



# Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

The Minniwick Land Management unit comprises of a single forest block neighboring the villages of Bargrennan and Loch Trool. Covering 700.1 ha, the management unit is located around 10 km to the north west of Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway, South Scotland. It is part of Scotland’s national forests and land, owned by Scottish Ministers on behalf of the people of Scotland, and managed by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS).

The Minniwick Land Management Plan (LMP) defines the management prescriptions for the next ten years (2023-33), and presents the vision for the long-term management of the area. The main management objectives in this plan focus on sustainable low impact timber production, management of ancient woodland sites, and water quality.

Composition of Plan Area	Area (ha)	Percentage of plan area (%)
Woodland Area	562.9	80
External Open Ground Area	137.2	20
Total Plan Area	700.1	100

Species Breakdown	2023 (current)	(ha / %)	2033 (end plan period)	(ha / %)
Primary Species: Sitka Spruce	206.7	30%	236.6	25%
Secondary Species: Native Broadleaves	170.6	25%	159.1	23%
Secondary Species: Other Conifers	155.7	23%	164.7	24%

Species Breakdown	2023 (current)	(ha / %)	2033 (end plan period)	(ha / %)
Fallow	29.8	4%	55.6	8%
Open space	121.3	18%	141	20%

Planned Operations	2022 – 2032 plan period
Felling	137.09 ha
Thinning	286.42 ha
Planting	168.11 ha
Road construction	100 m
Road upgrade	0 m

Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Special Protection Area (SPA)	No
Deep peat soil (>50 cm thickness)	Some areas of Scenario 'B' soils. Areas found that will clearly support good growth of Yield Class 8 or more, then they will be restocked with those that do not remaining as managed open after the current crop is removed.
Biosphere reserve	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere
Environmentally Sensitive Area (Scotland)	Western Southern Uplands
Minimum Intervention (MI) / Natural Reserve / Long Term Retention (LTR)	Natural Reserve 33.83 ha (5%) MI 42.35 ha (6%)

## Critical Success Factors

- Increased use of alternative to clearfell management practices.
- Management of spruce in low impact management areas, ancient woodland areas and riparian zones.
- Creation of access provisions for affective deer management.
- Resources committed to re-generation removal to maintain open areas.
- Fell years to be kept as priority in Acid Sensitive Catchment areas.

## Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted with the local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact: [enquiries.south@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:enquiries.south@forestryandland.gov.scot)