

Summary of South Rannoch Land Management Plan 2015-2025 Proposals

South Rannoch is located on the southern edge of Loch Rannoch in Highland Perthshire. Outwith the Blackwood, South Rannoch is composed mainly of trees planted from the 1940s to the present day, with the majority being planted between 1961 and 1970. However, there is a large component of 1950's planting on the eastern part of the forest. This plan is an early review of the 2008 Forest Plan which was set to run until 2018 and has been necessitated to address issues relating to Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS), woodland / bog establishment and reducing landscape impact.

Total Plan Area	3543.8 ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Primary species: SP	34%	34%
Secondary species: SS	19%	15%
Native broadleaf	6%	7%
Open space	27%	33%

Planned operations	
Felling	236 ha
Thinning	551 ha
Restock	236 ha
New planting	0 ha
Road construction	0 m
Road upgrade	0 m

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	Block sits within the catchment of the River Tay SAC and is adjacent to the Blackwood of Rannoch SAC and SSSI. Inside Glen Lyon and Loch Rannoch National Scenic Area (NSA) There are 6 unscheduled ancient monument sites in the forest.
Vulnerable species populations	Red squirrel, black grouse, otter, capercaillie, arctic char
A listed buildings	None
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	28% of plantation

Critical Success Factors

- The western end of South Rannoch is an acid sensitive zone (restriction on the size of coupes which can be felled in any given felling phase).
- With an increasing emphasis on restocking with species susceptible to deer browsing like birch and scots pine, the control of South Rannoch's internal deer population will be critical.
- Dothistroma needle blight presents a major threat to stands of Scots and lodge pole pine requiring regular monitoring and preparation of contingencies in case of a breakout.

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Arttu Varis, Planning Forester & Programme Manager, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6380 or arttu.varis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

South Rannoch Forest Design Plan

Map 1: Location Map

Scale: 1:50,000

Date: January 2015

 Blocks

