

Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

The principle factor of the plan is continued timber production and maintaining the principle species as Sitka spruce. There are areas identified as “treasured” and these are of higher importance for landscape, habitat and biodiversity where timber productivity will be of much lower importance.

The design of the Greskine Bank will be of key importance in the “treasured” area as this is the “Gateway to Scotland” and is the first close-up view of Scottish Forestry experienced by motorists on the M74 when travelling north from England.

The primary objectives for the plan area are: to sustain a productive forest for the production of timber; to design a forest to be resilient to changes in climate and to provide mitigation through carbon lockup; to improve the landscape and develop it in an aesthetically pleasing way.

Total Plan Area	3672ha
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Tree Species breakdown	2017 (current)	2027 (end of plan period)
Primary species: Sitka spruce	69%	57%
Secondary species: NS, DF, NF	11%	11%
Native broadleaf	3%	4%
Open space (including fallow)	16%	28%

Planned Operations	2017-2027 plan period
Felling	967ha
Restock	555ha

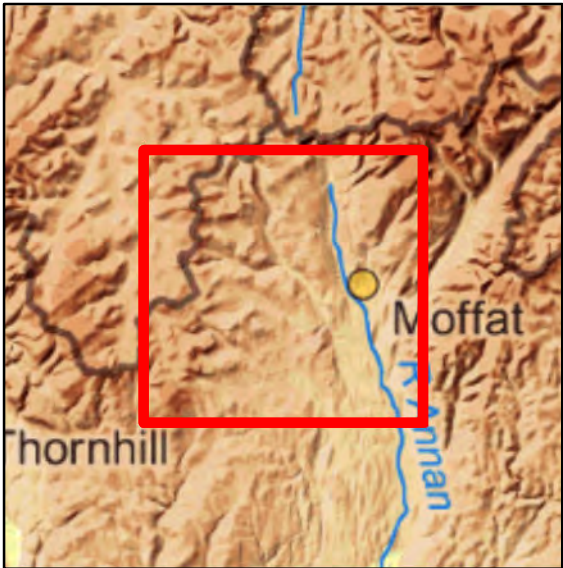
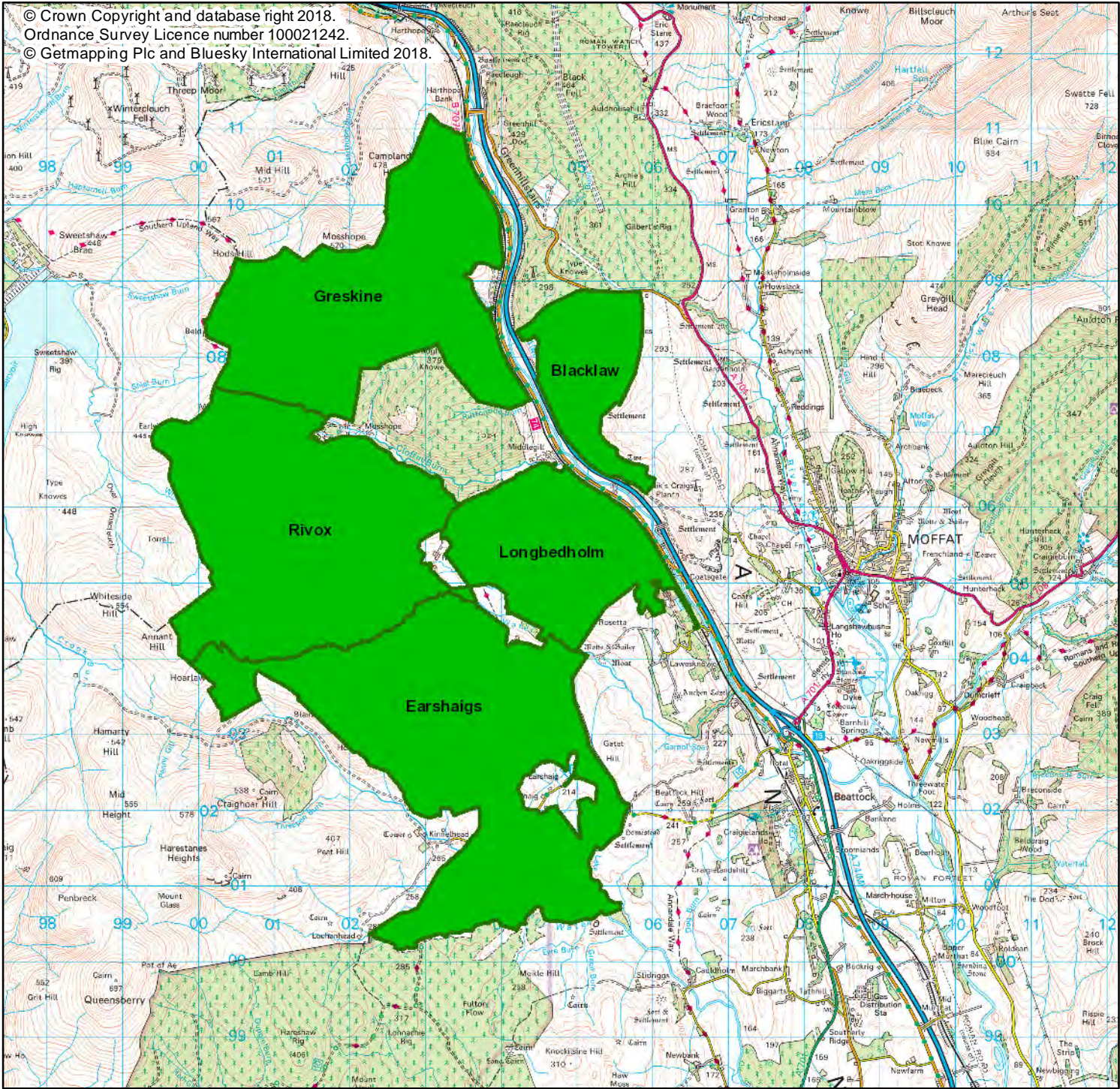
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites	2 SAMs
Managed for conservation / biodiversity	9%
Long Term Retention	2%
Natural Reserve	1%

Critical Success Factors


- Resilient coupe shapes
- Redesign of Greskine Bank
- Maintained timber production
- Successful Deer management
- Diversification of species and structure in the Treasured areas

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with representatives of the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact: Robin Fuller, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6923 or robin.fuller@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

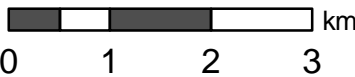


Legend

 Blocks

Beattock forests

Scale @ A4: 1:75,000



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