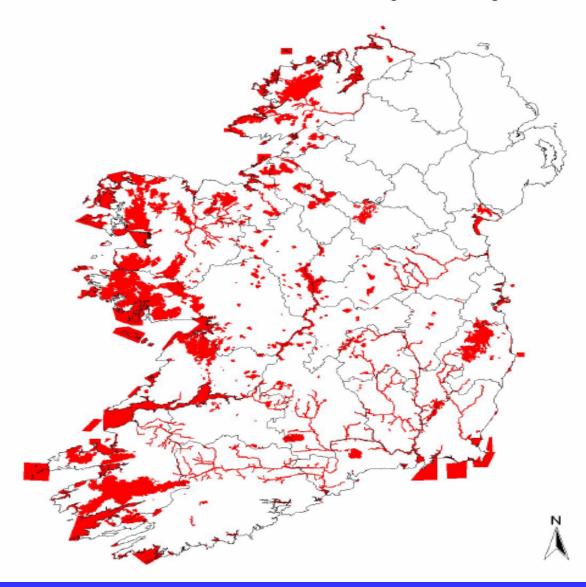
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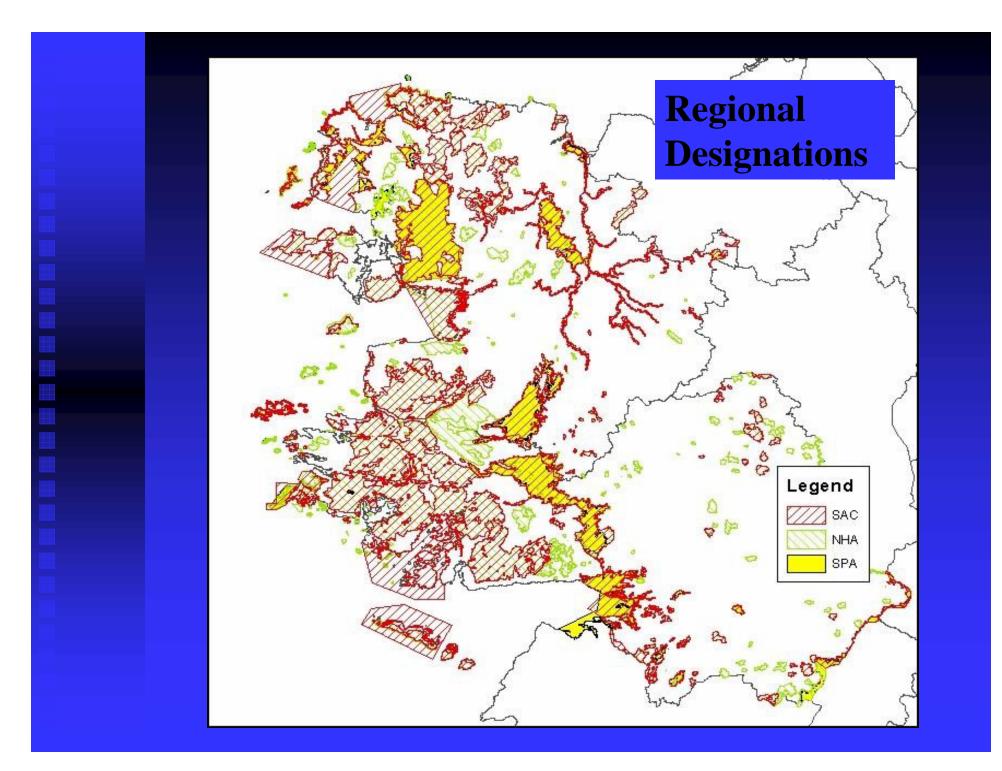
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Owenduff/Nephin Blanket Bog



