



Managing Uplands for Multiple Gains

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The National Trust in the uplands



- Largest private landowner in the UK
- Conservation purpose
- Manage 150,000 ha in upland areas
- Own 25% of Lake District NP
- Major holdings in Mourne, Snowdonia, Peak District, Yorkshire Dales & Exmoor



Uplands – an indicator of change



- Uplands have always changed
- Drive for food production caused degradation
- Challenges – fast pace of change
- Opportunities – catchment scale

What does the nation need from the uplands?



- Water – 75% of UK freshwater originates in uplands
- Carbon storage – UK peat soils contain more carbon than forests of France and UK put together
- Access – tourism single largest economic activity in uplands

High Peak



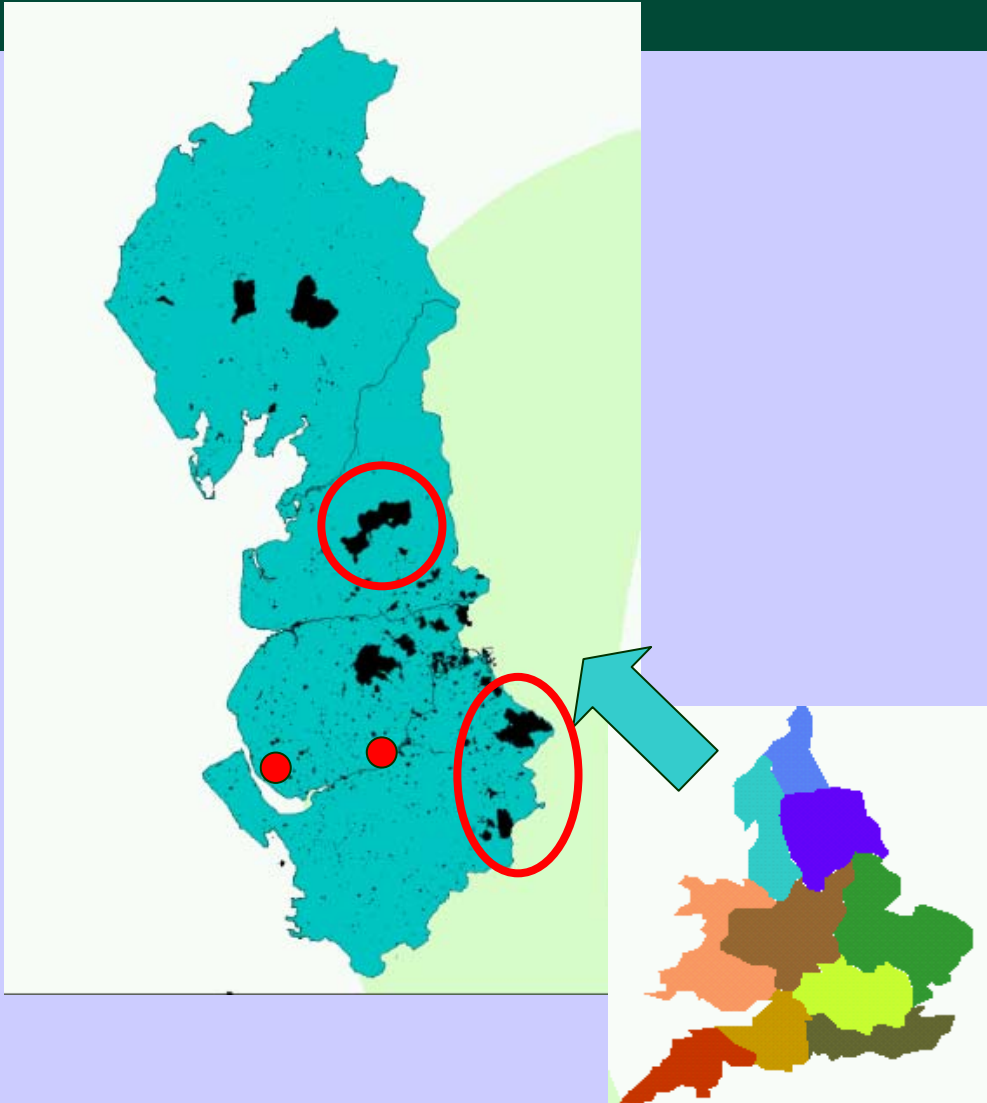
Solutions?



- Public funding for public benefit – investment in environmental services
- Well informed and trained land managers
- Partnership approach essential...



