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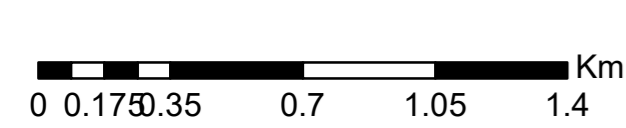
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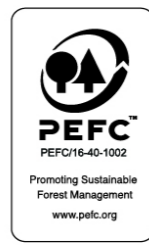
Legend

-  Access_road
-  reservoir catchment
-  proposed roads
-  Forest boundary
-  Core path



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Forest Estate is
responsibly
managed to the
UK Woodland
Assurance Standard.



Timber Production from Commercial Conifer areas

The forest will be restructured, taking into account landscape, silvicultural and economic considerations, moving the forest towards sustainable timber production. An appropriate forest road network will be built to access the timber. The primary access to the forest will be via Ariogan, once this route is built. The Timber Traffic Management Plan for the C33 Lerags public road will be adhered to. Stakeholders will be consulted over use of the private road to the chalet site. Sitka spruce will remain the preferred timber crop species where there are no overriding objectives or constraints. Species will be matched to the site.

Blanket Bog/Deep Peat Restoration

Deep peat areas will be restored as far as possible. This will include adequate buffering and effective maintenance.

Landscape enhancement

The design seeks to deliver benefits through a balanced approach, bringing visual improvements to higher profile areas and a commercial focus to less visible or silviculturally constrained areas. Forest edges will be improved through changes to shapes, species and use of open space. The design takes into consideration possible future recreation routes, focusing diversity in the central part of the forest.

Protection of the Public Water Supply - Loch Gleann a' Bhearraidh

No more than 20% of the public water supply catchment will be felled in any 3 - year period. Roading will be kept out of the catchment as far as possible. A Low Impact Silvicultural System (LISS) will be applied within the catchment through the establishment of a mix of native tree species and minimal cultivation and drainage. Riparian areas will be left unplanted or planted with a low density of permanent native woodland. The UKFS guidelines on water will be adhered to. Scottish Water will be consulted regarding operational activities within the catchment.

Development of Plant Health Resilience

All larch will be felled during the plan period. Any SPHN's (Statutory Plant Health Notice's) will be complied with. Resultant loss of diversity will be compensated for in the next rotation through the planting of alternative species. No larch or ash will be planted.

Protection of Private Water Supplies

Increased width of riparian buffers will be built into the new design. Liaison will be undertaken with stakeholders ahead of any operations that might affect their private water supplies.

