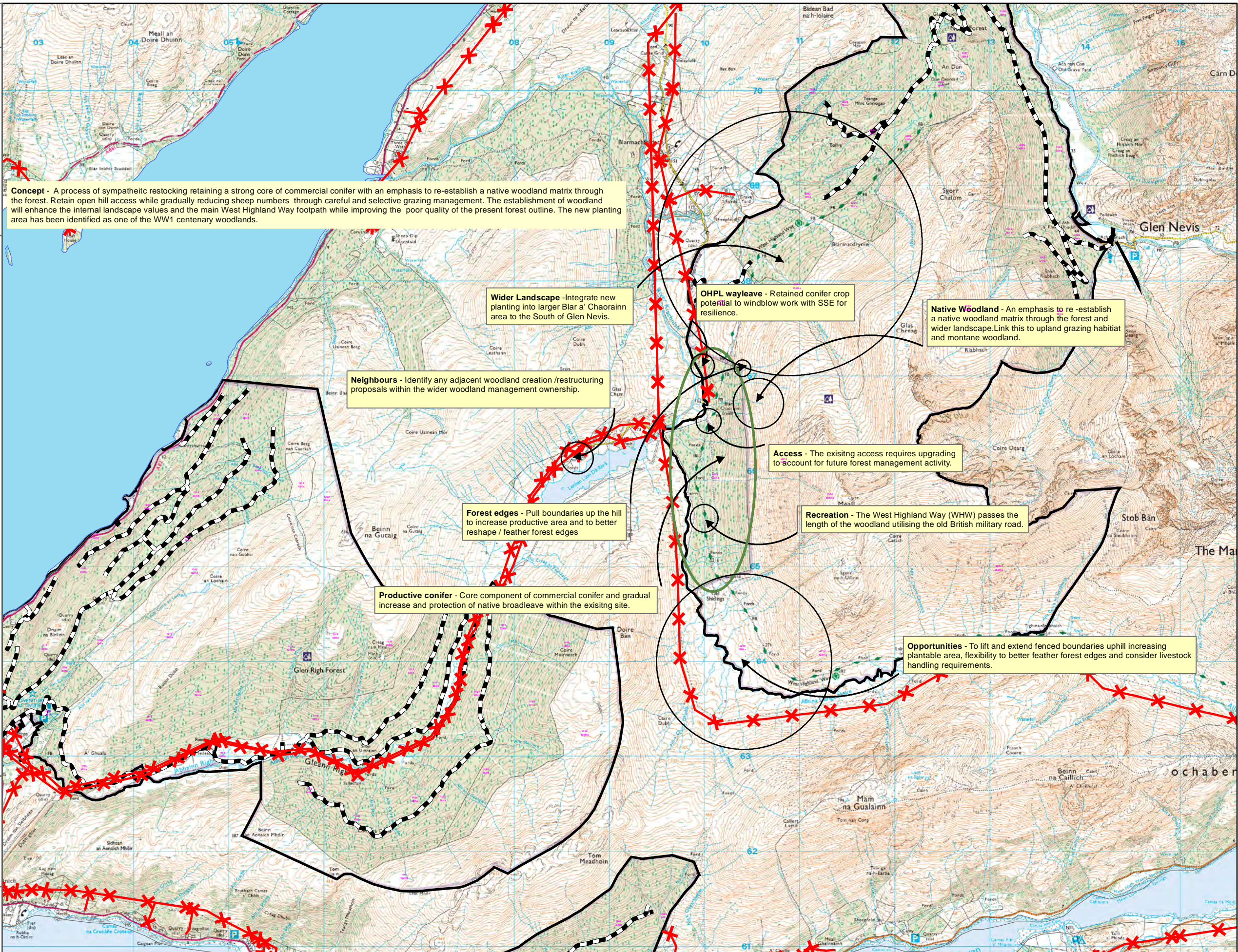


Lochaber Forest District

Cutwood Amendment
M1: Concept Map

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Concept - A process of sympathetic restocking retaining a strong core of commercial conifer with an emphasis to re-establish a native woodland matrix through the forest. Retain open hill access while gradually reducing sheep numbers through careful and selective grazing management. The establishment of woodland will enhance the internal landscape values and the main West Highland Way footpath while improving the poor quality of the present forest outline. The new planting area has been identified as one of the WW1 centenary woodlands.

Wider Landscape - Integrate new planting into larger Blar a' Chaorainn area to the South of Glen Nevis.

OHPL wayleave - Retained conifer crop potential to windblow work with SSE for resilience.

Native Woodland - An emphasis to re-establish a native woodland matrix through the forest and wider landscape. Link this to upland grazing habitat and montane woodland.

Neighbours - Identify any adjacent woodland creation /restructuring proposals within the wider woodland management ownership.

Access - The existing access requires upgrading to account for future forest management activity.

Forest edges - Pull boundaries up the hill to increase productive area and to better reshape / feather forest edges

Recreation - The West Highland Way (WHW) passes the length of the woodland utilising the old British military road.

Productive conifer - Core component of commercial conifer and gradual increase and protection of native broadleaves within the existing site.

Opportunities - To lift and extend fenced boundaries uphill increasing plantable area, flexibility to better feather forest edges and consider livestock handling requirements.

