

Strathlachlan Land Management Plan 2016-2026

Summary of Proposals

Strathlachlan Land Management Plan area lies to the south west of Strachur in Argyll (see location map). The plan area is orientated south west – north east, parallel to Loch Fyne and is split into three units. The setting is one of ridges and glens with moderately steep slopes and a mix of commercial spruce forest and hill grazing. There are extensive areas of ancient semi-natural woodland and important bird, mammal and insect populations in the plan area. The surrounding area is valued for its landscape and gardens and the A866 is a key route to South Cowal and ferries to the Isle of Bute and Kintyre.

Total Plan Area	1869ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Sitka spruce	52.9	45.5%
Larch	5.0%	3.6%
Scots pine	1.9%	1.3%
Other conifers	6.4%	8.1%
Native broadleaf	6.5%	13.4%
Other broadleaf	0.9%	2.0%
Open space	26.4%	26.1%

Planned operations	
Felling	205ha;
Thinning	A small area of oak woodland will be thinned; where site conditions and exposure appear favourable younger stands that are approaching 10m -15m in height will be considered for first thinning.
Restock	257ha of which 149ha is conifer and 108ha broadleaf.
New planting	None.
Road construction	Three new roads, with a combined length of approximately 3.1km will be required to access harvesting sites.
Road upgrade	Routine maintenance will be required on all forest roads.

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	There are no designated sites in the plan area though there are significant areas of ancient semi-natural woodland.
Vulnerable species populations	Several protected birds of prey nest in, or use, the plan area. Black grouse are known to occur and red squirrels and pine marten are present. Wood ants are widespread in the southern part of the area.
A listed buildings	None.
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	In 7.2ha of the plan area management operations will be restricted 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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