

Lochaber Forest District

Ardochy Land Management Plan

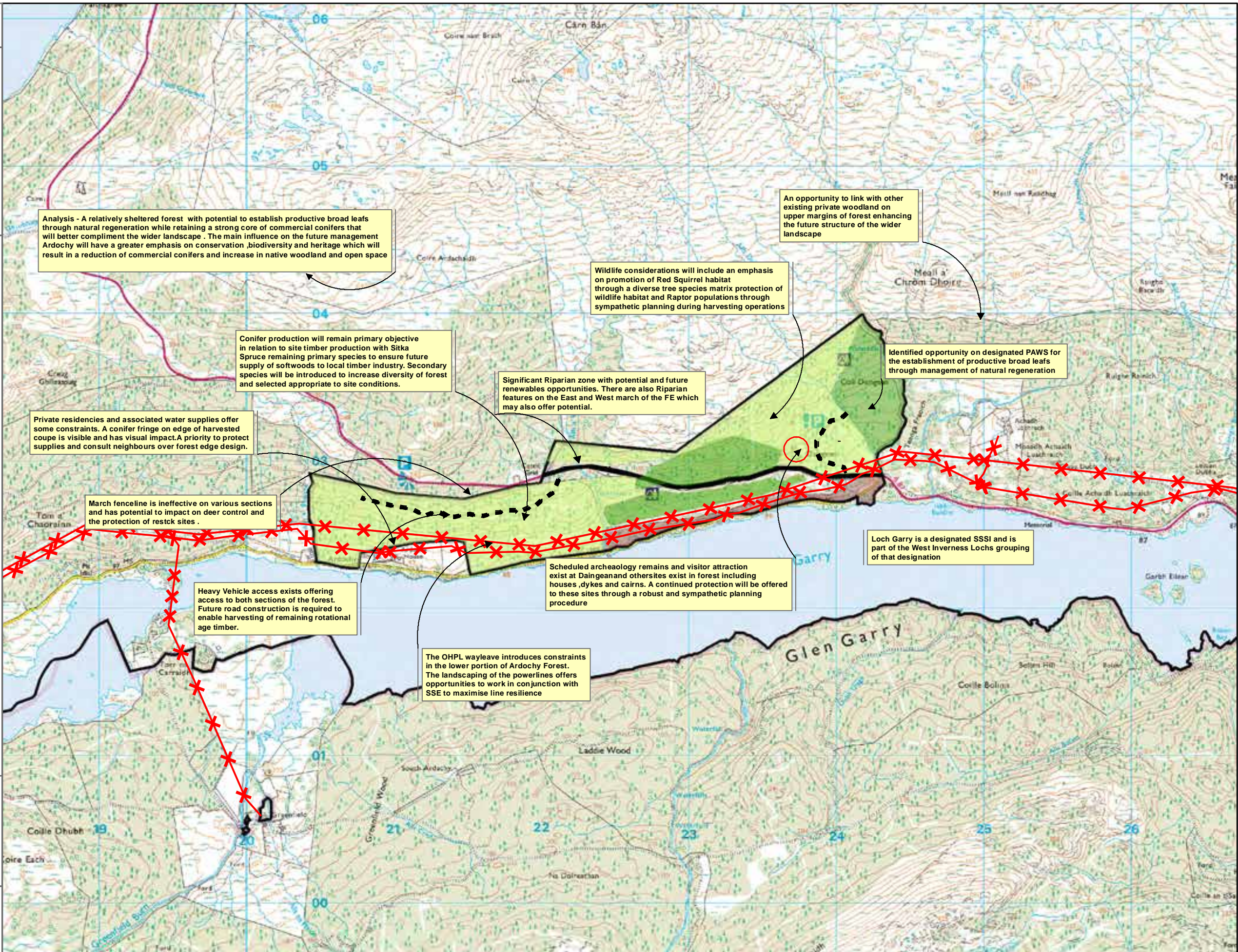
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- Legend**
- Daingean
 - X HV_O_H_Line_route
 - Roading2
 - Roading
 - BAP Non ASNW veteran trees
 - Productive2
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 - PAWS3
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 - PAWS1
 - Districts
 - Blocks



Analysis - A relatively sheltered forest with potential to establish productive broad leaves through natural regeneration while retaining a strong core of commercial conifers that will better compliment the wider landscape. The main influence on the future management Ardochy will have a greater emphasis on conservation, biodiversity and heritage which will result in a reduction of commercial conifers and increase in native woodland and open space

An opportunity to link with other existing private woodland on upper margins of forest enhancing the future structure of the wider landscape

Wildlife considerations will include an emphasis on promotion of Red Squirrel habitat through a diverse tree species matrix protection of wildlife habitat and Raptor populations through sympathetic planning during harvesting operations

Identified opportunity on designated PAWS for the establishment of productive broad leaves through management of natural regeneration

Conifer production will remain primary objective in relation to site timber production with Sitka Spruce remaining primary species to ensure future supply of softwoods to local timber industry. Secondary species will be introduced to increase diversity of forest and selected appropriate to site conditions.

Significant Riparian zone with potential and future renewables opportunities. There are also Riparian features on the East and West march of the FE which may also offer potential.

Private residences and associated water supplies offer some constraints. A conifer fringe on edge of harvested coupe is visible and has visual impact. A priority to protect supplies and consult neighbours over forest edge design.

Loch Garry is a designated SSSI and is part of the West Inverness Lochs grouping of that designation

March fence line is ineffective on various sections and has potential to impact on deer control and the protection of restck sites.

Scheduled archeology remains and visitor attraction exist at Daingean and othersites exist in forest including houses, dykes and cairns. A continued protection will be offered to these sites through a robust and sympathetic planning procedure

Heavy Vehicle access exists offering access to both sections of the forest. Future road construction is required to enable harvesting of remaining rotational age timber.

The OHPL wayleave introduces constraints in the lower portion of Ardochy Forest. The landscaping of the powerlines offers opportunities to work in conjunction with SSE to maximise line resilience

