

CRIANLARICH LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018

DRAFT OBJECTIVES

- Establish a definitive ancient woodland restoration area and use this, along with the FHN, as a framework for the plan area.
- Seek to expand native woodlands where appropriate including Scots pine in vicinity of Glen Falloch
- Outwith AW and FHN seek to maximise production using Sitka spruce as the predominant species in a clearfell management system.
- Establish a coupe structure that ensures stands on slopes of 40% or steeper are felled before risk of windblow becomes unacceptable.
- Use climate, site and operational constraints to guide re-establishment, avoiding productive forestry on sites that might be relatively unproductive, give poor economic returns or are potentially unstable.
- Examine management options in areas of potentially unstable ground.
- Manage ground within black grouse lek zones to favour that species.
- Manage Benmore SSSI as per updated management plan and keep invasion by SS to within acceptable tolerances.
- Examine management options in the area around the entrance to Inverardran including Community Woodland area and LEPO.
- Maintain perimeter deer fence and establish a system of deer control appropriate to the species to be established.
- Seek to soften landscape impacts where these are obtrusive.