Catchment Management Challenges

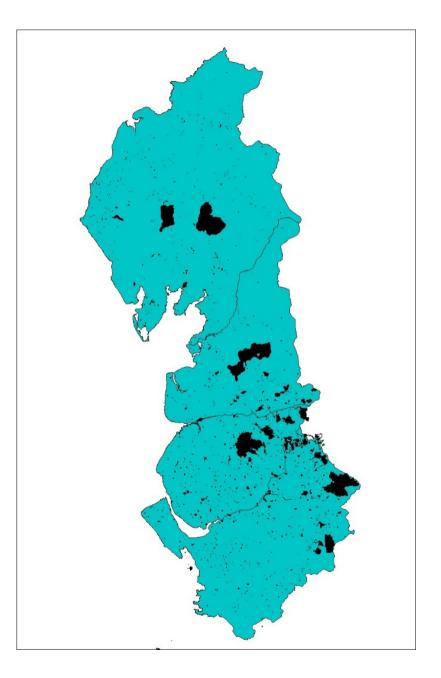
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UU Land Ownership

57,000 Ha across the North West

Majority of land ownership in upland and mountainous areas with C. 35,000 Ha of peat soils

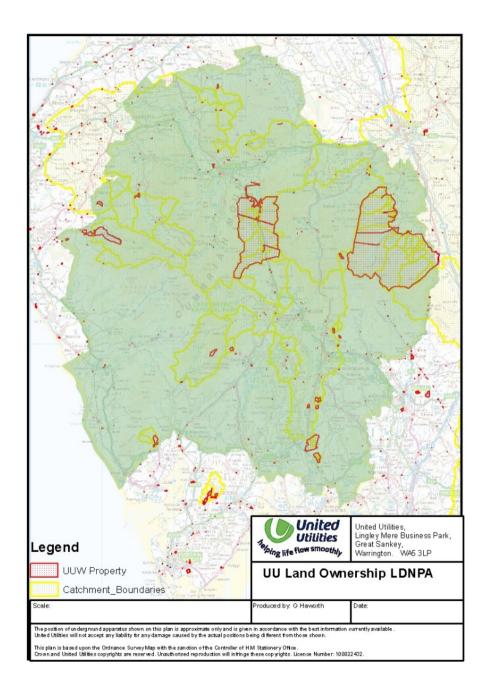
Over 180 reservoirs



UU Land in Cumbria

16,000 Ha of land in Lake District National Park, about 8% of the National Park

Large area of the National Park is none owned catchmentapproximately 36%



Reservoirs in Cumbria

Thirlmere 250 Ml per day



Reservoirs in Cumbria

Haweswater 400 MI per day



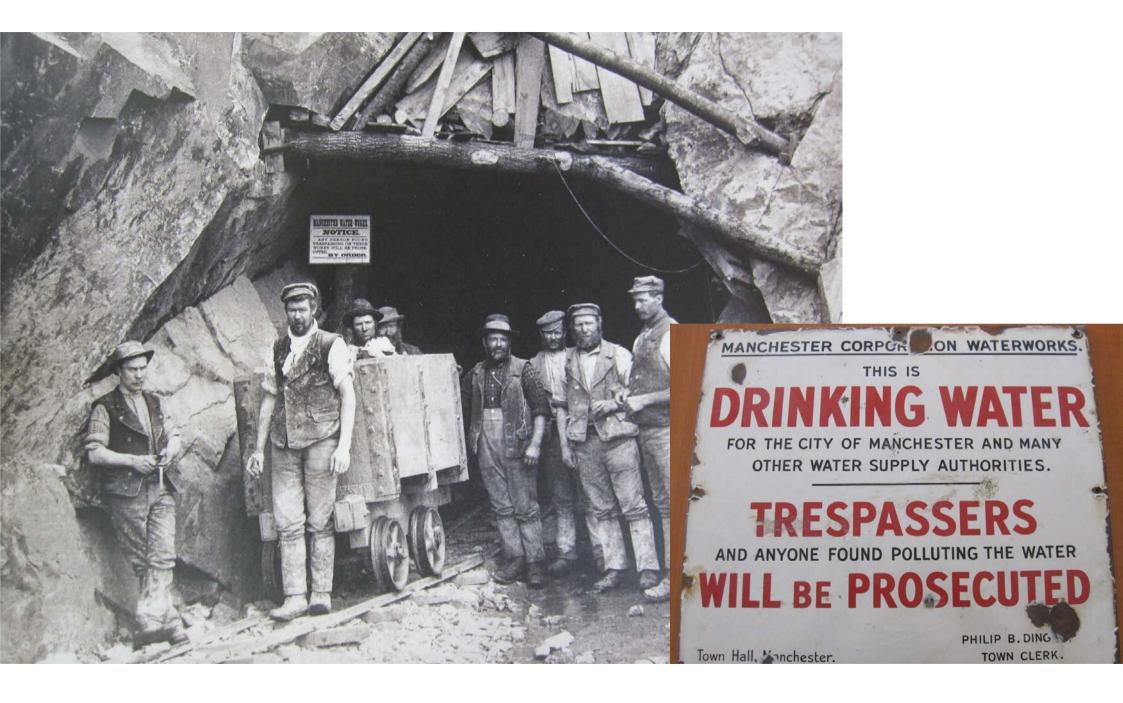
Reservoirs in Cumbria

Ennerdale 24 Ml per day



Water network





