Memorandum of Understanding ± Management of Informal Camping

Introduction this memorandum is intended to inform those Police and Council Officers and called upon to deal with issues arising from Wild Camping. Land Managers may also be involved and this memo will be circulated via the National Farmers Union Scotland and Scottish Land and Estates to their members.

Wild Camping is becoming more popular as the cost of tents etc. falls and as the number of campsites choosing to accept tents decreases; it can be over 20 miles drive to a commercial campsite in some areas.

Identifying irresponsible behaviour - *The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003* states; Section 2 Access Rights to be exercised responsibly

- (1) A person has access rights only if they are exercised responsibly.
- (2) In determining whether access rights are exercised responsibly a person is to be

Police Response - If the Officers attending are unable to encourage the individuals to behave responsibly the following legislation is available, assuming no other offences have been committed;					
Scottish Outdoor Access Code Annex 1 - Existing criminal offences					

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