



Loch Eck Land Management Plan

M10 Design Concept

Legend

Loch Eck Land Management Plan Boundary

Loch Eck SSSI

Ancient Woodland Inventory (SNHi)

Ancient of Semi Natural Origin

Long Established of Plantation Origin

Slope Stability Risk Score

Low

Low to Moderate

Moderate to High

Forest Roads & Tracks

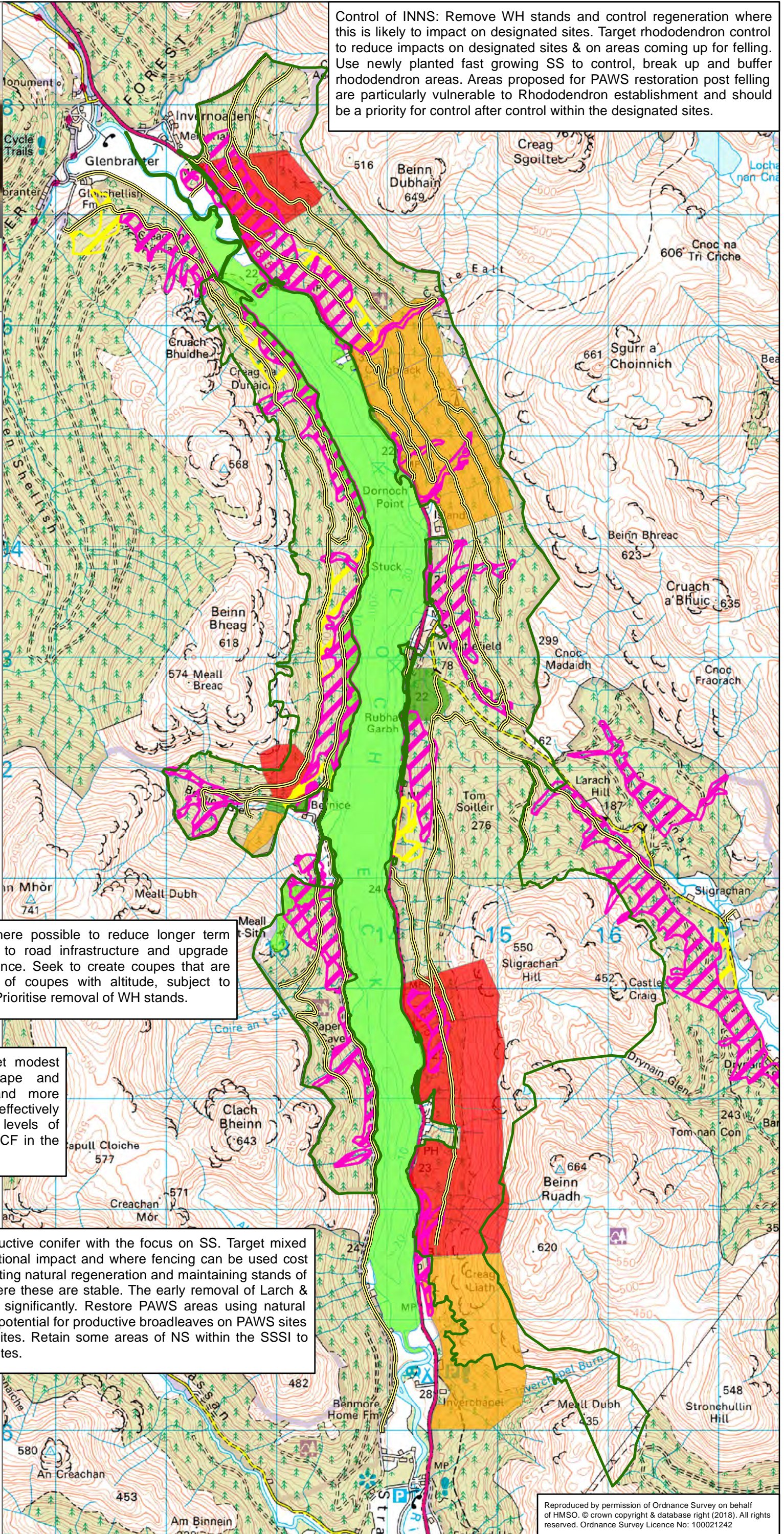
The full forest area lies within the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

Control of INNS: Remove WH stands and control regeneration where this is likely to impact on designated sites. Target rhododendron control to reduce impacts on designated sites & on areas coming up for felling. Use newly planted fast growing SS to control, break up and buffer rhododendron areas. Areas proposed for PAWS restoration post felling are particularly vulnerable to Rhododendron establishment and should be a priority for control after control within the designated sites.

Clearfelling: bring forward Larch fellings where possible to reduce longer term impacts of P.ramorum. Link felling phases to road infrastructure and upgrade maintenance cost. Prioritise windblow clearance. Seek to create coupes that are sympathetic to landform and avoid tiering of coupes with altitude, subject to harvesting practicalities and windfirm edges. Prioritise removal of WH stands.

Continuous Cover: Limited scope, so target modest areas with the highest positive landscape and recreational impacts and where INNS and more competitive conifer regeneration can be effectively managed. Long term retentions with low levels of intervention can fulfil many of the roles of CCF in the medium term.

Restructuring: Retain a critical mass of productive conifer with the focus on SS. Target mixed conifer areas for maximum landscape/recreational impact and where fencing can be used cost effectively. Maintain conifer diversity by accepting natural regeneration and maintaining stands of NS & DF past the optimal rotation length where these are stable. The early removal of Larch & WH will deplete the area of diverse conifer significantly. Restore PAWS areas using natural regeneration where possible but consider the potential for productive broadleaves on PAWS sites using planted stock outwith the designated sites. Retain some areas of NS within the SSSI to provide Red Squirrel habitat and raptor nest sites.



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