

Lennox Forest LMP – Summary of Proposals

Lennox Forest has served as an important productive forest within Central Region, producing significant volumes of standard quality timber. The intention is to maintain this purpose whilst continuing to diversify the structural and biological makeup of the block. Recent tree health concerns over various pine and larch species have necessitated a re-evaluation of further planned species diversification for the block supporting the continued judicious use of Spruce both Sitka and Norway both as pure crops and in mixtures with species such as Lodgepole pine and Douglas fir.

The proportion of native broadleaves within the forest will be increased and the move, initiated in previous plans, to create semi natural Forest Habitat Networks along the riparian corridors continues.

The primary objectives for the plan area are to continue the sustainable production of timber, enhance native woodland habitat networks and to develop and maintain high quality access and recreation infrastructure.

Key proposals

Total Plan Area	306 Ha	
Planned operations	2020-2030 plan period	
Felling	55 Ha	
Thinning	0 Ha	
Restock	52 Ha	
Road Construction	0.2 Ha	

Land use changes

Land use	2020	2030
Primary species: Sitka spruce	155	129
Secondary species: other conifers	42	54
Broadleaves	29	31
Open, Successional, Felled, Other	80	93

The key considerations in producing thus plan were crop quality, landscape, habitat connectivity and conservation. The design enhances and retains riparian habitat and diversifies the species and age range of the crop whilst conserving heritage features.

Consultation and Further Information

Central Region consulted with local neighbours via postcard drop, local posters and a press release whilst Central Scotland Conservancy consulted on the plan with wider stakeholders.

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