

## Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Barcaldine Forest lies 11 miles north-east of Oban. The forest was planted in phases over the last 140 years, with a mix of early estate plantings and later commercial conifers. Commercial conifers have generally grown well, with much of the forest now in its second rotation. Sutherland's Grove is a tourist destination within the forest and is the focus for a network of footpaths and bike trails.

The primary objectives for the plan area are; commercial conifer timber production, PAWS restoration, landscape reappraisal in association with restructuring, review of management prescriptions, and taking into account guidance on forest resilience and diversification in response to climate change. Certification under the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme is another important objective to which the plan will contribute.

| Species breakdown                     | 2017 (current) | 2027 (end of plan period) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Primary species: Sitka Spruce         | 47%            | 44%                       |
| Secondary species: Other conifers     | 17%            | 18%                       |
| Native broadleaf                      | 11%            | 20%                       |
| Non-native broadleaves                | 1%             | 1%                        |
| Felled/failed                         | 9%             | -                         |
| Internal open space                   | 8%             | 10%                       |
| Open hill tops, agriculture and water | 7%             | 7%                        |

| Planned Operations | 2017-2026 plan period |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Felling            | 497.8ha               |
| Restocking         | 456.8ha               |
| Road construction  | 0.84km                |

| Significant Environment /              |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Conservation Features                  |                  |
| Area of Panoramic Quality              | 1 (North Argyll) |
| Glen Creran Woods SAC/SSSI             | 1 (part)(86ha)   |
| Scottish Sea Farms reservoir/catchment | 1 (330ha)        |

## **Critical Success Factors:**

- **Felling**
- Restocking of felled areas
- Road construction to facilitate felling of mature conifers and windblow
- PAWS restoration on 98.6ha delivered through felling program.

## Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we are consulting publically with the local community council and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information please contact Roger Wilson, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6684 or roger.wilson@forestry.qsi.qov.uk

