



Forestry and
Land Scotland
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Forestry and Land Scotland An Introduction



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Vision

Forests and land that Scotland can be proud of

Mission

To look after Scotland's forests and land, for the benefit of all, now and for the future

Forestry and Land Scotland



Executive agency of Scottish Government established 1 April 2019



941 employees, 5 geographical regions and a national team



Responsible for managing national forests and land on behalf of Scottish Ministers



Funded primarily by commercial trading activities – and in addition, Annual Subsidy Limit agreed with Scottish Government



Classed as a Public Corporation for the purpose of accounts



Forest management work is regulated by Scottish Forestry

Our purpose

Manage the national forests and land in a way that supports and enables economically sustainable forestry; conserves and enhances the environment; and delivers benefits for people and nature.

Support Scottish Ministers in their role as leaders of Sustainable Forest Management and Sustainable Development through their stewardship of the national forests and land.



Our forests and land

<p>640,000 hectares, 9% of Scotland's land area</p>	<p>Work on the national forests and land contributes £1 million per day Gross Value Added (GVA)</p>
<p>428 designated habitats and species on sites covering 67,500 hectares</p>	<p>9 starter farms</p>
<p>1.1 gigawatts yearly from renewable schemes (enough to power 500k homes)</p>	<p>Host to 80 projects working with communities</p>
<p>Sequesters 3 million tonnes of CO₂ each year</p>	<p>66% forested and 33% open habitat and agricultural land</p>
<p>10 million visitors welcomed annually to our forests</p>	<p>Supports 11,000 jobs working on or around the national forests and land</p>
<p>350 scheduled historic sites</p>	



What we do



Land management planning

Spatial Land Management Plans, Work Plans for individual sites, and timber production forecasting.



Timber harvesting & marketing

Direct production, managing contract timber harvesting and standing sales.



Estate management

Managing land sales and acquisitions, agricultural activities and our buildings.



Renewable energy

Working with renewables developers.



Biodiversity and wildlife management

Replanting, silviculture, deer management and habitat management.



Community benefits

Work involving local people and special interest groups, and management of Community Asset Transfer Scheme.



Recreation and visitor services

Design, build and maintenance of recreation facilities. Management of public and sporting events and activities. We have 308 destinations.



Civil engineering

Building and maintaining roads, river crossings and drainage.

Corporate outcomes*

- FLS supports a sustainable rural economy by managing the national forests and land in a way that encourages business growth, development opportunities, jobs and investments.
- Scotland's national forests and land are looked after; biodiversity is protected and enhanced and more environmental services are provided to people.
- Everyone can visit and enjoy Scotland's national forests and land to connect with nature, have fun, benefit their health and wellbeing and have the opportunity to engage in our community decision making.
- FLS is a supportive, safe and inclusive organisation that provides exciting careers, professional development and strives to be an employer of choice.
- FLS is recognised as a high performing, efficient and effective, financially sustainable organisation that continues to transform and adapt.

* currently draft, will conclude after consultation in October

National outcomes

FLS can contribute to all of Scotland's National Outcomes set out in the National Performance Framework, but can make a particular contribution to the following:



Economy

We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy



Environment

We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment



Health

We are healthy and active



Communities

We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe



Fair Work and Business

We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone



Education

We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society



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