



# Glenrigh Land Management Plan Summary

Glenrigh Forest lies adjacent to the Eastern shore of Loch Linnhe about 14km South west of Fort William. Over 50% of the area comprises of open ground, mostly open hill ground as well as some agricultural ground on the valley floor. Productive conifers are the dominant woodland type. This woodland is viewed from the A82 and Corran ferry.

Glenrigh FDP was approved on 15/01/2014 and runs for 10 years. The key features affecting the Glenrigh FDP area are:

- Steep ground working and the proximity to the A82 have public safety implications.
- Timber production and access to productive conifer areas.
- LISS continuous cover conifer area, important for red squirrel habitat and core recreation aesthetic value.
- Plantation on ancient woodland sites (PAWS) restoration.
- Fen/ mire habitat – the best example within the NFE.
- Recreation facilities for tourists and the local communities of Corran and Inchree

The primary objectives for the plan area are

- The production of commercial timber through the phased felling of planned coupes between 2013 – 2023.
- Remove commercial non-native trees from PAWS through the ongoing phased clearfell system.
- Re-establish native woodland on felled PAWS
- Outwith the areas designated as PAWS or open ground, restock with commercial conifers.

<b>Total Plan Area</b>	2074 hectares (ha)
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## Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Species Breakdown	(current)	(end of plan period)
Sitka spruce	696 ha	576 ha
Birch and other broadleaves	61 ha	182 ha
Pines	164 ha	110 ha
Larch	61 ha	43.5 ha
other conifers	21 ha	51.5 ha
Open space	1,044 ha	1111 ha

Planned Operations	2014– 2024 plan period
Felling	420 ha
Restocking	308 ha
Road construction	6,200 metres
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites	Onich –North Ballachulish Woods SAC Onich –North Ballachulish Woods SSSI
Minimum Intervention	35 ha
Priority Species 1	Mire/ fen
Priority Species 2	White tailed eagle
Priority Species 3	Badger
Priority Species 4	Red Squirrel



### Critical Success Factors:

- **Timber Production** – The completion of the clear fell coupes identified in the FDP over the life of the plan.
- **PAWS** – The establishment of native broadleaf species within the prescribed timescale
- **Continuous Cover** – Having identified areas appropriate for continuous cover, in terms of gradient, soil type and species, it is essential that a thinning programme, or shelter wood felling, is undertaken to retain long term continuous cover management.
- **Deer Control** – Will be essential for the establishment of native broadleaved species within the prescribed timescale.
- **Landscaping** – The successful creation of new external boundaries after clear fell and restocking as per the FDP.
- **Biodiversity/ Conservation** – Enhance and expand the existing red squirrel habitat; re-establish the areas identified as Fen/Mire; eradicate *Rhododendron ponticum*; expand native woodland into open ground.

### Consultation and Further Information:

Council area – Highland Council  
Community Council: Nether Lochaber CC

#### Consultation: events / consultees:

##### Statutory consultees:

SNH – 15/01/2013

SEPA – 15/01/2013

Historic Scotland – 15/01/2013

Highland Council (Planning & Transport) – 15/01/2013

##### Public consultees:

Nether Lochaber Community Council – 15/01/2013

Vertical Descents – 15/01/2013

Public via Lochaber Life Feb 2013 – 01/02/2013

##### Internal consultation:

FC Lochaber staff – 11/07/2012

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