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## Stakeholder Engagement Request – Traboyack Long-Term Forest Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are working on behalf of the landowner to prepare a Forest Plan for Traboyack Forest in South Ayrshire. This Forest Plan will set out the objectives of the forest and operations planned over the next 20 years.

The forest will also be managed in line with UKFS (United Kingdom Forestry Standard) and UKWAS (United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard) to produce FSC and/or PEFC certified timber. Traboyack Forest is currently already certified. Alongside the new Forest Plan, the certification status of the Forest will be updated.

We have provided background information and included known constraints of the woodland. We would please ask you to review the attached information and raise any other relevant interests and/or comments that may be useful in the preparation of this plan. If you are able to comment, or have any other information that may assist us, please write, or email us by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. If this date is not suitable, please advise in advance or we will assume you have no comment to make.

Feedback received during this stakeholder engagement process will assist with preparation of the plan and will be included within the final documentation that will be submitted to Scottish Forestry for approval.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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## Forest Summary

Traboyack Forest is located approximately 1.25km south-west of the village of Barr in South Ayrshire. The forest is situated between the 'Plateau Moorland' and 'Pastoral Valleys' of Ayrshire Landscape Character Areas. The total area of the forest is 348.73 hectares (ha).

The forest is composed of a range of coniferous and broadleaf tree species. Sitka spruce is the most dominant tree species, with some Larch mixed into the coupes. Some very small areas of Douglas fir, Grand fir and Norway spruce were planted in 2014. Native broadleaf planting in present across the forest with some productive broadleaves planted in 2014.

See Traboyack Current Species Map

The large majority of the forest was planted between 1996 and 1999 with some newer planting in 2014 (compartment 21) and 2018 (compartment 18). As the forest is beginning to reach maturity, the establishment of the Forest Plan will create a phased harvesting plan and allow restructuring to take place to achieve the management objectives. (See table at the bottom of the page)

The landscape around the forest and the wider area is hilly with gentle, plateau moorlands with forestry to south-east and more undulating land with framing and a number of windfarms to the west. Similar sized commercial forests can be found around Traboyack, especially to the south-east.

There is some Ancient and Plantation origin woodland located at the north of the forest. These areas have high priority for conservation and benefit from with limited disturbance.

There are no environmental or landscape designations sitting in proximity to the forest.

There are no Scheduled Ancient Monuments within the boundary of the forest.

Further information regarding the forest can be viewed on Traboyack Forest Concept Map

## Forest Management Objectives

	Objectives	Indicator of objective being met
1	Production of High-Quality Timber to Meet Market Demand	Actual harvested volumes and breakout relate reasonably to production forecast.
2	Achievement of Satisfactory Restocking	Species and stocking densities at 5 years as per Forest Plan
3	Control Deer to Allow Satisfactory Restocking	Less than 10% leader loss at year 5
4	Restructure Woodlands to Diversify Woodland Composition and Structure and increase Forest Resilience	Species by P-Year distribution changes as per Forest Plan