



Loch Arkaig Land Management Plan Summary

Loch Arkaig Forest flanks the Northern and Southern shores of Loch Arkaig near the hamlets of Clunes and Achnacarry, 15km North of Fort William. The Northern forest blocks are accessed by a minor dead end public road. The Southern blocks are accessed by boat. This area is noted for the fishing, but more so for its link with the training of commandos for World War II missions. The Allt Mhuic area of the forest is well known for its invertebrates such as the Chequered Skipper butterfly.

Loch Arkaig LMP was approved on 19/10/2010 and runs for 10 years. What's important in the new plan:

- Gradual restoration of native woodland through the continuation of a phased clearfell system
- Maximisation of available commercial restocking area outwith the PAWS through keeping the upper margin at the altitude it is at present and designing restock coupes to sit comfortably within the landscape
- Increase butterfly habitat through a network of open space and expansion of native woodland.
- Enter into discussions with Achnacarry Estate with the aim of creating a strategic timber transport network which is mutually beneficial to the FC and the Estate, with the aim of facilitating the harvesting of timber and native woodland restoration from the Glen Mallie and South Arkaig blocks.

The primary objectives for the plan area are:

- Production of 153,274m³ of timber
- Restoration of 379 ha of native woodland following the felling of non-native conifer species on PAWS areas
- To develop access to the commercial crops to enable harvesting operations on the South side of Loch Arkaig
- To restock 161 ha of commercial productive woodland.
- To manage the butterfly reserve to increase habitat for the Chequered Skipper and Pearl Bordered Fritillary.

Total Plan Area	1902 hectares (ha)
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Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Species Breakdown	(current)	(future forest 2031)
Sitka spruce	384 ha	229 ha
Birch and other broadleaves	125 ha	704 ha
Scots pine	243 ha	438 ha
Lodgepole pine	314 ha	0 ha
Larch and other conifers	150 ha	113 ha
Felled – awaiting restock	69 ha	0 ha
Open space	617 ha	418 ha



Planned Operations	2010– 2020 plan period
Felling Restocking New planting	918 ha 160.5 ha 2.93 ha
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites Caledonian Pine Wood Priority Species 1 Priority Species 2 Priority Species 3	None 181 ha Chequered skipper Pearl bordered fritillary Pseudocyphellaria norvegica (lichen)

Critical Success Factors:

- Production of 153,274m³ of timber will be measured through the comparison of the outturn against the production forecast and sales plan
- Establish access to the existing commercial crop on the South side of Loch Arkaig to enable harvesting to take place. Success will be determined by the creation of an access network either by road or using the loch to enable movement of timber to the public road system.



Consultation and Further Information:

Council area: Highland Council

Community Council: Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
Community Council

Consultation: events / consultees

Statutory Consultees:

Highland Council – 20/12/2009

SNH – 20/12/2009

SEPA – 20/12/2009

FC:

FC Highland Conservancy – 20/12/2009

Public Consultees:

Local Councillor – 20/12/2009

Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council –
20/12/2009

Loch Eil Estate – 20/12/2009

Lochaber Fisheries Trust – 20/12/2009

DCS – 20/12/2009

Achnacarry, Bunarkaig, Clunes Community – 20/12/2009

Marine Harvest – 20/12/2009

Butterfly Conservation Scotland – 20/12/2009

Highland Forestry Forum – 20/12/2009

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