

Summary of Forest Management Plan Proposals

Mearns FDP area is made up of three previous FDP blocks namely Fetteresso, Glenfarquhar & N.Drumtochty and S.Drumtochty. The forest is predominately an upland environment with poorer soils which have been planted with commercial conifers in the past. It is one of the main production areas of the forest district. The main objectives of the area are to produce good quality timbers whilst dealing with Dothistroma needle blight (DNB) disease.

Total plan area	6677 ha
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Species breakdown	2015	2025
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	42.6 %	43.4 %
Secondary species: Larch	10.5 %	12.5 %
Other conifers	15.6 %	13.6 %
Broadleaves	2.6 %	4.6 %
Open and felled area	28.7 %	25.9 %

Planned operations	2015 – 2025
Felling	763.7 ha
Restock	924 ha

Heritage	SM 6437 Cowie Line, pill box and earthworks SM4857 Clochanshiels, cairns, houses and field systems
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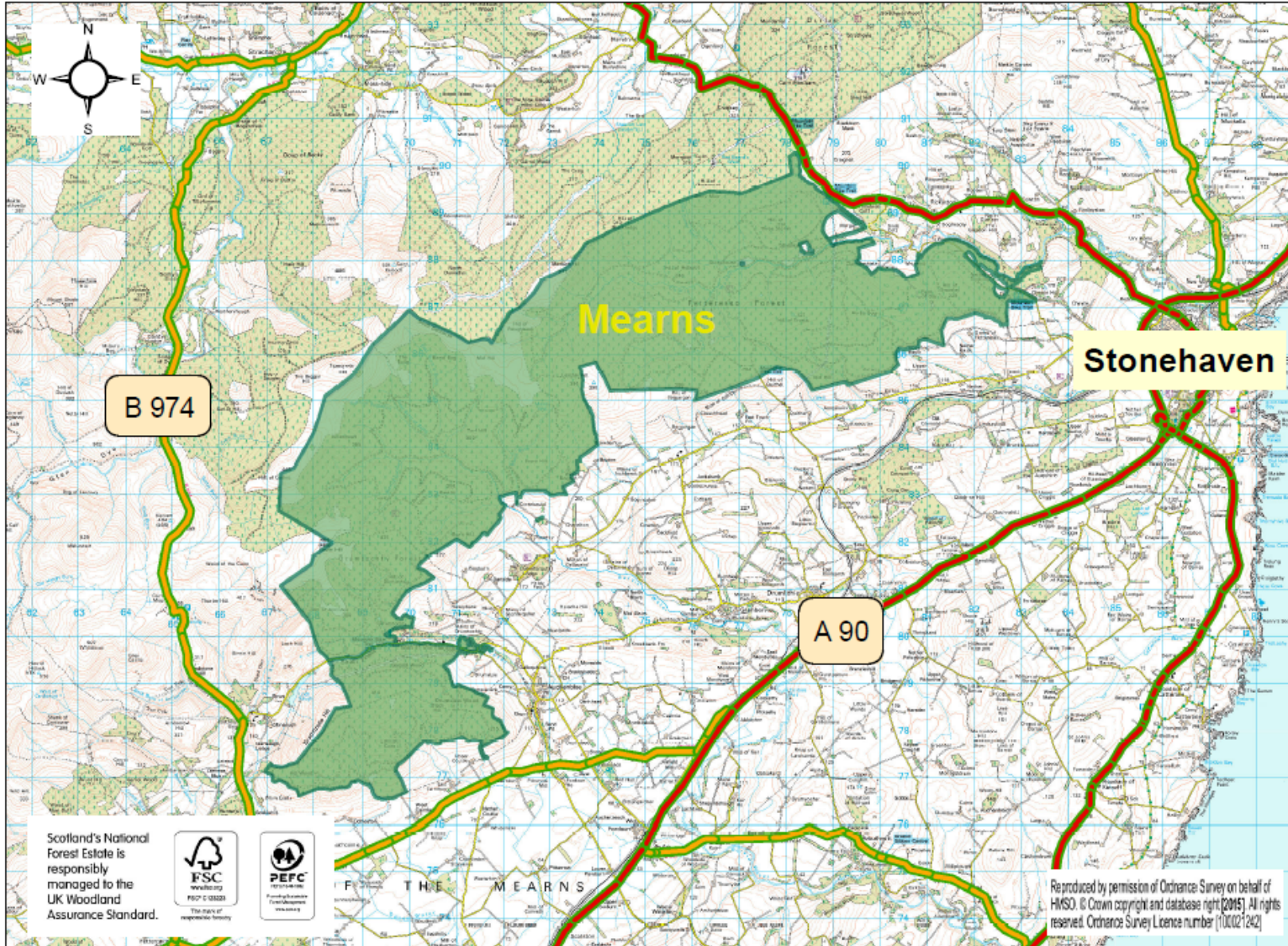
Critical success factors

- Undertake felling and restocking within sensible periods to allow for continued restructuring of the forest.
- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to improve crop quality and carry out low impact silvicultural system prescriptions.
- Continue to maintain and develop the forest roads network to facilitate the coupe management.
- Restore and/or enhance planted ancient woodland sites.
- Maintain the ancient scheduled monument sites as open ground.

Consultation and Further Information:

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MORAY AND ABERDEENSHIRE
FOREST DISTRICT
MEARNS

Location map
March 2015
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- Legend
- Boundary
 - A Roads
 - Secondary Roads



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