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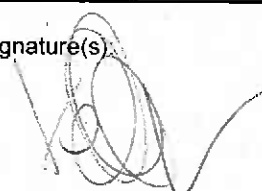
SUBJECT: Pirin National Park
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TEXT:

The Pirin National Park in Bulgaria a Natura 2000 site, as well as UNESCO World Heritage Site. A new draft 10-year management and even worse, changes to the current plan for the national park would significantly expand the commercial and tourist zone of the territory of Pirin, and allow for further construction and development of ski areas on large share of the park's territory in addition to legalising existing illegal developments. There are concerns that existing illegal developments have damaged endangered habitats and species, and that the provisions of the draft 10-year management plan fail to ensure the protection of the pristine nature and ecosystem values of the park.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the draft new management plan, the absence of strategic environmental impact assessment regarding its conception and the changes to the current management plan undertaken in December 2017 by the Bulgarian government?
2. Is the Commission assured that Union legislation is observed with regard to the expanding the commercial zone in Pirin National Park, including in regard of cumulative effects?
3. What is the current status and findings of the Commission investigation 6240/14/ENVI?

Signature(s)



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