



## Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Backhill o' Bush LMP is a priority area in Galloway Forest District for conservation and biodiversity with the primary management objective being habitat restoration and connectivity. The sustainable production of timber sympathetic to the demands of large scale landscape is also important.

<b>Total Plan Area</b>	5152.0ha
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<b>Species breakdown</b>	<b>2016 (current)</b>	<b>2026 (end of plan period)</b>
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	30.3%	23.9%
Secondary species: other conifer	2.5%	2.3%
Native broadleaf	0.8%	4.7%
Open space	66.4%	69.1%

<b>Planned Operations</b>	<b>2016–2026 plan period</b>
felling	841.8ha
thinning	0.00ha
restock	655.2ha
road construction	4760m
road upgrade	10000m

<b>Significant Environment / Conservation Features</b>	
Designated sites	Merrick Kells SSSI Ellergower Moss SSSI
Minimum Intervention / Natural Reserve	4.6% of plantation

## Critical Success Factors:

- Habitat restoration / creation of significant additional open space
- Improved water quality within R Dee catchment
- Completion of planned forest road construction

## Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Stephen Stables, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 03000676963 or [stephen.stables@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.stables@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)