Catchment Management-what we do and where we do it.

• Sustainable Catchment Management Programme- SCaMP



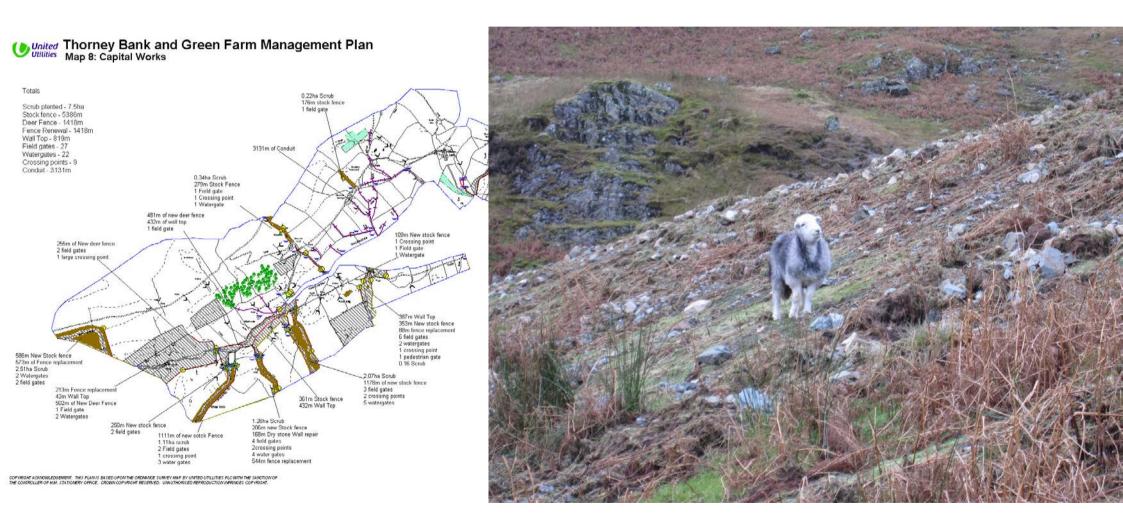
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Tree and Scrub planting





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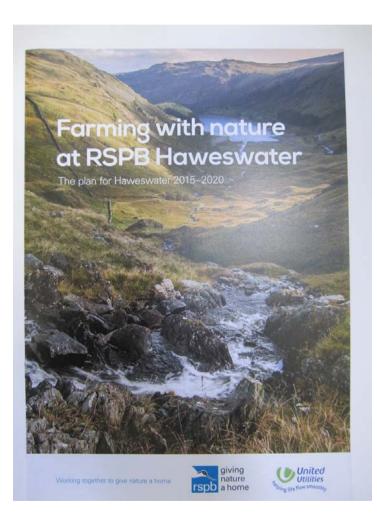


Forestry Management





Land Management partnerships



United Utilities and the RSPB have entered into a 45 year land management partnership on the Haweswater estate.

The management agreement covers approximately 30% of the estate area and comprises of 2 farms, valley bottom land and high fell Common land.









Wild Ennerdale

Partnership between United Utilities, Forestry Commission, National Trust and Natural England

