



## Glen Loy Land Management Plan Summary

Glen Loy lies on the West side of the Great Glen between Loch Lochy and Loch Linnhe, approx. 7km North of Fort William. The Glen lies in a NW-SE direction and is dissected by the River Loy into Northern and Southern sections. The Loy is a salmon river which is important in the local fisheries area. The forest area has quite steep slopes becoming relatively flat in the floodplain of the River Loy. This topography creates a relatively sheltered environment in the locality. It is a relatively uninhibited location with most homes situated on the Eastern edge close to the public road and Caledonian Canal. The geology is quite mixed – Quartz dominated metamorphic rocks, with granite outcrops and volcanic intrusions. This combined with the mild wet windy climate forms a variety of soils from upland brown earths, ironpans, peaty gleys and shallow bogs which influences species type and growth rates of the woodland habitats.

Glen Loy LMP was approved on 03/03/2008, and runs for 10 years. The long term aims of the forest are:

- Timber production
- The regeneration, consolidation and expansion of the Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW)
- Enhancement of the landscape.

The primary objectives for the plan area are:

- To produce timber with felling to be aimed at improving the age-structure of the forest
- To future proof timber production by establishing felled areas with Sitka spruce with secondary species providing diversity and landscape enhancement where site conditions suit.
- To provide expansion areas for ASNW and accept regeneration of native species into non-restocked area secured through enhanced monitoring
- To review and improve access to, and interpretation of these ASNW areas.
- To further improve forest margins and internal landscapes

<b>Total Plan Area</b>	1039 hectares (ha)
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## Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Species Breakdown	(current)	(after 30 years)
Sitka spruce	603 ha	665 ha
Birch and other broadleaves	114 ha	197 ha
Scots pine	42 ha	83 ha
Larch and other conifers	114 ha	73 ha
Open space	166 ha	21 ha

Planned Operations	2008– 2018 plan period
Felling	92.53 ha
Restocking	
Conifer	50.19 ha
Broadleaf	46.3 ha
Road construction	1170 metres
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites: SSSI	Coille Phuiteachain
Natural Reserve	198 ha
Caledonian Pine Wood	74 ha
Oak woodland	23.5 ha
Priority Species 1	Chequered skipper
Priority Species 2	Pearl bordered fritillary
Priority Species 3	Black Grouse
Priority Species 4	Beetles
Priority Species 5	Lichen assemblage



### Consultation and Further Information:

Council area: Highland Council

Community Council: Kilmallie Community Council

#### Consultation:

Event held at the Glen Loy Lodge Hotel and on site on 17/04/2003, with the following in attendance:

FC Highland Conservancy

FES Lochaber staff

Highland Council – Planning

Highland Council – Archaeology

SNH

Lochaber Fisheries Trust

Local residents

Owners of Glen Loy Lodge Hotel

Kilmallie Community Council

Corpach and Banavie Crofters

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