



## Forth Mosses LMP – Summary of Proposals

Forth Mosses Land Management Plan combines two previously separate plan areas of Flanders Moss and Cardross between the villages of Buchlyvie and Port of Menteith within the Stirling Local Authority area. Most of the Cardross area is also within Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The plan covers a range of forest management and habitat types within a lowland peatland and basin landscape. The intention of this plan is to enhance the important function of carbon capture and flood risk mitigation through peatland restoration at Flanders whilst also addressing the need to mitigate the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* through minor felling and thinning at Cardross.

This plan significantly reduces the area of Sitka spruce and larch species and sees the area of native broadleaves area and restored open habitat peatland increase.

### Management Objectives

No.	Objectives
1	Continue process started in the previous plan of restoring and protecting Flanders nationally important Lowland Raised Bog habitat.
2	Maintain and where appropriate enhance valuable woodland habitat which benefits watercourses and species such as red squirrel.
3	Continue to manage to conserve the Lake of Menteith SSSI.
4	Take opportunities to remove larch to prevent the eastward spread of tree disease <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> .
5	Maintain visitor offering including the National Cycle Route and access to the River Forth.

### Key proposals

Total Plan Area	969.8 Ha
Planned Operations	2024-2034
Clearfell	121.72 Ha*
Thinning	14.9 Ha
Restock	41.52 Ha
Peatland restoration	181.57 Ha

\*includes deforestation for peatland restoration

### Land use changes

Species Breakdown	2024 Area (Ha)	2034 Area (Ha)
Primary species: Sitka spruce	125.9	19
Secondary species: other	110.2	107.4
Broadleaves	54.6	127.5
Open/other	679.1	715.9

### Consultation and Further Information

Central Region consulted with key stakeholders including neighbours and the local community through various means including an online consultation page, community group engagement and social media platforms.

For further information on the plan please contact [enquiries.central@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:enquiries.central@forestryandland.gov.scot)