Strathlachlan Land Management Plan 2027-2037

Text Annotations on Strathlachlan Concept Map

There are five large text box included on this map which contain some additional explanatory text to compliment what is shown on this map. One text box appears below the map legend; this text box refers to the whole map and forest area in general, rather than a specific Management Zone. The other four refer to the Management Zones illustrated on the map, and describe the management concepts for these areas.

To make the map labels accessible to people using screen reading technology, the exact text of each text box is given here, starting with the text referring to the whole map in general, followed by each Management Zone text box in turn:

* Please note: A range of management techniques will be used to meet the objectives of the plan, and this concept map, and the management zones illustrated, show where management goals will be broadly similar. These zones are not to be interpreted rigidly; there will be flexibility in approach within them and over time.
* **Native Woodland Zone:** This zone includes existing Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW), including excellent examples of Temperate Rainforest habitat. Work will continue to maintain and enhance this habitat including through management of invasive non-native species (INNS). Where programmed clearfelling of conifers in this zone allows, Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) will be converted to native woodlands. This zone also includes Riparian areas throughout the forest. There is already a strong presence of native riparian woodland in some areas, but this will be expanded as part of restocking operations
* following clearfelling.
* **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.
* **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. Lodgepole Pine was included in some areas as a restock species in this zone, but high weevil populations and poor performance of this species means it will not be considered in this LMP iteration.
* **Open Habitat Zone:** Upland Heath habitat is used by various protected species, but is in a degraded state due to grazing pressure, poorly growing remnant plantation conifers and natural regeneration of Sitka spruce. Recent investigations have indicated that deep peat is not as widespread as previously thought, but further investigations will take place. Management priorities for this zone will be investigated and opportunities sought to improve the condition of this zone for biodiversity.