



Lochaber Forest District

Morvern Forest Design Plan

Map 2a: Key Features (Barr)

Legend

- Morvern FDP Area
- ASNW
- Roads: Class A - C
- Roads: Other
- Proposed Approved Roads
- Haul Road to Pier
- USAM
- Water Supplies
- Deer Fences
- Windblow
- Quarries
- Overhead powerline
- Public Right of Way
- Footpaths



Scale: 1:25,000 @ A3

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There are a range of protected species within the forest, with pine martens making good use of the secluded forest roads.

Barr is well suited to commercial timber production and has a good road infrastructure in place. The potential species range across much of the lower slopes is wide, and could include commercial broadleaves. In places slope constrains the forest design options in terms of coupe size and shape. Timber quality is good and growth rates are high.

The age class of the forest has been broken up by restructuring under the previous plan. Windblow has an impact on future felling phasing.

Barr potentially has a significant impact on the SSSI/SAC (see Map M1 for location & boundary) in Loch Teacuis in terms of water quality. Following the Forestry & Water Guidelines (5th Ed.) will minimise adverse impacts.

A significant portion of Barr forest is identified as "Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites" (PAWS) and much of this is situated on the most productive parts of the forest. A significant area to the north of the forest is in the process of being successfully restored, with both regeneration and planted broadleaves showing good growth and stocking levels. There may be scope in future for productive broadleaves across much of the restored area, and this could utilise the existing and proposed road network required for harvesting the current softwood timber resource. Extending the broadleaved cover beyond the PAWS area could enhance linkages between the PAWS fragments, and would represent an opportunity to create a landscape scale habitat restoration.