

**Inverness Ross & Skye  
Forest District  
Glen Urquhart  
Land Management Plan**

**Map 3 Analysis & Concept**

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**Buntait Analysis**  
Difficult access from the A831. Lodgepole pine infected with Dothistroma needle blight and extensively wind blown. Fertile soils in the southern part of the area on PAWS.  
**Concept**  
Construct link road into the southern area. Remove large areas of lodgepole pine over a 2 to 3 year timescale. Increase felling coupe size for economies of scale. Restore native woodland.

**Rychruggan and Polmaily Analysis**  
Restricted access. Predominantly PAWS. South facing, medium fertility. Creag Ballach has mature conifers on steep ground above the A831. Pearl bordered fritillary butterfly habitat along the Polmaily roadsides.  
**Concept**  
Full restoration of Native Woodland. Harvest Creag Ballach within 10 yrs. Maintain butterfly habitat; expand if possible.

**Creag Nay Analysis**  
Long, poor quality access, across third party ground. Steep slopes above the A82. Unthinned 1st rotation conifers required cable crane harvesting. Great Glen Way passes through the forest. Highly visible in the landscape from many view points.  
**Concept**  
Upgrade and extend the road network. Replant steep slopes above A82 with native broadleaves. Felling coupe design requires significant input from Landscape Architect. No felling coupes scheduled during the lifetime of the plan.

Kilmartin Estate  
Managed by Bidwells  
Mixed Forestry

Balmacaan Estate  
Managed by Tilhill  
Native Woodland

Corrimony  
RSPB Reserve  
Native Woodland

**Shenval Analysis**  
Undulating terrain with many watercourses forming part of the catchment for the River Enrick. Riparian corridor for the Allt Seanabhaille. Lower ground is PAWS. Mature 1st rotation conifers are starting to blow down. Close to the RSPB Corrimony Nature Reserve.  
**Concept**  
Replant the most fertile non-PAWS sites with Sitka spruce and Douglas fir. Expand broadleaved areas by regeneration and planting where necessary. Design small, well landscaped coupes, targeting the oldest crops. Riparian zone enhancement.

**Shewgile, Lochletter and Delshangie Woods Analysis**  
North-facing with fertile soils. Particularly suited to growing Sitka spruce and high yielding conifers. Well roaded. Mostly even aged crop which is unsuitable for thinning because of age, ground conditions and low stocking density. Forms continuous forested back-drop to the main glen and Loch Meikle. Riparian habitats and flood management relevance. Ancient woodland sites with almost no remaining associated ground flora. Remnants exist along the watercourses. Native woodland expansion outside the LMP boundary.  
**Concept**  
Management by clearfell and restock with Norway spruce and Douglas fir. Re-structure the forest by some premature clearfelling. Ensure shape and scale of felling coupes is sympathetic to the landscape. Plant suitable alternative species of conifer and productive broadleaves. Adhere to Forest and Water Guidelines in riparian zone and flood management. Expand riparian broadleaf areas. Restock upper and lower edges with native conifers or broadleaves. Third rotation non-native conifer planting will be confined to the central section of the PAWS enhancement area.

**Coilte, Herds Hill and Drumclune Analysis**  
Suited to growing conifers. Some areas of cable crane harvesting and steep ground restocking. Mature crops subject to increasing wind blow. Highly visible in the landscape from Drummadrocht. PAWS on the lower slopes.  
**Concept**  
Management by clearfell and restock with conifers, predominantly Sitka spruce and Scots pine. Larger coupes are necessary to minimise windblow risk. Increase the area of native broadleaves. Long term retentions for stability and recreation.

**Legend**

- LMP Boundary
- Heritage Status**
  - Ancient Monument (S)
  - Ancient Monument (U)
  - Rights of Way
  - Great Glen Way
- Roads Classification**
  - Class A
  - Class B
  - Class C
  - Unclassified
  - Agreed Haulage Routes
  - Consultation Haulage Routes
  - Watercourses
  - Overhead Powerline
  - Underground Powerline
  - Car Parks
  - WGS Native Woodland
  - RSPB Reserve
- Ancient Woodland ANTIQUITY**
  - Ancient (of semi-natural origin)
  - Long-Established (of plantation origin)
  - Other (on Roy map)
  - SSSI
  - SAC
  - SPA

