



Fine view along Loch Leven from this elevated viewpoint. The view is in danger of being overgrown and needs to be maintained.

Good views of the Pap of Glencoe from this internal view.

Silvicultural Analysis.

The woodland to the west of the Lochan has a very wide range of specimen North American conifers as both individual trees and groves. These are set in a matrix of mature NBL. Much of the Scots Pine area adjacent to the Lochan has been well thinned. The woodland to the east of the Lochan in contrast, contains many dense stands of mature unthinned commercial conifers which create difficulties in fulfilling the desire to optimise the LISS area. In particular the dense conifers on the slope, just to the east of the Lochan shore, have a high internal landscape impact and are subject to very constrained management options.

The purple hatched area represents a steep bank that despite its small area has a disproportionate landscape impact. The management of this area is constrained by the recent fellings that have taken place in this area. In silvicultural terms this slope represents the natural margin between the LISS on the gentle slopes below and the commercial forestry on the steep slope itself and rolling onto the upper slopes. However because of the landscape significance of this area it is necessary to create a diverse margin between the LISS and the CF areas to avoid an abrupt tiering effect, and the impression being given to any passerby that clearfells were dominant on the site. In practical terms managing LISS on steep slopes is difficult, but given the short length of the slope and the landscape priority, then a flexible approach is required to meet the challenge.

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Glencoe Forest Design Plan

Map 6: Analysis & Landscape Character

Scale: 1:10,000 @ A3

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Legend

- FDP Area
- Glencoe Lochan is a key visitor attraction. It's attractive setting could be further enhanced with additional broadleaves, especially to achieve autumn colour, and a shrub layer which extends into the forest in places, to create a more varied edge. Aim to expand all year round interest with enrichment planting. The calm, sheltered setting also means that additional autumn colour will reflect in the Lochan's surface – an added asset.
- These two hills are prominent in long views. While both are likely to be managed as continuous cover, managing the western hill to stand apart from the rest of the woodland (for example through a different main species or density), would enhance wider views by allowing it to 'stand apart.'
- Conifers on these slopes do add interest to the setting of the Lochan and the wider recreation interest. Fine stands and small groups or even single trees of more exotic species are appropriate in this policy woodland type setting, even although this is a PAWS.
- Steep slope facing main road and village where species choice and coupe design have a disproportionate landscape impact in relation to the small area.

