



# Glen Croe Land Management Plan

## M22: Glen Loin Opportunities & Constraints

**Legend**

-  Glen Loin Management Zone
-  LMP area outwith Management Zone
-  Planned Forest Roads
-  Existing Forest Roads
-  SSSI/SAC
-  Ancient Semi-natural Woodland Inventory



**Objective 1:**  
Improve access to reduce timber traffic through Succoth.

**Opportunity:**  
Link with proposed new forest road in Cruach Tarbeirt. The proposed link road largely passes through standing productive timber which reduces the amount of "dead ground" required to establish the link.

**Constraints:**  
Some areas along the Glen floor remain problematic for access, with fairly limited volumes, powerlines and steep rocky slopes constraining access and increasing cost/unit harvested.

**Objective 4:**  
Improving the status of the Allt Coiregrogain (currently Bad ecological potential) where this is due to forestry.

**Opportunity:**  
Forestry has been identified as one factor reducing the status of the watercourse, this can be ameliorated by standard good forestry practice following the UKFS at restructuring. In addition the longer term aspiration to convert substantial areas of the area to NBL could be expected to further enhance the riparian environment.

**Constraints:**  
Abstraction & obstructions to fish passage are factors outside the control of the LMP that impact on the watercourse. Areas of commercial forestry outwith the LMP occur along the watercourse.

**Objective 2:**  
Continue PAWS restoration and work towards completion of the NBL habitat linkages through Glen Loin and linked to parallel Cruach Tarbeirt proposals & the SSSI/SAC.

**Opportunity:**  
Link with proposals in Cruach Tarbeirt, and continue work already implemented to restore PAWS areas. NBL seed sources and regeneration occur sporadically throughout the area. Create habitat linkages with the PAWS areas and the proposed NBL areas within Upper Glen Loin.

**Constraints:**  
Loss of productive area and effective deer control or fencing essential for success.

**Objective 3:**  
Management of mature NS areas to ensure continuity as Red Squirrel habitat.

**Opportunity:**  
Mature NS with high biodiversity & landscape value particularly for Red Squirrel. Sheltered site with good rooting and crop area healthy and not moribund or windblown.

**Constraints:**  
Management difficult due to slopes, limited road access along Glen floor & terrain roughness. SS understorey developing with deer pressure selectively favouring SS.