Eriff & Bellsbank LMP

Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Eriff & Bellsbank LMP aims to:

- Provide sustainable timber production sympathetic to the significant demands of environmental quality, landscape and biodiversity;
- Improve water quality and reduce flood risk in the Doon catchment;
- Provide visual and biodiversity enhancement through increased age and species diversity, particularly broadleaf expansion.

Total Plan Area 487.7 ha

Species breakdown	2018 (current)	2028 (end of plan period)
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	58.7%	48.7%
Secondary species: other conifer	20.6%	19.3%
Native broadleaf	2.7%	9.2%
Open space	17.9%	23.1%

Planned Operations	2018–2028 plan period
felling	172.3 ha
thinning	104.7 ha
restock	141.3 ha
road construction	1820 m
road upgrade	1000 m

Significant Environment /	
Conservation Features	
Designated sites	Loch Doon SSSI
Minimum Intervention / Natural Reserve	0.6% of plantation

Critical Success Factors:

- Removal and restructuring of the wayleave through Bellsbank
- Regular interventions in LISS coupes
- Removal of larch and subsequent restock increasing species diversity
- Construction of proposed new roads

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 Ed Turner, Planning Forester, Forest Enterprise Scotland on 03000676771 or ed.turner@forestry.gsi.gov.uk