



South West Fife Forests LMP – Summary of Proposals

The South West Fife Forests, in particular Devilla, serve as important productive areas within Central Region, producing significant volumes of relatively high quality timber. The intention is to maintain this purpose whilst continuing to diversify the structural and biological makeup of the block. Recent tree health concerns over various pine and larch species have necessitated a re-evaluation of the use of these species to succeed the current rotations and therefore future species diversification in conifer crop will utilise site suited alternative conifer species such as Norway spruce, Douglas fir and other ecologically site suited conifer species often in mixture with Scots pine.

The proportion of native broadleaves within the forest will be increased with semi natural Forest Habitat Networks along the riparian corridors.

The objectives of the plan are listed below but the primary objectives for the plan area are to manage for the production of high quality timber, protect and enhance native forest habitat networks and priority habitats, retain the pine character of Devilla where appropriate and to maintain high quality access and recreation infrastructure.

Key proposals

Total Plan Area	1309.3 Ha
Planned Operations	2021-2031
Clearfell/Clearfell with seed tree (afforested area)	80.6 Ha
LISS Felling (afforested area)	1.0 Ha
Thinning	380.1 Ha
Restock (replanted area)	83.9 Ha
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Woodland Creation	n/a
Road Construction	50 m spur

Land use changes

Species Breakdown	2021	2031
Primary species: Scots pine*	457.5	423.4
Secondary species: other	257.4	253.8
Broadleaves	265.5	269.6
Open space, Agricultural,	328.8	362.5
Total Plan Area:	1309.3	1309.3

The key considerations in producing this plan were tree health, species suitability, woodland biodiversity and character and habitat connectivity. The design enhances and retains riparian habitat and diversifies the species and age range of the crop whilst conserving heritage features.



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Consultation and Further Information

Central Region consulted with neighbours and the local community via leaflet drop, onsite posters and social media platforms whilst Central Scotland Conservancy consulted on the plan with wider stakeholders.

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