



Forestry and
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Central Region

Heart of Scotland Land Management Plan 2022-2032

Summary of Proposals

Arns/Fannyside, Rawyards, Wester Moffat, Dunsyston, Chapelhall, Nether Bracco, Eastfield, and Southrigg blocks.



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We manage Scotland's National Forest Estate to the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard – the standard endorsed in the UK by the international Forest Stewardship Council® and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification. We are independently audited.

Our land management plans bring together key information, enable us to evaluate options and plan responsibly for the future. We welcome comments on these plans at any time.



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1.0 Summary of Proposals

Summary of Planned Operations

Table 2 Summary of Planned Operations

Planned Operations	2022-2031
Clearfell/Clearfell with seed tree (afforested area)	129.24 ha
LISS Felling (afforested area)	0
Thinning	56.52 Ha
LISS Restock (replanted area)	0
Woodland Creation (New Planting)	1.14 Ha
Road Construction	5822 m
Hard Standing – Timber stacking, loading and turning areas)	0.15 ha



Woodland changes over the LMP period

Table 2 Land Use change within Heart of Scotland Plan Area

Land Use	Area 2022 (ha)	% of Total Plan Area 2022	Area 2032 (ha)	% of Total Plan Area 2032	Area 2042 (ha)	% of Total Plan Area 2042
Agricultural Land	1.1	0.16%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Felled	0	0.00%	0.4	0.06%	14.7	2.20%
High Forest	377.14	56.34%	266.3	39.78%	246.9	36.89%
Open	274.31	40.98%	393.85	58.84%	402.95	60.20%
Open Water	0.1	0.01%	0.1	0.01%	0.1	0.01%
Partially Intruded broadleaves	0.7	0.10%	0.5	0.07%	0	0.00%
Unplantable or bare	6.4	0.96%	3.1	0.46%	0.2	0.03%
Unplanted Streambanks	4.7	0.70%	4.5	0.67%	4.5	0.67%
Windblow	4.9	0.73%	0.6	0.09%	0	0.00%
TOTALS	669.35	100%	669.35	100%	669.35	100%



Overall Management Objectives

Corporate Outcomes Relevant to LMP	Operational Actions To Deliver Outcome Relevant to LMP	LMP Objectives
<p>Outcome 1: Supporting a Sustainable Rural Economy</p> <p>FLS supports a sustainable rural economy by managing the national forests and land in a way that encourages sustainable business growth, development opportunities, jobs and investments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing the national forests and land in accordance with the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme (UKWAS) to ensure that timber and other products produced by FLS are guaranteed to be from a sustainably managed resource. Developing our forest planning processes to ensure long-term sustainable productivity of the national forests and land. Providing a sustainable supply of timber to Scotland's timber processing sector; and Support the venison processing sector through our deer management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create a strategy for the removal of larch in the most appropriate way for each block. To ensure sustainable productivity through considered species selection and using silvicultural systems which have been applied appropriately to respond to soil conditions, habitat types and proposed operational variables across the blocks; That the protection of planted crops is ensured through game management, through establishment on to the long-term; and To undertake bog restoration projects where appropriate, providing opportunity to generate income through the peat and carbon code.



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<p>Outcome 2: Looking after Scotland's national forests and land</p> <p>Scotland's national forests and land are looked after, biodiversity is protected and enhanced, and more environmental services are provided to people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the national forests and land to further the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity. • Taking specific conservation action for vulnerable priority species (e.g. bat species, lapwing, large heath, species which will utilise the watercourse and pond within the site). • Supporting policy development and research, and act as a testbed for new and innovative approaches to forestry and land management; and • Developing an asset management approach to the historic environment within Scotland's forests and land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the site's biodiversity value through appropriate design e.g. tree species choice, retaining areas of priority open habitat, particularly considering the areas of SSSI and SPA. • To consider larch restocking species for habitat and biodiversity, particularly where larch is being removed from areas managed as Natural Reserve. • To protect historical features and maintain access to the Scheduled Monument and heritage assets across the blocks; and • To enhance bog, fen, and meadow habitats where appropriate across the blocks.



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<p>Outcome 3: National forests and land for visitors and communities</p> <p>Everyone can visit and enjoy Scotland's national forests and land to connect with nature, have fun, benefit their health and wellbeing and have the opportunity to engage in our community decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to remove barriers to ensure that people from all backgrounds can and do access the full range of benefits of the national forests and land. Continuing to engage communities in decisions relating to the management of the national forests and land. Continuing to support community empowerment by enabling communities to make use of the national forests and land to benefit their communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain opportunities for public access within the blocks, at a standard relevant to each. To look for opportunities to design out antisocial behaviour; and To work closely with neighbours to ensure that any concerns are included in the LMP process and solutions can be provided which work for all involved.