



Mucomir Land Management Plan Summary

Mucomir Forest lies in the Great Glen to the South of Loch Lochy about 2km to the North West of Spean Bridge village. Although it has a modest impact on landscape quality, it is highly visible from the A82, the iconic Commando memorial and from Gairloch and the Caledonian Canal. It has excellent access and to the public road network and the timber markets. The combination of micaceous Psammite geology and mild, wet climate and a gently undulating topography contribute to the formation of peaty and gleyed soils which are quite nutrient poor as well as the formation of some bogs. These wet soils contribute to some windblow, even although the forest is relatively low-lying and sheltered. The forest is dominated by conifer species such as Sitka spruce and Lodgepole pines, due to limiting factors such as poor soil nutrient regime and poor drainage.

Mucomir LMP was approved on 02/05/2012 and runs for 10 years. The main aims for the forest are:

- Sustainable timber production
- Improving the landscape value of the forest
- Improving the open habitat values

The primary objectives for the plan area are:

- To have a sustainable production of timber through programmed felling and restocking with Sitka spruce.
- To improve the landscape value of the area through the diversifying of age class structure and the creation of wind firm edges through progressive felling.
- To diversify the crop structure by progressive felling of first rotation crops, whilst retaining sporadic check displaying an inherently diverse crop structure.
- To maintain the open habitats (open water, bogs and mires), and expand these where similar perched water tables exist.

Total Plan Area	253 hectares (ha)
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Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Species Breakdown	(current)	(end of plan period)
Sitka spruce	178 ha	144 ha
Birch and other broadleaves	0 ha	5 ha
Scots pine	0 ha	8 ha
Lodgepole pine	15 ha	10 ha
Larch and other conifers	9 ha	13 ha
Open space	51 ha	73 ha

Planned Operations	2012– 2022 plan period
Felling	70 ha
Restocking	80 ha
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites: SSSI	Parallel Roads of Lochaber
Priority Species 1	Barn owl
Priority Species 2	Black Grouse



Consultation and Further Information:

Council area: Highland

Community Council: Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry

Consultation: events / consultees

Statutory Consultees:

Highland Council 29/11/2011

SNH – 29/11/2011

Other Consultees:

Marine Harvest – 29/11/2011

Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council –
29/11/2011

Public Consultation:

“Lochaber Life” advert – January 2012

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