



Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Nether Horsburgh, situated 3 km east of Peebles and between Glentress Forest and the River Tweed, was acquired in 2010/11 as a new woodland creation project. The area consists of 128 Ha existing variable density woodland, known as Castlehill, and 396 Ha of farmland and shelterbelt woodland situated around Nether Horsburgh House.

The land management plan objectives are:

- For Social, Environmental and Economic benefits, create an expansion to Glentress Forest with an ideal countryside design.
- To satisfy both local and national timber markets plant a variety of high yielding conifer and broadleaf trees - whilst selecting species taking account of climate change predictions.
- Expand native woodlands and maintain or improve condition of priority open habitats to support important species.
- Enhance the environment through good management of archaeology, water and soil
- Create the opportunity for business development through woodland designed for tourism and access.
- Support local community to develop local capacity and by providing access opportunities.
- Provide open access throughout the woods for multi user groups.

Total Plan Area	524 ha
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Tree Species breakdown	2016	2026
Primary species: Sitka spruce (pure)	3%	6%
Secondary species: Other conifers	4 %	18%
Productive broadleaves	-	11%
Native broadleaves	2% (all broadleaves)	8%
Parkland (agricultural grazing with small groups of trees)	-	5%
Forest Research (conifer & broadleaf)	1%	1%
Open space/agricultural	90%	31%

Planned Operations	2016-2026 plan period
Felling (some existing shelterbelts)	18 ha
Restock	16 ha
New planting	246 ha
Parkland planting	28 ha
Forest road construction	5080 m

Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Scheduled Ancient Monuments - Horsburgh Castle, Horsburgh Castle Farm (settlement) and

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Managed for conservation / biodiversity	Nether Horsburgh (enclosure) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Tweed SAC• Nutwood SSSI• Upland heathland habitat managed for biodiversity benefit, including black grouse habitat.
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Critical Success Factors

- Community support
- Protection from threat of deer and farm stock
- Resources for implementation
- Commitment and expertise in establishment of productive broadleaves

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: John Ogilvie, Planning Forester, Forest Enterprise Scotland on 0300 067 6756 or john.ogilvie@forestry.gsi.gov.uk