Atlantic Blanket Bog Pool System



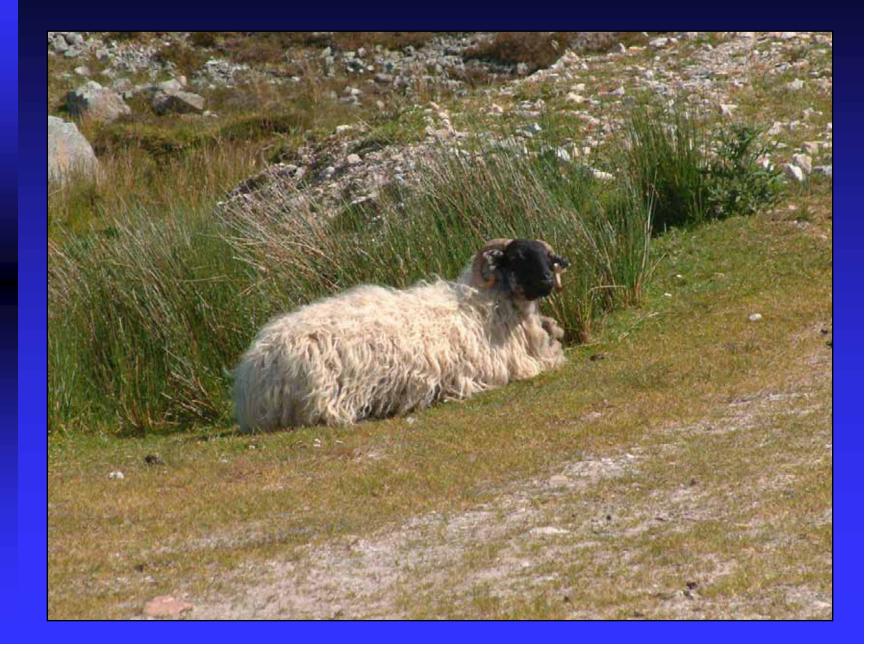
Felling & Replanting Conifers on Peat Soil



Flush System in Overgrazed Upland Blanket Bog



Blackface Mountain Sheep



Overgrazing by Sheep on upland Heath, May '04!



Commercial Peat Cutting



Hand Cutting of Turf on Blanket Bog



Commercial Quarrying to meet Development Demand





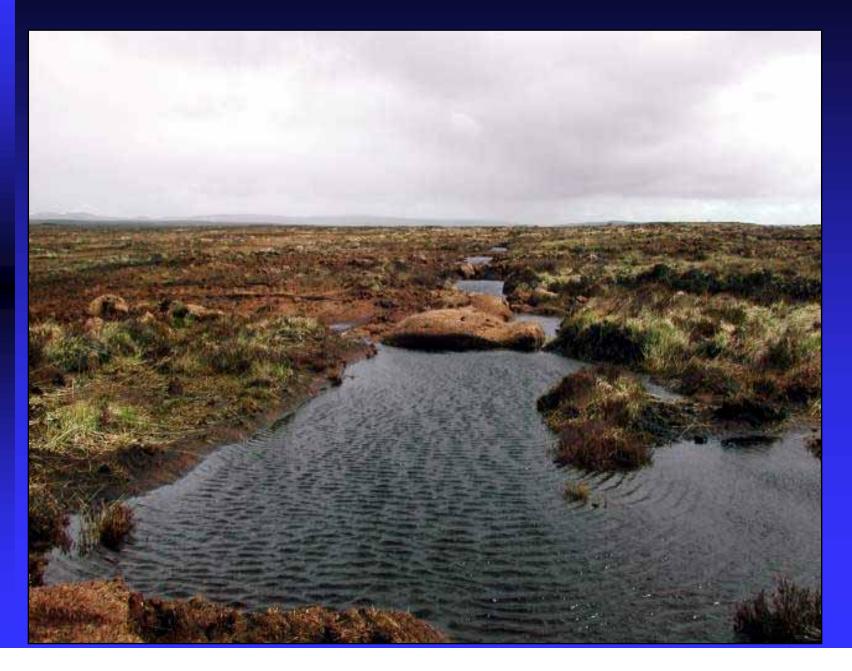
Development within Designated Areas



Windfarm at Bellacorick



Drain Blocking by Bord na Móna



Knockmoyle/Sheskin Reserve (O'Boyles Bog)



Sundew on Blanket Bog



Red Grouse on Upland Heath



Marsh Saxifrage & Breeding Golden Plover





Merlin on Hummock



Thank You for Your Attention

