Milton Land Management Plan 2017 - 2027 Summary of Proposals

The Milton Land Management Plan area lies between the settlements of Brig o' Turk and Kilmahog to the west of Callander in Stirlingshire. The plan area is roughly polygonal with long straight edges defined by legal boundaries rather than topographic features. The block is within the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, The Queen Elizabeth Forest Park and The Great Trossachs Forest. The setting is one of hills and steep glen sides, dominated by the summit of Ben Ledi to the north. The south side of Loch Venachar is dominated by commercial spruce forest but the northern shore has a greater variety of ancient and new native woodland with sheep and cattle grazing on open ground. The area is valued for its landscape and proves a great draw for visitors.

| Total Plan Area | 158ha |
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| Species breakdown | Current | End of the plan period |
|-------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Sitka spruce | 24.6% | 0.0% |
| Larch | 10.7% | 1.0% |
| Scots pine | 4.5% | 10.6% |
| Other conifers | 1.4% | 0.0% |
| Native broadleaf | 25.5% | 44.8% |
| Open space | 33.3% | 43.6% |
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| Planned operations | |
|--------------------|---|
| Felling | 60.7ha; |
| Thinning | There is no thinning planned during the plan period. |
| Restock | 60.7ha of which 46.0ha is broadleaf and 14.7ha conifer. |
| New planting | None. |
| Road construction | Access requirements will be finalised prior to operations |
| | commencing. |
| Road upgrade | See above. |

| Significant environment/ Conservation features | |
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| Designated sites | There are no designated sites in the plan area though there are |
| | areas of ancient semi-natural woodland. |
| Vulnerable species | Several protected birds of prey nest in, or use, the plan area. Black |
| populations | grouse occur nearby. |
| A listed buildings | None. |
| Minimum intervention & | In 5.2ha of the plan area management operations will be restricted |
| natural reserve | to those necessary for conservation objectives. |

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact:

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