Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Dalbeattie is a popular recreation forest with the local community and tourists. It forms a backdrop to the town of Dalbeattie and is an important part of the coastal landscape. The forest has been shaped by the underlying granite and diverse mix of soils, creating a mosaic of woodland types.

The primary objective for the plan area is to deliver diverse productive forestry (both conifer and broadleaf), and to provide formal recreation opportunities set in woodland that is attractive to all.

Tree Species breakdown	2016 (current)	2035
Primary species: Sitka spruce	44%	28%
Secondary species: Other conifers	22%	33%
Native broadleaf	19%	21%
Open space	14%	16%

Planned Operations	2016-2026 plan period
Felling	147ha
Thinning	-ha
Restock	135ha
Forest road construction	-m
Forest road upgrade	-m

Significant Environment /		
Conservation Features		
Designated sites	1 (Moyle Hill SAM)	
Managed for conservation / biodiversity	10%	
Long Term Retention		
Natural Reserve	1%	
	4%	

Critical Success Factors

- Intensive management of birch regeneration to allow establishment of young conifers.
- Packaging, selling and working hardwood thinnings in CCF areas.
- Timely intervention of first thinnings for transition to CCF.
- Management of edge trees near neighbouring properties.
- Resources to clear and maintain viewpoints.

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.



