



STORM OPHELIA – COILLTE FORESTS REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

Monday 16th October 2017: All Coillte Forests will remain closed to recreational users and the general public tomorrow (Tuesday, 17th October), while forest workers and contractors commence the assessment of the damage caused by Storm Ophelia to recreational areas. A further update on when the forests are expected to open to the public will be issued tomorrow afternoon.

Fallen and overhanging trees pose an extremely dangerous risk to the public and Coillte is urging everyone to remain vigilant over the coming days. Members of the public should not approach fallen or overhanging trees as they pose a significant health and safety risk and access routes blocked by trees should only be cleared by trained experts.

Fallen or overhanging trees should be reported to Emergency Services or directly to Coillte at the following details: Michael Power – 0353 86 253 2262 or michael.power@coillte.ie

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About Coillte

Coillte is a commercial forestry company, owned by the State, that manages approximately 7% of the country's land. Coillte operate three strong businesses from this land - their core Forestry Business, a Wood Panels manufacturing business MEDITE SMARTPLY and a Land Solutions business. Coillte export to over 30 countries worldwide and in the financial year 31 December 2016 generated EBITDA of €98 million. Coillte's vision is to be the best Forestry and Land Solutions company in Europe. To find out more visit www.coillte.ie