

Summary of Forest Design Plan Proposals

Aultmore is located 5 kilometres north of Keith. It was originally a peat moorland and was planted between 1961 and 1973, so it is just starting to come into production. It is surrounded by farmland and is fairly visible within the local Morayshire landscape. The main objective for Aultmore is the production of a sustainable timber crop while dealing with the issue of Dothestroma Needle Blight (DNB) infection of the pine crops.

Total plan area	2415.2 ha
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Species breakdown	2013	2022
Primary species: Lodgepole Pine	35 %	19 %
Secondary species: Sitka Spruce	23 %	33 %
Other conifers	16 %	29 %
Broadleaves	0.5 %	5 %
Open and felled areas	28 %	14 %

Planned operations	2013 – 2022
Felling	713.2 ha
Restock	578.1 ha

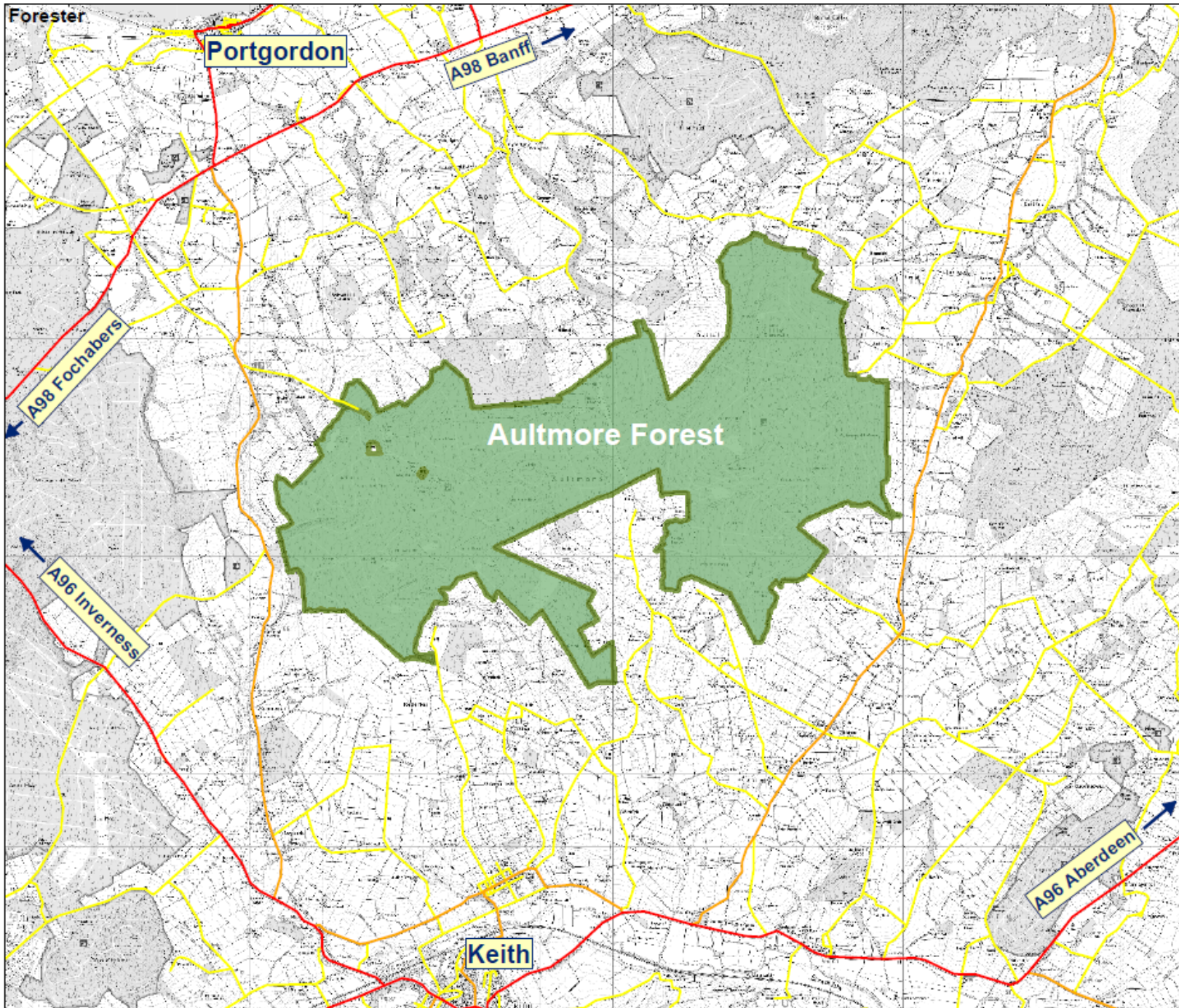
Critical success factors





- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to increase the quality of the timber within the plan area.
- Continue to manage the spread of DNB through clearfelling and subsequently restocking with appropriate, less susceptible, species.
- Undertake the felling coupes as programmed to deliver the landscape improvements intended.
- Undertake the expansion of the quarry to win more road maintenance materials on site.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network to allow forest operations to be successfully completed.

Further Information:

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-  Aultmore forest
-  A roads
-  B roads
-  Minor roads

