

Appendix 4 Analysis of Previous Plans (amalgamation of Glenmore, Rothiemurchus and Inshriach Plan)

The key objectives for the plan area are detailed in the table below with conclusions recorded on the implementation

Glenmore and Rothiemurchus FDP	Did the implementation meet the objective?	Does the objective remain desirable or achievable?
Objective		
Expand areas of outstanding biological diversity whilst protecting and enhancing existing species and habitats.	Yes, 168ha of non-native conifers have been removed Non-native regeneration continues to be removed Wetland sites have been restored	Yes
Provide a high quality visitor experience.	Yes, trails and visitor centre are still providing a good quality visitor experience.	Yes, suggest to improve the visitor experience
Creation of a forest which blends with and enhances the landscape.	Large areas have been felled and not restocked (4.5% of the forest). This is starting to affect the visual appearance of the forest.	Yes
Safeguard water supplies, specific habitats and natural watercourses.	Forest and Water guidelines were followed for all forest operations.	Yes but assumed we will always do this, not really an objective that is specific to this plan
Manage deer population density in the forest to that consistent with naturally regenerating trees and enhancement of habitats.	Deer culling has continued and on average across the whole plan area deer density has dropped from 12.2 /100ha in 2014 to 4.6 /100ha in 2019 with Inshriach showing the greatest reduction. Natural regeneration is still not occurring in north Glenmore. The previous plan states a target of 4-5 per 100ha so this has been achieved.	Yes
Involve the community to satisfy their aspirations. Work with and for the community for a mutually satisfactory design.	Previous FDP was well consulted with local stakeholders.	Yes
Maintain soil integrity	Forest and Soil guidelines were followed for all forest operations.	Yes but assumed we will always do this, not really an objective that is specific to this plan
Safeguard all archaeological sites and enhance their value to the public.	No SAMs within the LMP area but plenty of unscheduled remnants	Yes but assumed we will always do this, not really an objective that is specific to this plan
Economic production of timber within all environmental constraints and guidelines.	Not all red and orange coupes were felled , however additional areas were included such as the MacAlpine plantation when Rothiemurchus forest was bought in 2014.	Yes but a lower priority, it will be fulfilled by removing non-native conifers but not a long term objective for the forest as it will return to native pinewood over time.

Inshriach FDP	Did the implementation meet the objective?	Does the objective remain desirable or achievable?
Objective		
Increase in % of SP and NB. Continue to grow DF, NS, and L where these don't compromise other objectives. Increase areas of LISS	LISS need clear prescriptions. Not sure where we could plant NS and DF. Planting larch has been stopped.	LISS – yes Non-native conifers- no, should focus on diverse native broadleaves to increase diversity- maintain option to plant NS, retain DF in high recreation areas.
Delivery of Feshie-Spey Confluence plan (Feshie plug)	No but the plan has been agreed and felling will be undertaken as part of this LMP.	Yes- reduce risk of flooding downstream
A sustainable supply of timber will be produced by continued silvicultural thinning, clear felling and replanting in Inshriach. Large DF is available for constructional timber.	Felling and thinning have been undertaken and most of the red and orange coupes have been felled. Additional coupes have been felled via amendments.	Yes- but indirectly a product of the non-native conifer removal, not priority objective
Inshriach will provide a training environment for students from Kingussie High school as part of a rural skills course.	Was done but not anymore	Not part of new plan
The woodlands are used by Lagganlia and other educational parties	Yes, well used by Lagganlia and others	Yes
Community Engagement	Yes, creation of a community liaison forester has helped	Now a role taken on by stewardship foresters/ community and visitor services forester
Consultation will be ongoing with reference to community aspirations for forest crofts and affordable housing	Affordable house plots were sold.	No further development is desirable
Improvements to Car Parking	New car park created within the NNR	No further car parking to be created may re-locate new car park to move recreation pressure
Provision of improved interpretation for the NNR	New signage in car parks	No further signage planned
Participation in core paths initiative	Core paths come from Loch Einich and Strathspey way are within the forest	Will continue to treat core paths as per guidance when operations affect them.
Maintenance of paths and tracks and provision of ranger led activities	Yes, ranger led activities have reduced	Most existing paths will be maintained but some may be re-located.

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Enhancement of riparian zones	Allt Markie burn has had woody debris inserted, no riparian work has been done. Other riparian areas will be improved as part of the clearfell programme.	Still an objective and there may be funding from Cairngorm connect to undertake this work.
Protection and interpretation of the unscheduled monuments in the woodland	Many unscheduled monuments will continue to be protected	Yes
Significant increase in woodland managed under LISS	Yes, but LISS thinning has been minimal. Strip felling was undertaken but needs better plan.	Yes but needs a LISS prescription for areas.
Designated sites to move to favourable condition	Yes	Yes
Expand area of native woodlands (including Pinewood). Restore key PAWS sites.	Regen on PAWS sites progressing well, areas cleared around existing CPI remnant.	Yes
Priority Species, low impact management of Scots Pine and protection of designated and priority habitats. Key species identified and protected.	Yes, surveys show increase in Capercaillie numbers, ongoing work on many species.	Yes
Work with neighbours to improve links in habitat networks	Working with Invereshie and Glenfeshie to make connections with native pinewood.	Yes
Participate in deer management groups and work with neighbours to control deer	Active engagement with the Deer Management Group.	Yes