



Text on the East Loch Shiel LMP Key Issues – Deer map

General

The red directional arrows indicate deer pressure from Sporting Estates and other neighbours.

The deer population for Callop & Drumfern is almost 12 deer/km². Achanellan and Loch Shiel Forest along with FLS Glenhurich Forest have a deer population of over 27 deer/km².

Strategic fences are porous in places impeding effective deer control. High herbivore impact affecting native woodland habitat and remnants.

A neighbouring Sporting Estate actively feeds deer during winter months close to the forest road between Callop and Loch Shiel Forest.

Callop & Drumfern

The deer population in the Callop River CPI is over 15 deer/km² which is too high to enable native pine regeneration.

Need to construct a strategic deer fence to bring deer management back into FLS control.

Loch Shiel

Inaccessible deer herding area in Scamodale.

The mature conifer crops adjacent to regenerating native woodland coupes in south Loch Shiel provide cover for deer. It also impedes deer control.

High herbivore impacts affecting native natural regeneration in areas more than 100 metres uphill of the forest road in south Loch Shiel.

Improvements to the existing strategic ATV track is required to enable Ranger access to high elevation habitats.

Achanellan

Mature first rotation conifer forest provides cover for deer and impedes effective deer control. The nature of the even-aged mature crop limits ATV Ranger access.

High herbivore impact is affecting native woodland habitat and remnants.

The adjacent Claish Moss is owned and managed by NatureScot. Here deer is managed to maintain low numbers to secure healthy bog habitat.