



# Slattadale Land Management Plan

## Annotations on Map 2 Key Issues and Features

There are eleven text boxes on this map with corresponding arrows pointing to pertinent areas. To make this information accessible to people using screen reading technology, the exact content of each of text box is given here - in no particular order of significance. An additional sentence has been added to each text box description to explain exactly where the text box arrows point to on the map.

1. Eilean Ruairidh Mor is a National Nature Reserve and is managed under agreement by NatureScot. The text box arrow points to this island in Loch Maree.
2. Good levels of native tree regeneration (not Scots pine) across much of low lying clear-felled terrain but also (seedbed) non-native conifer regeneration establishing. Two text box arrows point at general areas in north and north-west of the LMP area where extensive timber harvesting has been carried out over the last ten years.
3. Perimeter fencing, gates and grids allowing control of deer irrespective of neighbouring management objectives. The text box arrow points at one section of the LMP's boundary but – as the text implies relates to the entire perimeter.
4. Loch Maree and islands are a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation. Four text box arrows point towards a number of the islands including Eilean Ruairidh Mor.
5. Marked increase in year-round visitors to car parks and picnic site facilities. Two text boxes point to the two threshold car parks (Slattadale picnic site and Victoria Falls viewpoint and trail).
6. A few remaining discrete stands of (immature) larch: a potential tree disease host risk. The text box arrow points to an area of forest in the central zone of the LMP area although there are groups of larch elsewhere within the LMP area.

7. Majority of remaining stands of non-native conifers are less than forty years old and currently of limited timber/economic value. Two text box arrows point at forest areas around Victoria Falls and to the central zone of the LMP area.
8. Tree and scrub vegetation growth along public roadsides restricting expansive views of loch and wider landscape. The text box arrow points at the public road at the southern end of the LMP area but – as the text implies – relates to the full length of public road through the area.
9. Several stands of mature/veteran spruce, beech and pine managed as Natural Reserve amongst younger commercial conifer stands. The text arrow points to the central zone of the LMP area.
10. Young Rhododendron and remnant conifers at scattered, low density through native woodland. The text box arrow points to the extensive birchwood zone at the southern end of the LMP area.