

Forest Concept

UKFS - Restructuring will adhere to UKFS and UKWAS to increase structural and age diversity within the forest.

RESTRUCTURING – Planned phasing for felling the existing forest coupes will further diversify the age class structure Throughout the forest. Restructuring will see more native broadleaves and other conifers being planted to achieve UKFS compliance.

PUBLIC ACCESS – There are no core paths within the boundary of the forest. Pedestrian, bike and horse access is permissive as per the Land Reform Act (2003) and Scottish Outdoor Access Code (2005)

TIMBER TRANSPORT – It is likely that timber will be hauled south through the adjacent forestry blocks to the public road (C3W) This road is a Consultation Timber Transport Route. Consultation with the Local Authority will be completed prior to any haulage.

INFRASTRUCTURE – The internal road network is in good condition. No new roads are planned. General road maintenance will be undertaken where appropriate.

ARCHAEOLOGY - Several features of archaeological interest have been found within the forest. These areas will be managed during forest operations with appropriate buffer zones and managed as open ground thereafter. Consultation with the local authority will help to determine appropriate buffer distances.

SERVICES – There are no known Private Water Supplies Or any other services with the boundary of the forest.

WATER - Tarf Water is located along the western edge of the property. It is part of the River Bladnoch SAC designation. Areas of riparian woodland will be enhanced where appropriate. The forest is located with an Acid Vulnerable Catchment area. Forest & Water Guidelines will be adhered to at all times during operations.

PLANT HEALTH - The forest is located within the phytophthora ramorum management zone and any signs of disease will be managed to best practice. If any larch is identified within the forest, these coupes will be prioritised for felling. Diverse conifers will be replanted during the restructuring process.

DEER MANAGEMENT - Red and Roe deer are present throughout the property. Numbers will be controlled by a competent wildlife controller in line with Best Practice guidance.

TREE RETENTION
Areas of the forest will be designated as Long-Term Retentions and Natural Reserves to encourage and enhance the level of biodiversity across the forest and surrounding area.

PROTECTED SPECIES
Areas suitable for badgers and other EPS will be checked during the development of the LTFP and prior to any proposed works. If any setts are identified, a badger licence will be applied for and restocking prescriptions will be sympathetic to EPS habitat.



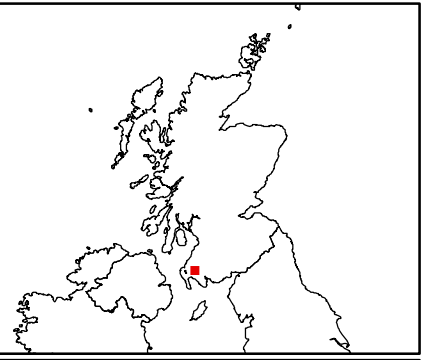
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Legend

- + NX 250 685
- ▭ Estate Boundary
- Access Point NX 25049 68060
- - - Compartments
- ▨ Kirkcowan Flow SSSI
- ▭ SAC (See Designation Names on Map)
- ▭ Scheduled Ancient Monument
- Historic Features
- ▬ Forest Road
- ▨ Artfield Forest
- Species**
- ▭ Sitka Spruce
- ▭ Lodgepole Pine
- ▭ Low Density Mixed Broadleaves
- ▭ Mixed Broadleaves
- ▭ Native Broadleaves
- ▭ Open Ground



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