United Utilities



- Largest landholding amongst UK water companies
- Primary source of water for 6.7 million people in the North West of England
- Land ownership of 57,500 ha
Natura 2000 sites 13,500 ha
- Statutory duty to promote conservation, access and recreation
- Much in common with National Trust
- Sustainable Catchment Management Programme (SCaMP)

The Regulatory Framework



- Multiple regulators
- Five year investment cycle agreed with water regulator
- Mechanism for delivering requirements of EU legislation (e.g. Water Framework Directive)
- New sustainability duty on Ofwat
- We can help!

Sustainable Catchment Management Programme (SCaMP)



- Strong support from Natural England and the Environment Agency and Defra
- Championed by RSPB
- Created a public/private partnership
- Now in 3rd year of 5
- Customers and stakeholders support
- Seen as good value for money and a pragmatic solution
- Monitoring – influence future policy



Project statistics

- Area of Land 20,000 ha
- Natura 2000 sites 13,500 ha
- Number of farms 20

Costs

- UU funds £9m
- Public support £3.5m

- Enabling expenditure e.g. farm buildings £2m
- Moorland restoration expenditure £10.5m

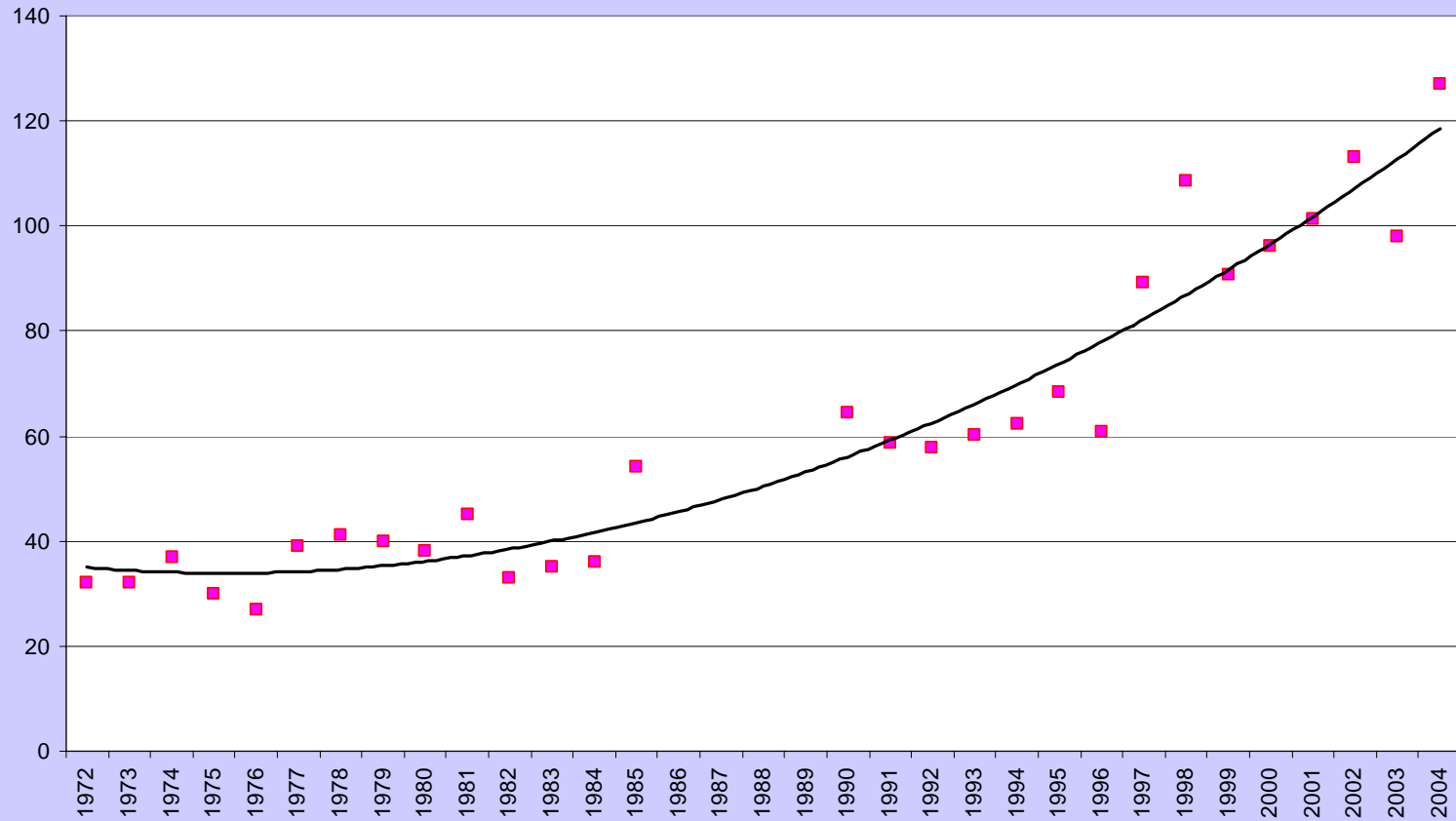
Multiple Benefits



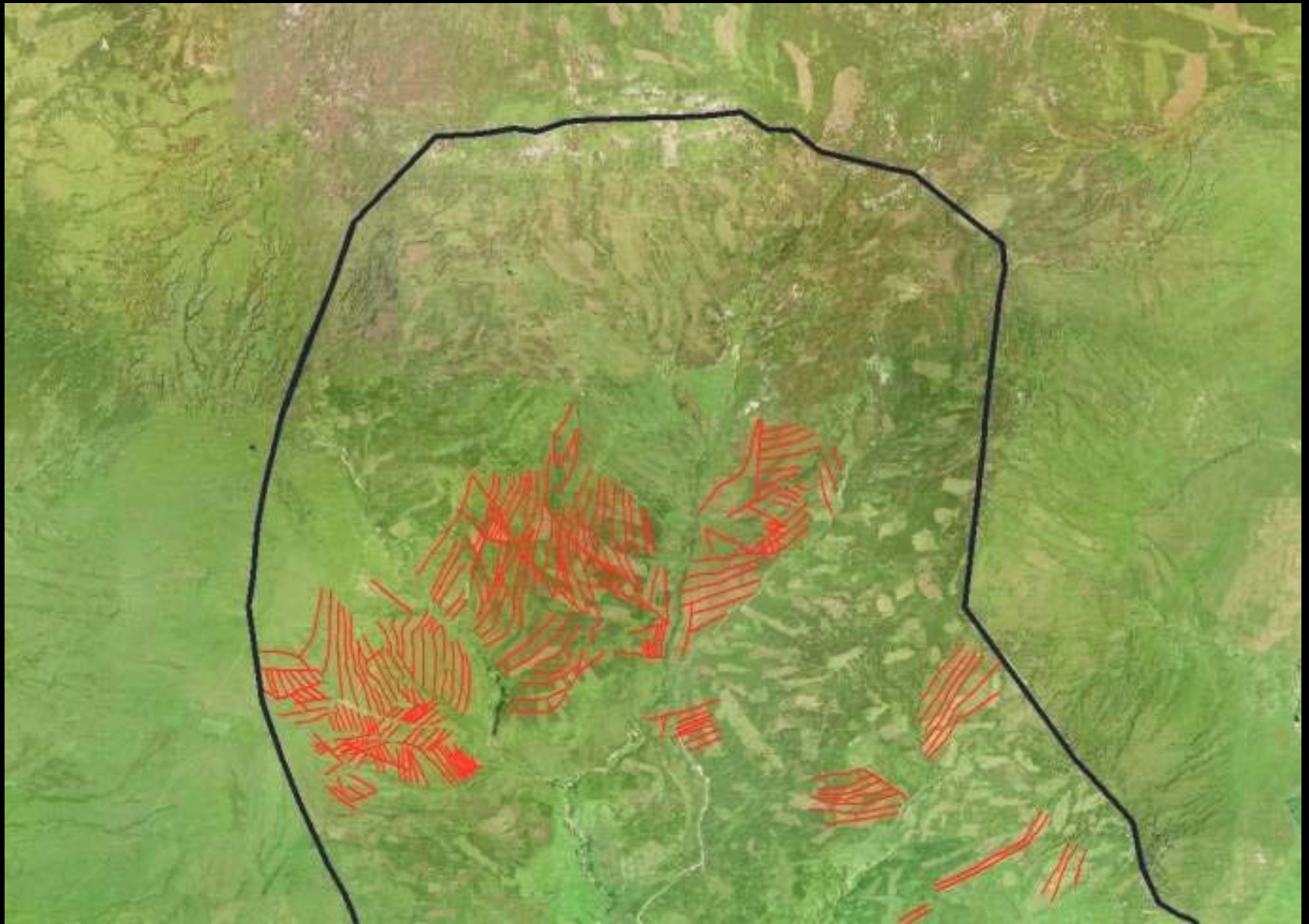
- Improved SSSI status (PSA targets)
- Biodiversity improvements
- Raw water quality (particularly colour)
- Carbon sequestration
- Downstream flooding
- Rural economy



Increasing Colour



Brennend Farm, Bowland

















Future Opportunities



- Extend the approach
 - Other water companies
 - Other landowners e.g. National Trust
- OFWAT sustainability duty