

Summary of Laggan Land Management Plan 2015-2025 Proposals

Laggan Forest is a mixed conifer and broadleaved woodland. It lies on the eastern outskirts of the village of Comrie and on the north side of the busy A85. It was established in the late 1950s and is predominantly Norway spruce with other species that include Scots pine, Larch, Douglas fir and noble fir. Although thinned recently Laggan has missed earlier thinning windows with windblow a consequence of the most recent harvesting operations. The importance of this area of the forest is recognised with both SSSI and SAC designations.

Total Plan Area	61.8 ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Primary species: NS	30%	22%
Secondary species: OK	21%	27%
Native broadleaf	31%	44%
Open space	17%	19%

Planned operations	
Felling	19.1 ha (extra windblow clearance accounts for the difference between the area in this summary and the signed CSM6 1b)
Thinning	0 ha
Restock	19.1 ha (extra windblow clearance accounts for the difference between the area in this summary and the signed CSM6 1b)
New planting	0 ha
Road construction	0 m
Road upgrade	0 m

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	The oak woodland feature of the designated site was last monitored in 2009, and is due to be monitored again before 2018. The SAC (SSSI), on the eastern side of the gorge of the River Lednock, River Earn NSA. The Highland Boundary Fault runs through the wood and is visible in a number of places.
Vulnerable species populations	Red squirrel
A listed buildings	None
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	24% of plantation (2015), 47% of plantation (2025)

Critical Success Factors

- Re-establishment of broadleaved species using natural regeneration where possible.
- Effective management of deer and other grazing/browsing species

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 Arttu Varis, Planning Forester & Programme Manager, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6380 or arttu.varis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

