



Map Annotations

Wildfire Risks and Mitigations

- The River Deveron is an excellent water source for helicopter firefighting techniques.
- Most of the surrounding land use is for agriculture and is a low fire risk.
- The extensive road network provides excellent access for firefighting equipment and provides regular opportunities for fire breaks to be established.
- Existing open areas around watercourses and plans to extend riparian zones will help increase their effectiveness as firebreaks.
- Aside from Drumdelgie and Balnoon, the forests are well structured, with a range of tree species, age classes, and silvicultural systems present.
- There are several properties adjacent to FLS forestry which would need to be protected in the event of a wildfire.
- Some blocks such as Drumdelgie and Balnoon have been established relatively recently and as such have a largely even-aged structure.
- The topography of the blocks means that wildfires could spread uphill with the prevailing wind if they became established.
- Some of the plan area consists of mature Scots pine with heather dominated ground flora which is at a higher risk of ground level wildfire.
- The Bin forest is heavily used for recreation, although it is not seen as a destination for camping.