

## Summary of Forest Design Plan Proposals

Rosarie and Greenhills are located near Mulben with the area largely being rural with a low population. The block covers a total area of 980ha with the main accesses being taken from the A95 Keith to Craigellachie road. The forests are predominantly coniferous, of plantation origin with Sitka Spruce currently being the primary species. The forest is located in an upland farmland landscape, which lies to the east of the river Spey between the Coastal Farmland and Open Uplands. It is of relevance to this plan that new planting sites at Curlusk and Broadfield both border this forest, indeed Curlusk is entirely surrounded by Rosarie forest, and a separate land management plan will be completed for these two sites. The forest is important to both the Drummuir and Botriphnie Community Trust and the Strathisla Community Council.

The main priorities/objectives of this plan are as follows: -

- The production of high quality timber.
- Expanding broadleaf resource in order to help reach 20% national target.
- Improving functional habitat networks.

<b>Total plan area</b>	980 ha
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<b>Species breakdown</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2025</b>
Primary species: Scots Pine	44	41.4
Secondary species:	16.7	17.8
Other conifers	16	16.8
Broadleaves	1.1	7.9
Open and felled areas	22.2	16.1

<b>Planned operations</b>	<b>2013 – 2022</b>
Felling	149.5 ha
Restock	226 ha

## Critical success factors

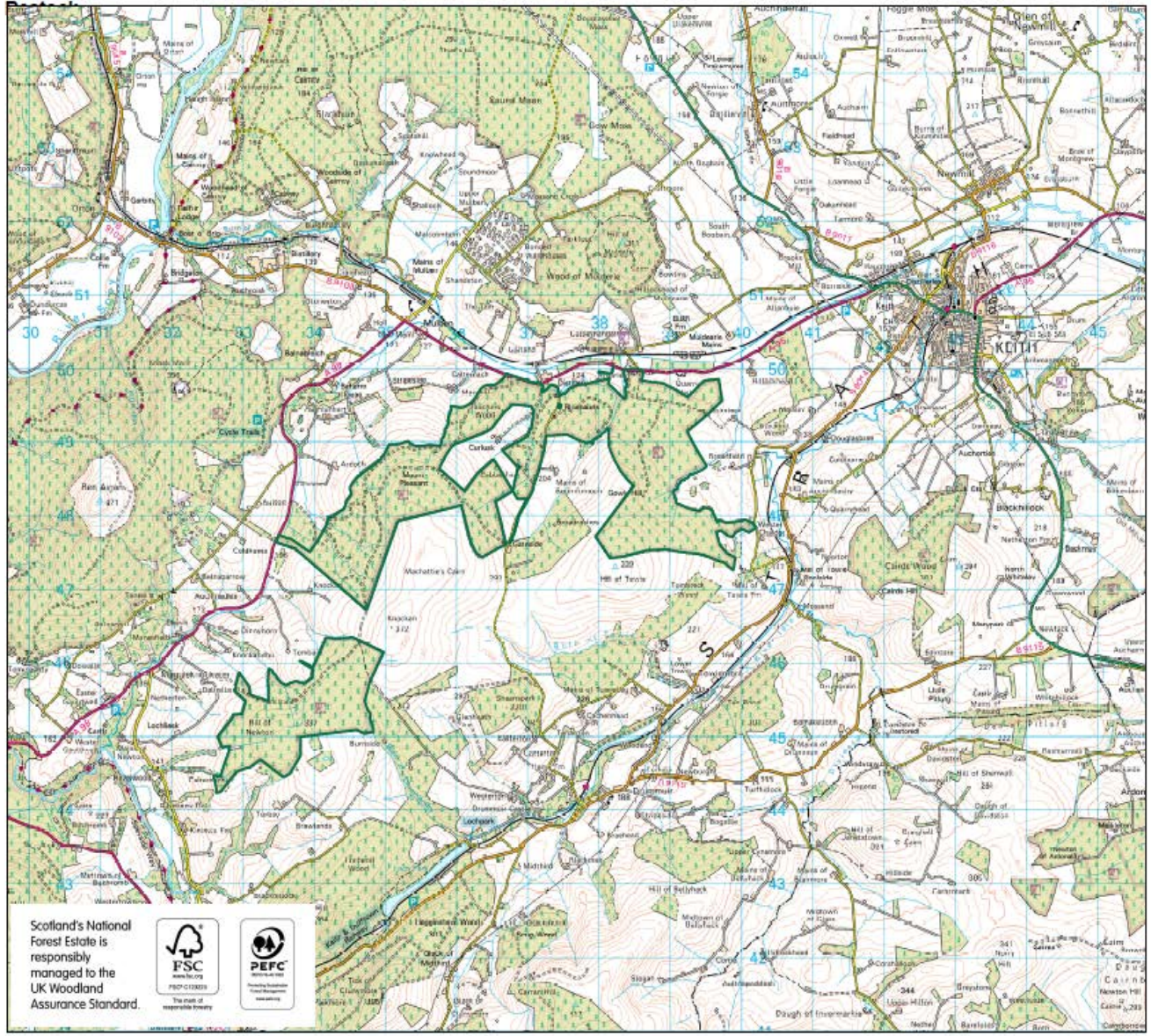
- Undertake felling and restocking within sensible periods to allow for continued restructuring of the forest.

- Planting of broadleaves and diversification of conifer species in order to meet species diversity targets.
- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to improve crop quality.
- Construct the planned forest road to allow the currently inaccessible coupes to be managed.
- Maintain forest/heathland transitional areas.

## Consultation and Further Information:

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**Legend**  
 Forest Boundary

Scotland's National Forest Estate is responsibly managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.



