



Callop & Drumfern Land Management Plan Summary

Callop and Drumfern Forest lies on the North Eastern shore of Loch Shiel less than 500 metres from the village of Glenfinnan and 28 km West of Fort William. This is an area that is iconic within Scotland and globally for its natural beauty. It is also an area steeped in history and rich in biodiversity, hence, the reason it has six environmental and landscape designations of national and international importance. The wet climate also influences the richness of the biodiversity and topography and the soil structure. The rugged and craggy topography reflects the geology of the Glenfinnan Moine – metamorphic rocks which are quartz rich having been heated and crushed deep in the Earth's crust millions of years ago.

Callop & Drumfern LMP was approved on 20/05/2014 and runs for 10 years. These are the aims of the long term vision for the forest:

- The restoration of native woodlands in areas which have been designated as PAWS
- Improve the visual landscape quality of the forest which forms the backdrop for the Glenfinnan Monument
- Gradually shift from a predominantly timber producing forest of non-indigenous commercial conifers to one where native woodlands dominate
- Compliance with the River Basin Management Plan

The primary objectives for the plan area are:

- To produce 73,500m³ of timber during the lifetime of the plan
- To remove 420 ha of commercial non-native trees through the ongoing phased clearfell system
- To re-establish native woodland on felled PAWS
- To restock 58 ha of commercial productive woodland with Scots pine.
- To naturally regenerate 225 ha with Scots pine
- To successfully establish native woodland species through deer management
- To construct 4595 metres of Category A1 forest roads

Total Plan Area	731 hectares (ha)
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Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Species Breakdown	(current)	(end of plan period)
Sitka spruce	336	202
Birch and other broadleaves	74	77
Scots pine	29	215
Lodgepole pine	67	24
Larch and other conifers	18	6
Open space	207	207



Planned Operations	2014– 2024 plan period
Felling	420 ha
Thinning	0 ha
Restocking:	
Conifers	283 ha
Broadleaf	44 ha
Road construction	4600 metres
ATV track upgrades	2000 metres
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	Features
Designated sites:	
Loch Shiel SSSI	Oligotrophic loch/Native pinewood/Upland Oak woodland/Bryophyte assemblage/Black Throated diver/Chequered skipper.
Loch Shiel SPA	Black-throated diver
Ardgour Pinewoods SSSI	Native pinewoods
Ardgour Pinewoods SAC	Alder woodland on floodplains Caledonian forest
Moidart & Ardgour SPA	Golden eagle
Loch Shiel National Scenic Area	Fine long loch, remote rugged mountains, rich cover of woodland, forest and trees, variety and interest from the ever changing topography and shore line, hidden glens, large undisturbed loch and a haven for wildlife, nationally recognizable landmark and enduring icon.
Natural Reserve	22 ha
Caledonian Pine Wood	26 ha
Priority Species 1	Black-throated diver
Priority Species 2	Chequered Skipper
Priority Species 3	Raptors (Golden eagle)
Priority Species 4	Beetles and Reptile assemblage



Critical Success Factors:

- The harvesting of 73,500m³ volume of commercial timber is critical to ensure the other objectives of the plan can be met.
- Through the felling of coupes to produce this timber volume, 210 ha of designated PAWS will have the non-native commercial conifers removed and thus the process of restoration back to native woodland can be implemented.
- On non-PAWS, the harvesting of clearfell coupes will subsequently lead on to the restocking of 58ha of commercial productive Scots pine woodland.
- It is imperative that the FDP is secured with a deer proof fence and that deer numbers are reduced to a level that will allow for the natural regeneration of native woodland.

Consultation and Further Information:

Council area: Highland Council

Community Council: Glenfinnan Community Council

Statutory Consultees:

Highland Council 19/04/2013

SNH – 19/04/2013

SEPA – 19/04/2013

Historic Scotland – 19/04/2013

FES:

Internal Discussion Forum – with Torlundy based staff and National Advisor for Native Woodland - 26/10/2012

Consultation: events / consultees:

External Public Consultation – advertised in “Lochaber Life” – May 2013

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