



**Analysis:**  
Watercourses feed into River Tweed SSSI/SAC, and are important for salmonid spawning.

**Concept:**  
All forest operations to be carried out in strict accordance with UKFS Forests and Water Guidelines. Continue to develop the broadleaf woodland and open habitat network to enhance riparian zone buffers.

**Analysis:**  
Part of Glenkinnon Burn SSSI lies within the forest. As plantation on ancient woodland (PAWS), the site is undergoing gradual native woodland restoration, ensuring protection of important lichens and bryophytes.

**Concept:**  
Review SSSI management plan alongside 2020 PAWS survey results to develop appropriate management prescriptions in LMP, in liaison with FLS Native Woodland Advisor and South region environment team.

**Analysis:**  
The forest and open habitats provide valuable habitat for a variety of protected and other species including red squirrels badgers, pipistrelle bats, various butterfly species and newts.

**Concept:**  
Protect and enhance habitats for the diverse range of species in Yair, where appropriate expanding habitat and improving habitat connectivity.

**Analysis:**  
High quality timber has been grown in Yair and this continues to be an important objective. Low Impact Silvicultural Systems have been developed to help deliver this more sensitively.

**Concept:**  
Use Ecological Site Classification to select tree species that will thrive and adapt to predicted changes in climate. Diversify the range of conifers and reduce reliance on Sitka spruce, to mitigate risks associated with climate change. Continue to develop existing LIMA management, and seek opportunities to expand this.

**Analysis:**  
Biodiversity Trail and wider informal access from Glenkinnon Burn Car park are popular with locals and visitors. Informal campsite is also well used by groups through a permission.

**Concept:**  
Continue to develop a welcoming, attractive and diverse forest environment through appropriate forest management and stewardship, including thinning and felling to keep views and path corridors open.

**Analysis:**  
Yair Forest is prominent in the local landscape, with Craig Hill in particular being highly visible from the village of Clovenfords and throughout the A72/A707. It sits within Tweed, Ettrick and Yarrow Confluences Special Landscape Area

**Concept:**  
Review the coupe design, of Craig Hill in particular, to ensure it reflects the wider landform and the landscape scale within the forest.

**Analysis:**  
Windblow has impacted Craig Hill significantly on the eastern side.

**Concept:**  
The felling coupe shape of Craig Hill will need to incorporate the windblow area and be worked early in the plan period.

**Analysis:**  
Phytophthora ramorum poses a significant threat to larch. Infection will lead to the issue of SPHNs, with subsequent challenges for forest operations and potential disruption to public access.

**Concept:**  
To reduce the potential future impacts of infection, develop a plan to reduce the amount of larch by felling and restocking with alternative species, taking into account landscape and public access sensitivities.

**Analysis:**  
Lindinny car park is popular for local informal walks and as an access point for the Southern Upland Way

**Concept:**  
Continue to develop a welcoming, attractive and diverse forest environment through appropriate forest management and stewardship including thinning and felling to keep views and path corridors open.

**Analysis:**  
Much of Lindinny Wood (a mixture of ASNW and LEPO) is designated as PAWS and is undergoing long-term native woodland restoration, although minimal work carried out in previous plan period. PAWS survey carried out in 2020 highlights the need for further work, including dealing with invasive rhododendron.

**Concept:**  
Ensure the next phase of management intervention for PAWS restorations is included in this LMP, including thinning and rhododendron control.

**Analysis:**  
Mature/semi-mature conifers provide important habitat for several raptor species including goshawk, buzzard and tawny owl.

**Concept:**  
Identify suitable coupes as long term retentions, continue to develop LIMA areas, safeguard natural reserves, and aim to thin potential future long term retentions.

### Yair Map 3: Analysis and Concept

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FLS Blocks	Ash	Douglas Fir	Core Path	SBC Promoted path
Forest Roads	Beech	Larch	Right of Way	FLS Trails
Watercourses	Birch	Lodgepole Pine		
Storm damage	Oak	Norway Spruce		
Existing management coupes	Native Mixed/Other Broadleaves	Scots Pine		
Heritage feature	Other/Mixed Broadleaves	Sitka Spruce		
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Other/Mixed Conifers	No Species		
Special Area of Conservation				

