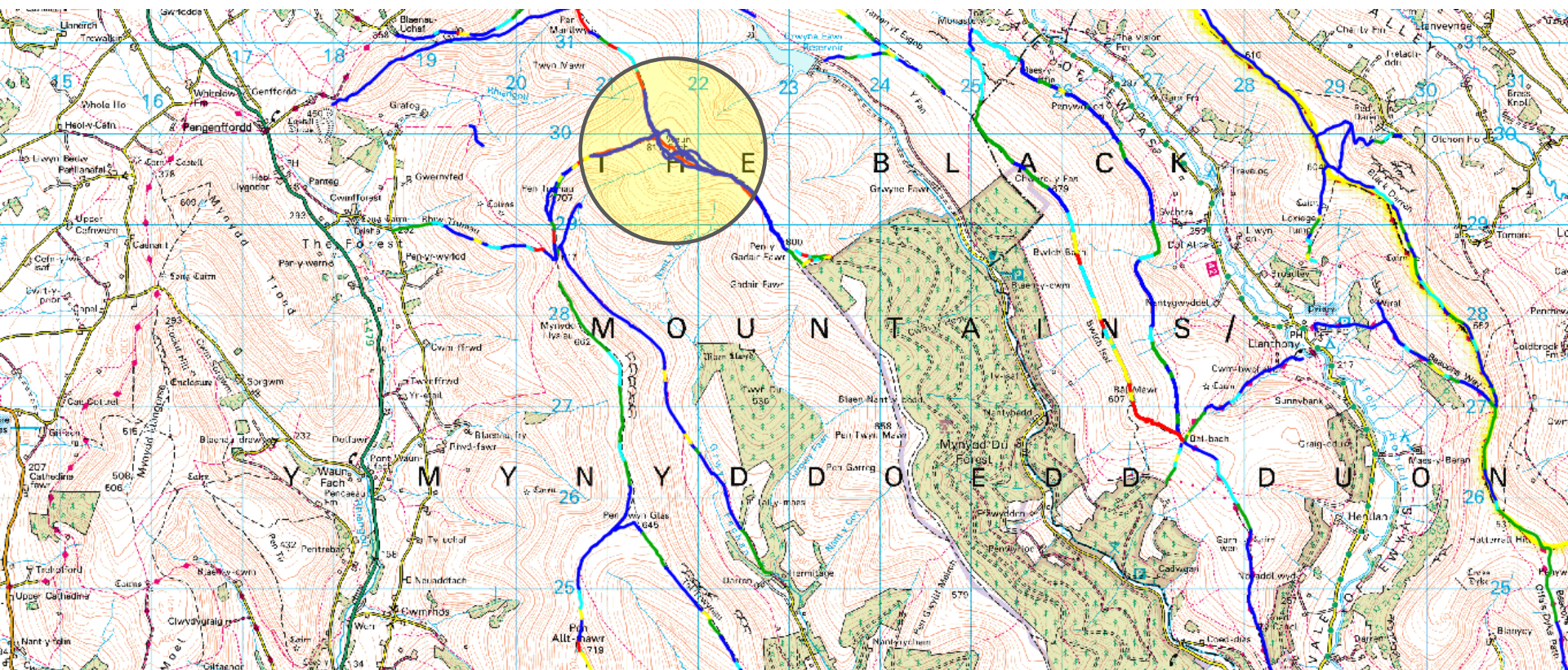


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Waun Fach summit 2012: circa 20 ha of exposed peat





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Waun Fach 2012



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Pen y Gadair Fawr 2012





- Provide path between Waun Fach and Pen y Gadair Fawr
- Block gullies and treat bare peat
- Establish Black Mtns Land Use Partnership
- Heather and *Molinia* cutting
- Survey of peat resources in the National Park
- 10 year bracken control plan
- Initial Nature Fund Bid £900k, 2013
- Awarded £201k, Jan '15, to be spent by April '15



Grwyne Fawr Reservoir





Grips to be blocked above Grwyne Reservoir



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Peat restoration Waun Fach







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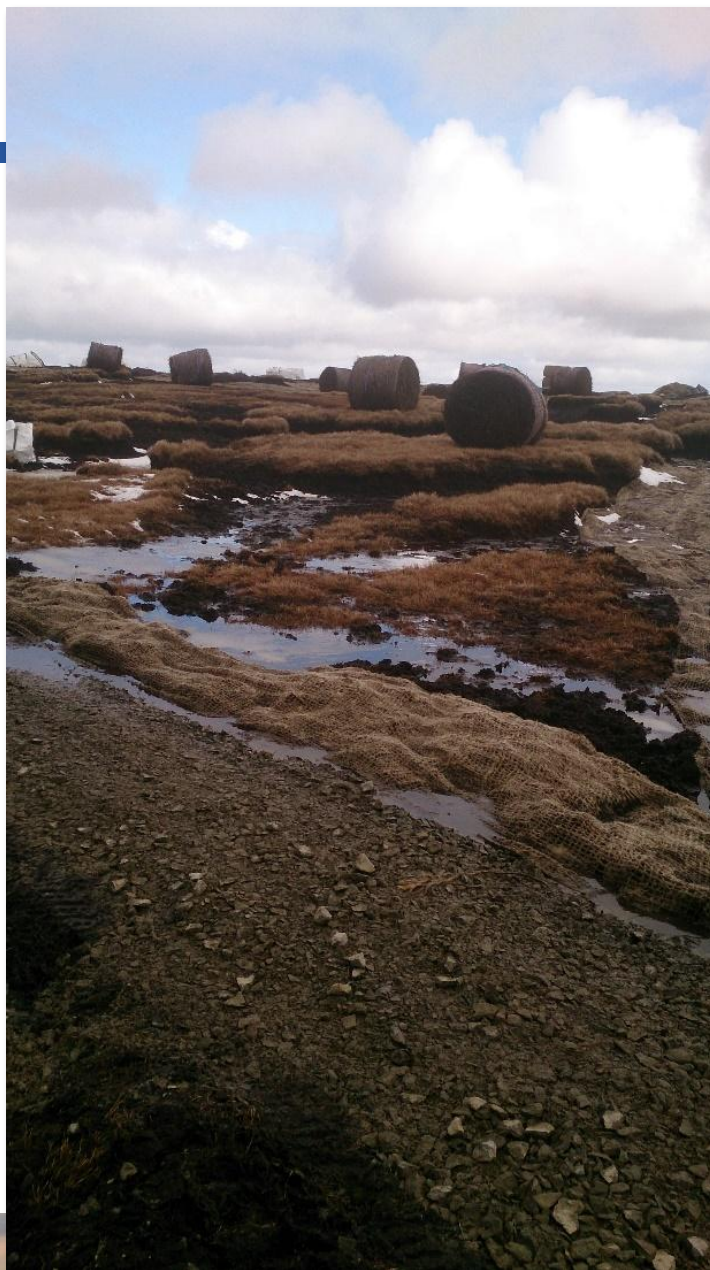
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Achievements to date:



