

Grip blocking Contractors

Extracts from Nibblers online discussion group

I would like to ask the group if they have any knowledge of contractors proficient in upland grip blocking. We know of one, Matt Dinsdale but does anyone know of any others. They need to be competent to work on degraded blanket bog on drinking water catchment causing minimum impact on water quality.

Many thanks

Regards

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Kate -

I am forwarding to a couple of peatland managers in English Nature who may be able to help. Also take a look, or place an advert on www.ecolots.co.uk

Kevin, Roger, Frank - please can you help? Please reply to Kate direct.

Thanks

John

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FACT website: www.fact-group.org;

GAP website: www.grazinganimalsproject.org;

Free advertising service: www.ecolots.co.uk;

Try Alaska Environmental Contracting, Will Bond - he has done some grip blocking for EN, is very ecologically and environmentally aware and has specialist equipment. Based on Dorset, but works throughout the country. You probably met Will at the SER Liverpool conference? Phone 01929 463301.

Penny Anderson

Thanks John

Just one word though, I retired last Friday, fortunately for various reasons I am getting nibblers for other interests.

It depends where Kate is and how far contractors will travel. Jonny Rook may be interested, he trades as Open Space, phone 01228 402182 Ken Hope Ltd West Moor, Rockcliffe, Carlisle 01228 674383 He has the best machine driver I know for operating on peat.

Alaska Environmental will be interested. Land & Water may be interested if it is a reasonably big job. There was another contractor called Wise who was also on the Cumbria framework contract and he seemed very good. Ian Taylor at Kendal should have all of these addresses. There was another contractor we used on the Duddon who Ian will also have the address of. Some of these people may not be very interested in small contracts. However, if Kate can provide the Health and Safety cover a hire contract of a man and machine and a banksman on daywork rates would be the cheapest option.

In the upland situations the H & S is an important factor and I reckon it costs around 10% of a contract value now. Risk Assessments and site Hazard assessments need to be spot on. A hire contract will give you more flexibility in the work, a Contract will require a really good specification. I could be willing to look at the work and advise for a reasonable fee and expenses
Frank