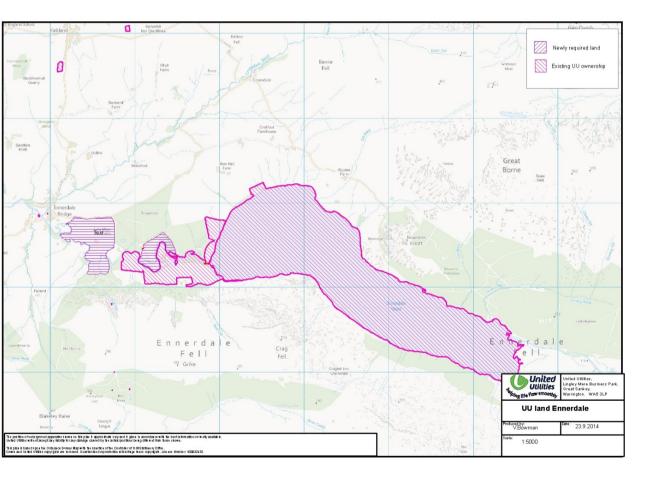








Compensatory Measures

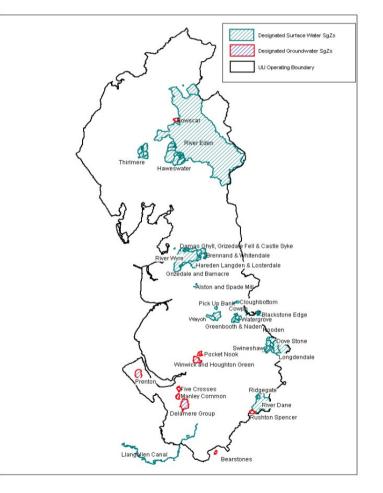


The Compensatory Measures project aims to ensure a viable, healthy and functioning Fresh Water Mussel population in the Ehen.

The project consists of a wide range of catchment improvements and a large programme of research measures to improve our understanding of this rare and threatened species.



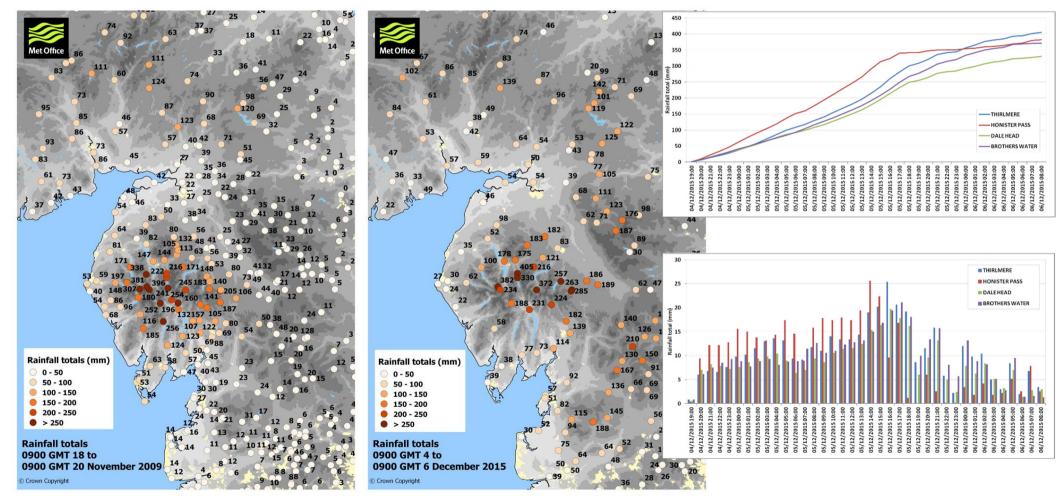
WFD Safeguard Zones



Safeguard Zones (SgZ) are areas within a drinking water catchment where deterioration in raw water quality has been identified.

Under Article 7.1 of the Water Framework Directive all abstractions where water is intended for human consumption are designated as Drinking Water Protected Areas, from this, if raw water quality is shown to be deteriorating due to anthropogenic causes, Article 7.3 allows member states to establish SgZ.

Catchment resilience..... Or not

















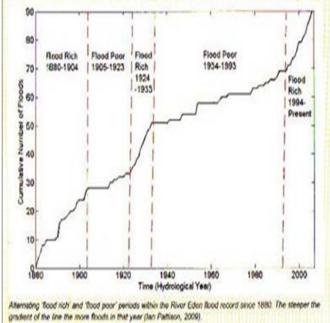








'Flood rich' means implications for both sediment supply and transport







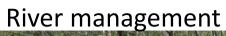
Future flood resilience- what can be done?













Reservoir level management



Future catchment management challenges

Brexit- What will future Agri-environment support look like?

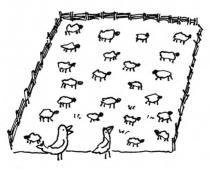
Public perception- Post truth, fake news and lack of trust in expert opinion.

Climate change- will we act now to ensure we are in a more resilient position in the future?





"I REMEMBER WHEN THIS WAS ALL FIELDS"



"I REMEMBER WHEN THIS WAS ALL A WILDLIFE RICH, DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM"

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