- 2.3 km* of path installed along main desire line
- 3,200 m² of bare peat treated
- 10 people counters installed
- 9 dip wells installed
- 180 m of gullies/grips blocked up
- Gully erosion treated with heather brash
- 3 ha of heather and *Molinia* cut to provide mulch
- 1 ha of gorse cut to improve rides
- Education programme rolled out to 12 local schools (585 students)





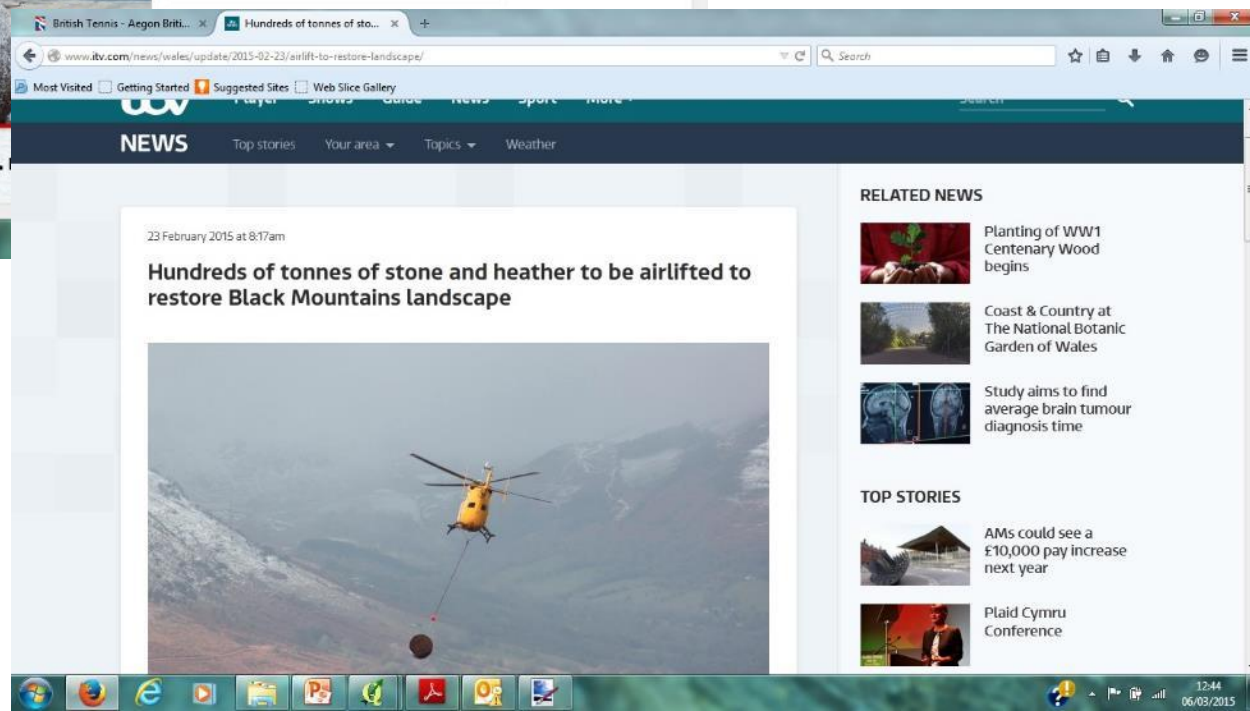
Black Mountains Land Use Partnership formally established and operational; comprises:

- Black Mountains Graziers Association
- 6 private Estates
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
- Natural Resources Wales
- Natural England
- National Park Authority
- Independent Chair





National Media Coverage





- Glastir peatlands training for WG, in conjunction with Snowdonia NPA
- Approval from UK Peatland Code for development of a PES Sponsorship portfolio (one of two such approvals in Wales)



Where next:



- BMLUP has drawn up a £4.5m project list for future funding bids
- 1.3km of further footpath construction works planned
- Interpretation plans being developed
- BBNPA helping BMLUP develop an EoI for the Sustainable Management Scheme (£1.0-£1.2m for peatland conservation, bracken control, visitor management)
- Working with Welsh Peatlands Action Group on pan Wales EoI for SMS to complement emerging Wales LIFE and UK LIFE IP proposals

