



Loch Goil Forest Larch Removal Plan 2025-2030

Text Annotations on Map B – Concept, Issues & Opportunities

There are a number of large text boxes included on Map B which contain descriptions of particular issues pertinent to ongoing management of the Plan area. In each text box an issue is described and then a corresponding description of how that issue might be best addressed is given (i.e. as a management concept). *Note:* Text boxes relate to specific areas of the forest, and so have a corresponding arrow pointing to that area on the map.

To make the map labels accessible to people using screen reading technology, the exact text of each text box is given here, with the text for the Lettermay area in the south west of the forest coming first, then moving clockwise around the map.

- **Lettermay:** Generally young crops in this part of the forest, partly attributable to felling of 2011-12 windblow. Windblow is still spreading in this area, particularly along the northern edge near the Lettermay forest entrance.
Proposed PR felling is minimal in this area but there is a need to deal with the continuing spread of windblow which has further reduced the amount of standing mature forest here.
- **Strath Goil:** Much of this plan's Larch felling will take place here. This will have a visual impact on the gateway to Lochgoilhead.
There will be operational difficulties on the east side due to the proximity to houses, the main road and utilities. On the west side the proposed coupes are adjacent to The River Walk which currently has no operational access.
Opportunity for extensive Rainforest/PAWS restoration on the east side, and for future CCF/LISS managed forest on the west side.
- **Drimynie:** SPHN felling has been taking place here and is still ongoing. Windblow has occurred on the north side of the road following the selective removal of Larch.
- **Gleann Mor:** North-facing and slow-growing part of the forest. Removal of discrete Larch coupes could kick-start a period of more active management in this part of the forest, if it is possible to undertake thinning in the wider forest. However, the terrain and ground conditions may mean this ambition is not fulfilled.
- **Donich Glen:** Lower part of "Felled awaiting restock" coupe will introduce an element of much needed broadleaves into the glen.
The Planned Road here is not budgeted for until 26-27 so it may not be possible to fell the Larch coupe in the SW of the glen within the 5-year plan period. Compliance with any SPHN here will be a challenge; access into the south side of the glen from the west is extremely restricted. This is also a popular and attractive recreation area.
Once access has been built it will be possible to deal with the windblown areas in SW Donich Glen.