

The mis-management of Cairngorm and skiers

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Half removed ski infrastructure in Coire na Ciste, a sort of tank trap for skiers – Photo Credit Ron Wa

I had not personally visited Coire na Ciste since HIE found £267k for a clear-up at Cairngorm ([see here](#)) in which they removed the ski infrastructure there without any consultation. Having been sent the above photo (used with permission) I wish I had. The half removed unmarked infrastructure is an obvious hazard which could have killed an off-piste skier using the lift system.

This hazard has been reported to HIE and I understand they have taken immediate action. They now need to explain publicly how the current management at Cairngorm, who were supervising the contract to remove the infrastructure from Coire na Ciste, either never checked on the work or, if they did, failed to identify this as a hazard and respond appropriately (which would have included reporting it to HIE if the money had run out).

More evidence that “Natural Retreats” (or whoever is now actually running Cairngorm) cannot be trusted to manage publicly funded contracts and the publicly owned land at Cairngorm and more grounds for HIE to terminate their lease with them. If HIE does not act, the responsible Minister, Fergus Ewing, should.

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