



Callander Forests LMP – Summary of Proposals

Callander Forests Land Management Plan combines three previously separate plan areas close to the town of Callander in Stirlingshire. The plan covers a range of forest management and habitat types and have a varied landscape and social value. All, apart from the eastern part of Torrie fall within Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The intention of this plan is to maintain the important function these woodland provide in terms of landscape and recreation whilst addressing the need to mitigate the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum*, mitigate flood risk and restore peatland habitat.

This plan significantly reduces the area of Sitka spruce and larch species and sees the area of native broadleaves area and restored open habitat peatland increase.

Management Objectives

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1	Protect water quality in relation to both private and public water supplies and reduce flood risk by limiting felling within flood sensitive catchments.
2	Prioritise the removal of Larch to help reduce the spread of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> .
3	Continue to liaise with the local community on the management of the Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) woodlands around Callander.
4	Maintain key recreational infrastructure and improve internal and external views through design, species choice and management.
5	Identify and prioritise Ancient Woodland Sites (AWS) for restoration and protection
6	Remove invasive species to protect and enhance cultural assets and key wildlife species/protected habitats.

Key proposals

Total Plan Area	780 Ha
Planned Operations	2024-2034
Clearfell	140.3 Ha*
Thinning	138.89 Ha
Restock	109.11 Ha
Peatland restoration	65.01 Ha

*includes deforestation for peatland restoration

Land use changes

Species Breakdown	2024 Area (Ha)	2034 Area (Ha)
Primary species: Sitka spruce	260.2	119
Secondary species: other	132.6	69.3
Broadleaves	162.1	295.8
Open/other	224.9	265.7

Consultation and Further Information

Central Region consulted with key stakeholders including neighbours and the local community through various means including an online consultation page, drop in events, community group engagement and social media platforms.

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