

Summary of Brecklet Land Management Plan 2017 -2027 Proposals

The Brecklet LMP area comprises 544ha of productive conifer forest, open hill and regenerating native woodland situated on the lower slopes of Meall Mor, above the villages of Ballachulish and Glencoe and within the Ben Nevis and Glencoe National Scenic Area. The principle access route to the east from the A82 is shared with National Trust for Scotland facilities.

The first plan saw the construction of a road, the removal of the conifer crop from the hill top and the felling and regenerating of the eastern part of the forest. This plan continues to develop a more varied forest, through continuing the phased felling of clear-fell coupes to diversify age structure of the conifers and the expansion of native woodland around the SSSI to the east and in the riparian areas. The upper margins will be redesigned to allow the forest to sit more comfortably within the wider landscape. Due to the increasing risk of windblow the felling coupes in Gleann an Fhiodh will be completed sequentially down the glen. Natural regeneration is the preferred method for expanding the native woodland on ancient woodland sites. Away from these areas, restocking will include areas of productive native woodland (native broadleaves and Scots pine) established using low impact ground preparation and local provenance plants, with Sitka spruce production focused above Gleann an Fhiodh and on upper slopes to the east.

The District will co-operate with the local community's proposals for a run-of-river micro hydro-electricity scheme.

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| Total Plan Area | 544 ha |
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| Species breakdown | Current | End of the plan period |
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| Primary species: SS | 37% | 32% |
| Secondary species: MC | 16% | 4% |
| Native broadleaf | 1% | 18% |
| Open space | 46% | 46% |

| Planned operations | |
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| Felling | 44.2 ha (clear fell) |
| Thinning | 0 ha |
| Restock | 44.2 ha (planting and natural regeneration) |
| New planting | 0 ha |
| Road construction | 4.3 km |
| Road upgrade | 0 m |

| Significant environment/ Conservation features | |
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| Designated sites | Carnach SSSI; Glencoe SSSI/SAC; Glencoe SPA; Ben Nevis and Glencoe NSA; 92ha PAWS within the forest |
| Vulnerable species populations | Red Squirrel; Golden Eagle (Glencoe SPA) |
| A listed buildings | There are a number of archaeological features but no listed buildings |

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| Minimum intervention natural reserve | & | None |
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Critical Success Factors

- The construction of 4.3km of forest road is essential to continue the planned programme of the phased felling of clear-fell coupes
- The phased felling of 96.2Ha of commercial conifers is critical to ensure that the other objectives of the plan can be met. As a result of these clear-fells, the restoration of native woodlands on PAWS sites, the creation of new external boundaries and the restocking of commercial conifers can continue as prescribed in the plan
- Deer management will be essential for the successful establishment of native species as prescribed in the plan
- Conditions for successful natural regeneration e.g. seed source, seedbed, vegetation competition and browsing.

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 the Forest Planning team at Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6870 or lochaber@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

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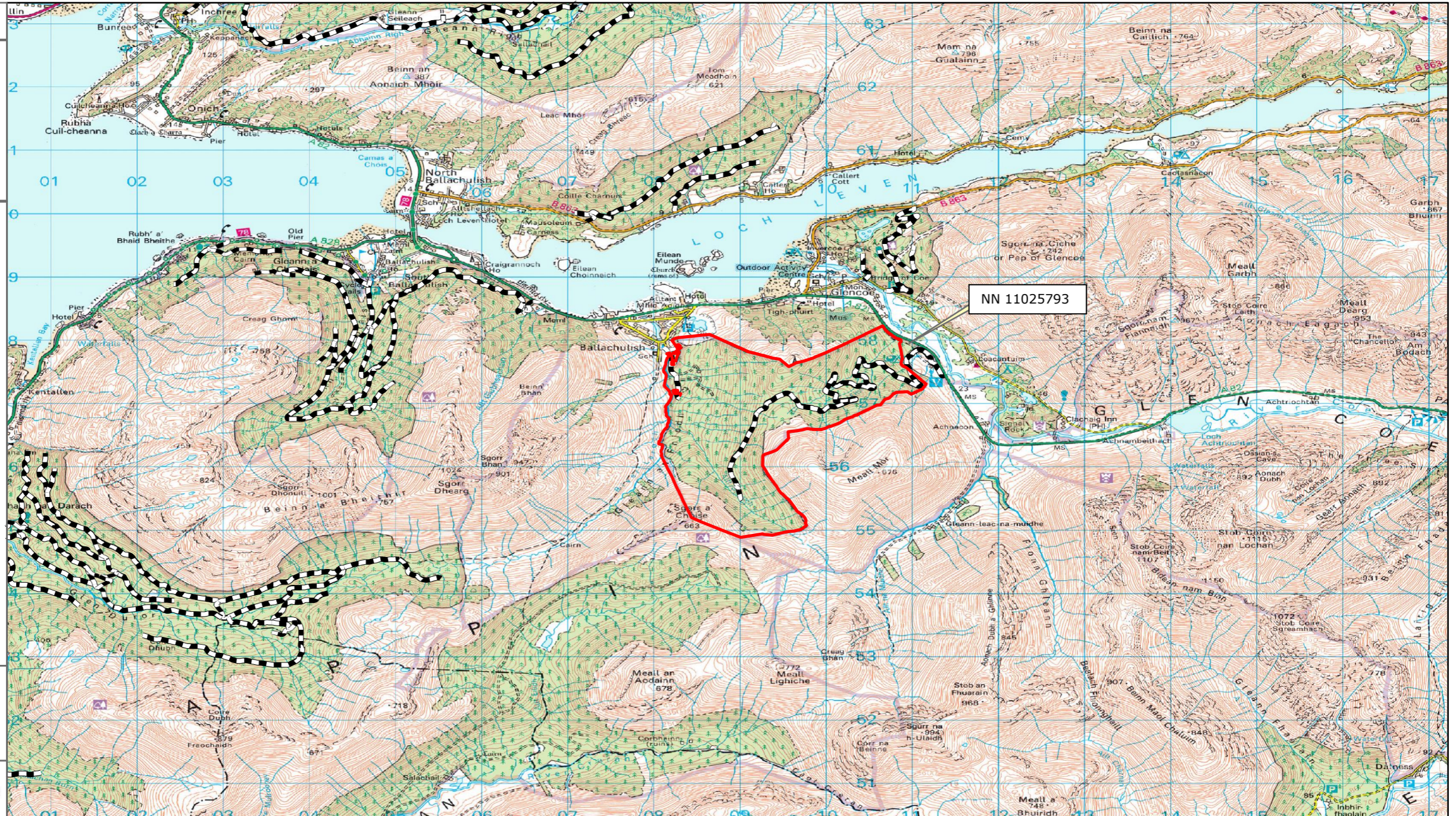
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Legend

-  Brecklet
-  Roads



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