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Sustainable timber zone

Concept
Continue to create a sustainably managed forest with a variety of conifer and broadleaf species of mixed ages. Support regional timber production through targeted felling and restocking, creating a more balanced age structure and diverse species composition that enhances
the forest's long term productivity for future generations.

Analysis
Upper Nithsdale has been a productive forest for over 50 years. We will continue to manage this forest sustainably in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS).

Habitat restoration areas

Concept
Explore opportunities for habitat restoration e.g. peatland edge woodland, where the ecological benefit will be greatest, delivering enhancements for biodiversity, carbon storage, water quality and ecological resilience and slowing the flow of water through the forest. Habitat restoration has many benefits increasing the natural capital within the forest and benefits can extend far beyond the forest boundaries, improving the soil, water, environment and creating habitat for wildlife etc....

Analysis
A area of blanket bog is being assessed for a mix of sustainable timber and peatland edge woodland potential in Polskeoch. In Cairnhead an area of open grassland has been assessed as having good potential as a wet woodland creation site.

Map 3 DRAFT Concept Analysis

Legend

- WATERCOURSES
- Sustainable timber__
- Agriculture__
- ForestRoads_
- Starter_Farm
- Peatland_restoration_potential
- Habitat_restoration_potential area
- Blocks
- Forest Roads

Scale @ A1: 1:30,000

Date: 11/6/2026

0 0.4 0.8 1.7 2.5 3.4 Km

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Declaration by FLS as an Operator.
All timber arising from the FLS National Forests and Land represents a negligible risk under EUTR (No 995/210).

Scotland's national forests and land are responsibly managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.

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