

## Benhar & Fauldhouse – Summary of Proposals

The Benhar & Fauldhouse Land management plan brings together the forest blocks of West Benhar and Fauldhouse. These blocks have served as productive forests within Scottish Lowlands Forest District, producing adequate volumes of standard and low quality timber.

The primary objective of the land management plan is to continue the sustainable production of timber, enhance and manage transitional woodland areas, restore an area of intermediate bog, manage water vole habitats and maintain existing access and recreation infrastructure.  
(see tables below).

### Key Proposals

Total Plan Area	596 Ha
Planned operations	2018-2028 plan period
Felling	95.8 Ha
Restock	79.0 Ha
Bog Restoration	16.8 Ha

### Land use changes

Land use	2018	2028
Primary species: Sitka spruce	30%	32%
Secondary species: other conifers	25%	21%
Broadleaves	9%	10%
Open, Transitional, Felled, Other	35%	37%

The key considerations in producing this plan were tree health, crop quality, habitat creation and management and wind farm development. The design enhances and retains riparian and peat edge habitat, diversifies the species and age range of the crop whilst conserving heritage features.

### Consultation and Further Information

Scottish Lowlands Forest District consulted with local neighbours and communities via postcard drop, onsite posters and a press release whilst Central Scotland Conservancy consulted on the plan with statutory stakeholders.

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