



Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Cologin Forest lies 2 miles south of Oban. The forest was planted in the 1980's, a forest walking route introduced, but no forest road access was provided, resulting in restructuring being overdue. Following the purchase of Ariogan by FLS in 2023, a new access will be built through this area to access Cologin. Commercial conifers have grown exceptionally well. Oban's public water supply reservoir lies immediately adjacent to the forest and is an important consideration, as well as a number of private water supplies.

The primary objectives for the plan area are; commercial conifer timber production, access provision for timber haulage, protection of water supplies, landscape enhancement, plant health resilience and bog restoration. Landscape reappraisal, particularly in views from the A816, is necessary, considering guidance on tree species resilience and diversification in response to climate change. Certification under the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme is another important objective to which the plan will contribute.

Plan Name	Plan area
Cologin	276.1 ha

Species breakdown	2022 (current)	2034 (end of plan period)
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	71%	48%
Secondary species: Other conifers	7%	16%
Native broadleaf	4%	10%
Non-native broadleaves	2%	5%
Internal open space	13%	21%

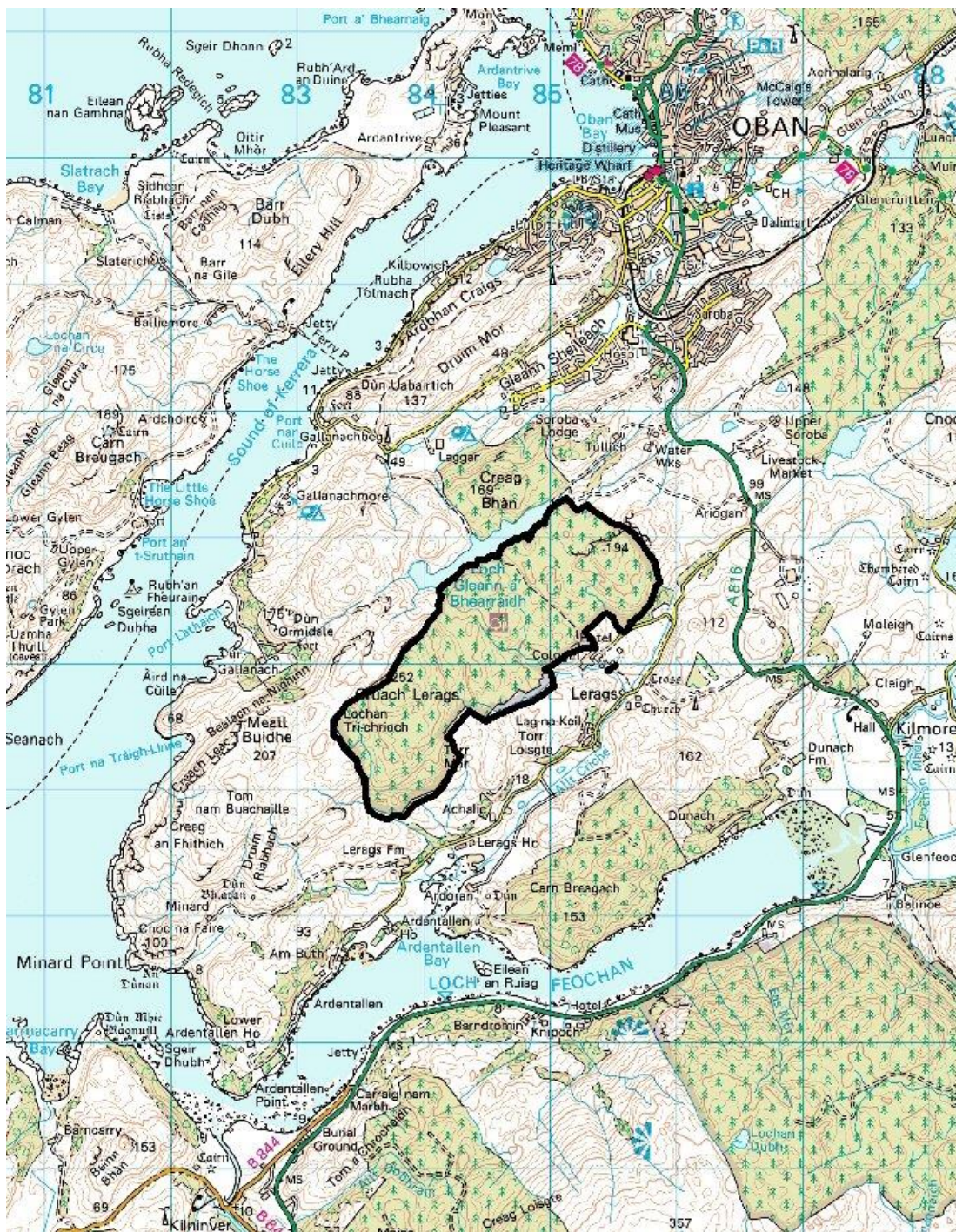
Planned Operations	2025–2034 plan	Planned Operations	2025–2034
Felling	123.0 ha	Road construction	2.6 Km
Restocking	99.3 ha	Deforestation (bogs)	5.3 ha

Significant Environment / Conservation Constraints	Feature
Area of Panoramic Quality	1 (Coastal areas)
Loch Gleann a' Bhearraidh	1 (Oban public water supply)

Critical Success Factors:

- Completion of felling program, including larch removal and bog restoration areas
- Restocking of felled areas
- Road construction to facilitate timber extraction
- Protection of water supplies

Location map - Cologin Land Management Plan



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Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan, we are consulting publicly with the local community council and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information please contact Roger Wilson, Planning Forester, Forestry and Land Scotland

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