

Lochaber Forest District

Camisky LMP - Analysis

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Legend

- Road Segments
- Heritage Features Polygon
- AWS**
- Classification**
- Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands
- PAWS
- Non-ASNW with veteran trees
- sssi
- Conservation Site Point
- prow
- water_pipeline
- water_supply_point
- powerline_oh
- powerline_ug

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LANDSCAPE
Camisky Forest lies on the North West face of a long ridge rising to c. 220m. The principal views are from the B8004 with a small but significant aspect visible from the Commando Memorial.

Area yielded productive conifer crop but significant pockets of windblow. Felled with some remnant birch and oak retained.

Productive conifer but variable crop with some checked areas. LP is particularly poorer crop with windblow and moderate levels of DNB infestation. SS reasonable growth.

UTILITIES
Water treatment plant, distribution tank and mains water pipe. Pylon line for the Western Isles. Local electricity power lines.

COILLE A' CHAM UISGE
Significant area of oak with birch - scope for expansion and linkage with other broadleaf remnants.

DAIL RIABHACH
Productive conifer crop with some windblow developing small area of PAWS adjacent to Coille a' Cham Uisge. Access required from public road is a consultation route. River Lochy is an important fishing river. Banks eroding.

A number of houses and holiday accommodation on B8004 overlook Camisky forest which forms the lower frame of the view of Ben Nevis and Aonach Mor. View from the Caledonian Canal is broken by other woodland areas.

WINDBLOW
Significant areas of windblow throughout Camisky forest. Lack of access has delayed recovery of volume. Research engaged to understand cause of windblow in what should be a relatively sheltered wood.

LANDSCAPE
Surrounding woodland including old policy type woods and broadleaves with opportunity for linkage.

INTERNAL ROAD
Road construction underway with completion of main route due by 17/18. This will allow access to windblow areas to south west.

LOCHAN
Attractive lochan with dragonflies. Wayleave corridor not resilient. This edge is visible from the Commando Memorial.

PEAT
There are significant areas of unflushed and flushed bog in Camisky Forest. None are highlighted for restoration. Most are growing satisfactory conifer crops.

A82 Main communication corridor Camisky forest skylines from various view points along A82. Woodland above Achindaul is a poor fit in landscape.

HILL FARM WOOD
Small woodland of productive conifer. Significant windblow. Adjacent productive conifer woodland in private ownerships. New access required. Riparian corridor needs opening up.

DALVENNIE
Small woodland close to Fort William used by local people for walking. Potential for enhancing biodiversity through bog restoration, PAWS restoration and management of riparian areas. River Lundy is an important spawning tributary.

TOMACHARICH
Small mixed woodland with attractive birch/oak woodland on drier knolls. Pine crop on the flat wetter areas growing at acceptable rate. Future extraction of timber may be challenging.

