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
## Glen Croe Land Management Plan


### M32: Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) Issues.


#### Legend

 Glen Croe LMP area

#### Slopes with Potential for CCF

 Slope 0 to 6 degrees

 Slope 6 to 11 degrees

 Slope 11 to 18 degrees

A form of non-productive continuous cover protection forestry is proposed for the unstable slopes along east Glen Croe

Site exposure and soil characteristics are not limiting factors for CCF across most of the site.

Current stands of mature NS are developing an understorey dominated by SS.

Unthinned crops past their thinning window constrain the wider application of CCF in this rotation.

CCF on steep slopes can provide a range of environmental benefits, however working these areas has a high economic cost. The broken rocky terrain in places compounds the difficulties of working on slopes.

**Impacts on Plan:**

Most of the areas proposed for CCF under the current plan are not viable.

There may be scope for an expansion of CCF under subsequent rotations.

The ratio of future costs/benefits of CCF on steep slopes may change and future plan reviews should consider this in future evaluations. In targeted areas the benefits of CCF in terms of landscape, ecology and recreation outweigh the higher operational costs.

Under NS managed as CCF on this site SS is highly likely to be the successor species. CCF areas should be monitored and action taken to maintain species diversity either by selective respacing or enrichment planting.

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