

Summary of Forest Design Plan Proposals

Strathdon plan is made up of Bunzeach and Auchernoch blocks both located within the Cairngorms National Park. The main priority for the blocks is the production of a sustainable timber crop while at the same time maximising their biodiversity value.

Dothestroma Needle Blight (DNB) has had a significant impact on the area and timing of clearfelling in this plan as well as the species choice for restocking.

Advantage has been taken of the limited areas with better soils to plan the planting of other appropriate species, including broadleaves to increase the biodiversity of the block.

Much of the mature crops on the north face are planned to be managed under Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS) (282.5 ha).

Total plan area	2130 ha
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Species breakdown	2013	2022
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	33.1 %	32.3 %
Secondary species: Lodgepole Pine	16.1 %	17.1 %
Other conifers	26 %	19.1 %
Broadleaves	2.6 %	5.3 %
Open space	11.5 %	11.8 %
Felled	10.7 %	14.4 %

Planned operations	2013 – 2022
Felling	333 ha
Restock	414.9 ha

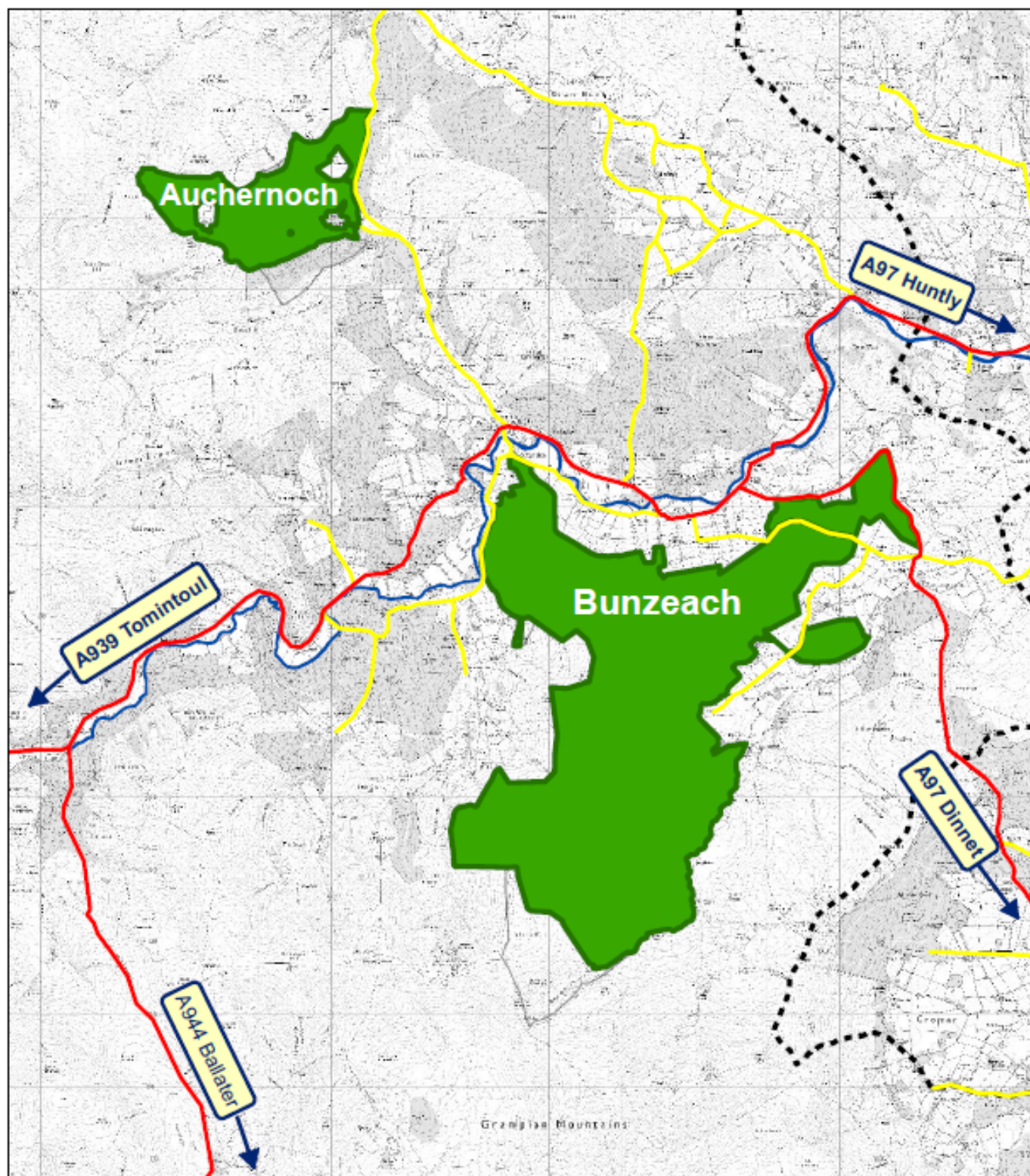
Heritage	The plan area contains one scheduled monument, Newe's Craig still. The monument comprises a small, sunken hut interpreted as the site of an illicit still dating to the 18th or early 19th century.
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Critical success factors

- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to increase the quality of the timber within the plan area.
- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to continue the LISS management by creating stands with good potential for seed production at conversion stage.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network to allow forest operations to be successfully completed.

Consultation and Further Information:

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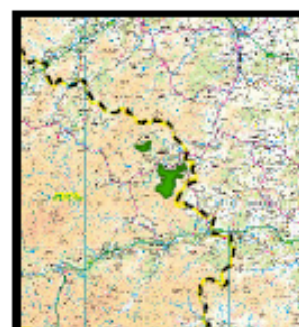
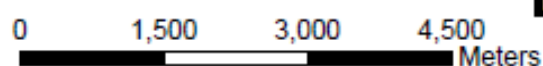
Strathdon Design Plan

Map 1 Location

Scale: 1:50,000 @ A3

Date: August 2012

-  Strathdon blocks
-  A roads
-  Minor roads
-  Cairngorms national park boundary



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