

Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Bennan LMP is a priority area in Galloway Forest District for both conservation, the primary management objective being the maintaining and enhancing the Red Squirrel Stronghold Site, and for the sustainable production of Timber. Water quality issues and Public Access for Recreation are also important considerations.

Plantation area	5634.0ha
External Open ground area	1109.5ha
Total Plan area	4524.5ha

Species breakdown (plantation)	2017 (current)	2027 (end plan period)
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	70.9%	72.6%
Secondary species: other conifer	23.3%	21.3%
Native broadleaf	5.8%	6.1%
Open space	24.3%	24.5%

Planned Operations	2017–2027 plan period
felling	768.90ha
thinning	300.0ha
restock	696.18ha
road construction	1470m
road upgrade	10000m

Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites	Clatteringshaws Dams SSSI Laughenghie & Airies Hills SSSI
Minimum Intervention / Natural Reserve / Long Term Retention	6.3% of plantation

Critical Success Factors:

- Persistence and enhancement of Red Squirrel Stronghold Site
- Development of the R Dee riparian corridor
- Completed construction of proposed new roads

Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Stephen Stables, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 03000676963 or stephen.stables@forestry.gsi.gov.uk