

Lochaber Forest District










Loch Sunart LMP

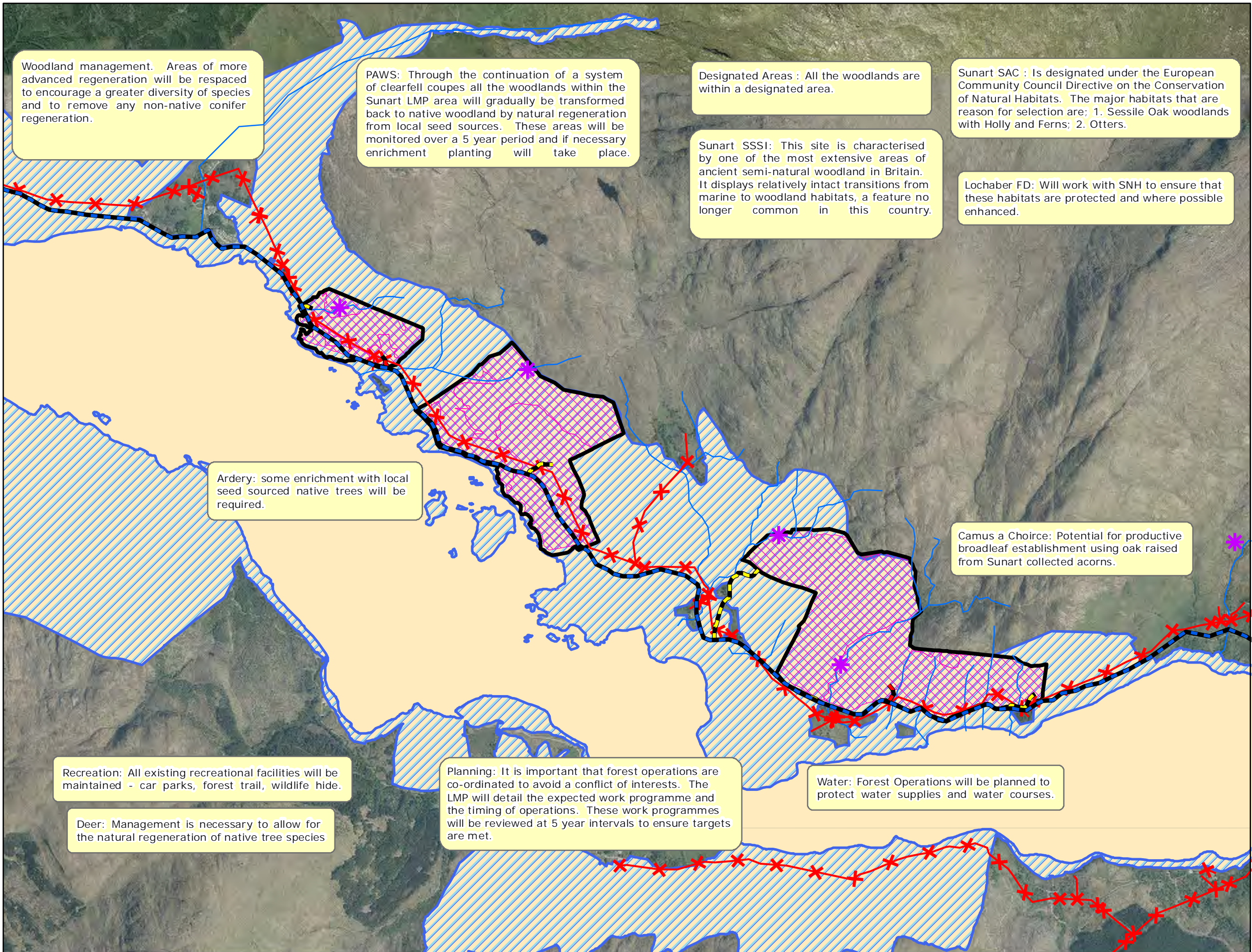
Concept Map - Sunart East

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Scale: 1:25,000



-  LMP Boundary
-  Water Supply
-  Watercourse
-  ELEC_S_AND_S_OH_LINES
-  A861 Road
-  B8007
-  Forest Roads
-  Planned Road Segments
-  AWS_2013
-  SSSI
-  SAC



Woodland management. Areas of more advanced regeneration will be respaced to encourage a greater diversity of species and to remove any non-native conifer regeneration.

PAWS: Through the continuation of a system of clearfell coupes all the woodlands within the Sunart LMP area will gradually be transformed back to native woodland by natural regeneration from local seed sources. These areas will be monitored over a 5 year period and if necessary enrichment planting will take place.

Designated Areas : All the woodlands are within a designated area.

Sunart SAC : Is designated under the European Community Council Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats. The major habitats that are reason for selection are; 1. Sessile Oak woodlands with Holly and Ferns; 2. Otters.

Sunart SSSI: This site is characterised by one of the most extensive areas of ancient semi-natural woodland in Britain. It displays relatively intact transitions from marine to woodland habitats, a feature no longer common in this country.

Lochaber FD: Will work with SNH to ensure that these habitats are protected and where possible enhanced.

Ardery: some enrichment with local seed sourced native trees will be required.

Camus a Choire: Potential for productive broadleaf establishment using oak raised from Sunart collected acorns.

Recreation: All existing recreational facilities will be maintained - car parks, forest trail, wildlife hide.

Deer: Management is necessary to allow for the natural regeneration of native tree species

Planning: It is important that forest operations are co-ordinated to avoid a conflict of interests. The LMP will detail the expected work programme and the timing of operations. These work programmes will be reviewed at 5 year intervals to ensure targets are met.

Water: Forest Operations will be planned to protect water supplies and water courses.

