



Glencoe Land Management Plan Summary

Glencoe forest lies on the lower slopes of the Pap of Glencoe, on a promontory that extends into Loch Leven, from 10 to 240 m above sea level and covering 137 ha. Highly visible from the A82, the forest is a landmark feature at the western end of Glencoe. It is a backdrop and an easily accessible recreational resource for the village of Glencoe and is also close to Ballachulish. Attracting at least 20,000 visitors a year, recreation provision includes a car park, several waymarked trails and informal access routes and an all - ability trail around Glencoe Lochan, which includes access to fishing platforms. Glencoe forest lies within the Ben Nevis and Glencoe National Scenic Area. Natural regeneration of native woodland in the wider locality has been successful and is actively encouraged by the neighbouring Estates (National Trust for Scotland and the British Alcan Estate).

Much of the area was policy woodland, which was partially restored in the early part of the 20th Century with subsequent planting from 1950, when the Forestry Commission acquired the Estate, until 1966. Harvesting of first rotation crops beginning in 1994/95.

The priority for this woodland continues to be sustainable timber production, while enhancing the landscape and improving amenity. Recreation remains a high priority and the aim is to retain the policy woodland character and expand and regenerate the native broadleaved element, with restoration of PAWS sites. Lower slopes will be managed primarily as Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) with upper slopes felled and restocked in a phased approach, creating a transition between the two areas to avoid a hard line. Control of invasive non- native species, particularly Rhododendron, remains a priority.

Glencoe LMP was approved on 13/07/2012 and runs for 10 years.

The primary objectives for the plan area are

- Produce a sustainable supply of marketable timber
- Enhance the landscape by improving the upper margins of the forest and designing coupes to create a gradual transition between Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) and clear fell coupes
- Continue to restore PAWs areas and promote natural regeneration of broadleaves
- Maintain the policy woodland character of the forest through retention of specimen trees, selection of restock species and maintenance of conifer species diversity
- Control invasive non -native species
- Manage CCF in- keeping with landscape character and site constraints
- Continue to improve the core path network; maintain all - ability facilities and accommodate informal use of the forest
- Protect water quality through design of felling coupes/ restock design; management of CCF and protection of watercourses / catchment during forestry operations



Total Plan Area	137 hectares (ha)
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Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Species Breakdown	(current)	(end of plan period)
Sitka spruce	31 ha (23%)	30 ha (22%)
Birch and other broadleaves	17 ha (13%)	16 ha (11%)
Scots pine	20 ha (15%)	21 ha (15%)
Lodgepole pine	18 ha (13%)	2 ha (2%)
Larch and other conifers	28 ha (21%)	26 ha (19%)
Open space	23 ha (17%)	42 ha (30%)

Planned Operations	2012– 2022 plan period
Felling Thinning Restocking New planting Road construction Road upgrades	34 ha 59 ha 15 ha
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites	Ben Nevis & Glencoe National Scenic Area
Minimum Intervention Natural Reserve Caledonian Pine Wood	11 ha
Priority Species	Otters Bats



Critical Success Factors:

- Deer control (although high level of deer control exerted in neighbouring Estates and browsing pressure has been low)
- Timeous thinning interventions to minimize risk of windblow
- Timing / management of forestry operations to accommodate level of recreational use
- Design felling and thinning programmes to restructure upper margins and create better transition between CCF and clear fell coupes
- Adequate control of invasive non-native species

Consultation and Further Information:

Council area and Community Council: Highland Council; Glencoe/Glen Etive Community Council

Consultation: Consultation during August 2011. Scoping meeting held 21/09/2011.

Consultees: Highland Council (Planning and Transport / Access); Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council; SNH; Forest Conservancy; Historic Scotland; SEPA.

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Location Map

