

Corlarach Land Management Plan 2017 - 2027

Summary of Proposals

The Corlarach Land Management Plan area lies to the south west of the town of Dunoon on the west side of the Firth of Clyde in Argyll. The plan area is orientated approximately south west – north east, reaching from Dunoon in the north to Toward in the south. The Clyde is the effective eastern boundary and Glen Fyne marks the western extent. The block consists of an extensive low plateau reaching an elevation of about 400m. The eastern slopes dominate the western side of the entrance to the Clyde and the southern part overlooks Rothesay on the Isle of Bute. Although there is a fringe of settlements and agricultural land close to the shore, the area is dominated by plantation woodland, mainly of commercial spruce. The key objective is to maintain timber production whilst delivering a range of other benefits such as increased diversity and habitat improvement.

Total Plan Area	2707ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Sitka spruce	58.4%	47.2%
Larch	5.2%	2.7%
Lodgepole pine	2.2%	4.8%
Other conifers	4.0%	6.4%
Broadleaves (inc. native)	4.2%	9.5%
Open space	26.0%	29.4%

Planned operations	
Felling	756.1ha.
Thinning	Up to 30ha of first thinning in conifers; potential for broadleaved thinning will be assessed.
Restock	734.5ha of conifer; 137.3ha of broadleaf.
New planting	None.
Road construction	Access requirements will be finalised prior to operations commencing.
Road upgrade	See above.

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	There is one designated ancient monument above Innellan. A small area in the south west is included in the Castle Toward designed landscape.
Vulnerable species populations	Several protected birds of prey nest in, or use, the plan area. Black grouse are known to occur. Red squirrels are also present.
A listed buildings	None.
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	25.6ha have been designated as natural reserve and a further 10.2ha as minimum intervention. In these areas 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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