



**Multipurpose Forestry Zone:**

This area is more sheltered and has better soils than higher elevations. This will provide opportunities to seek a greater range of future management options e.g. thinning, continuous cover forestry, productive broadleaves.

This zone also offers opportunities to diversify the forest through more diverse restock species choices.

Using greater species diversity and a mixture of management options (including long term retentions) will give this zone a greater structural diversity in the future.

**Native Woodland Zone:**

This zone encompasses the Forest Habitat Network, existing Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW) and Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS), including riparian areas. It also includes buffers to infrastructure e.g. A815.

Work will continue to maintain and enhance this habitat including through management of invasive non-native species (INNS), or converted following clearfelling of conifers.

While native species will be the components of the future forest in this zone, this does not preclude managing these areas productively where suitable.

**Timber Production Zone:**

This zone has higher exposure and nutrient poorer soils, so clearfell and restock can be expected to be the main management system here.

Sitka spruce can be expected to be the main productive species. Larch was specified in mixture in a lot of this zone in the previous plan, but due to Phythophthora ramorum this will be replaced in this iteration.

**Open Habitat Zone:**

A mosaic of priority open habitats, including Blanket Bog, Upland Heath and Upland Flush, Fen & Swamp. Used by various protected species, but is in a degraded state due to grazing pressure and natural regeneration of Sitka spruce.

Management priorities for this zone will be investigated and opportunities sought to improve the condition of this zone for biodiversity.

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**Legend**

Management Zones		Main Forest Roads	
	Multipurpose Forestry		Main Forest Roads
	Native Woodland		Other Forest Roads and Tracks
	Timber Production		Planned Roads
	Open Habitat		Glenbranter Forest
	Other Open Ground		

Note: Other Open Ground encompasses such areas as roadlines, buildings and car parks, and is not described further on this map.