



LMP area forms part of the setting for the extensive Ben Mor - Ben Ledi Wild Land Area. Seek opportunities for a more subtle and sensitive transformation from forest to open upland.

Trossachs SAC and other ancient woodland sites threatened by spread of western hemlock natural regeneration. Remove hemlock seed source, manage natural regeneration and seek to expand buffer around SAC and ancient woodland.

Extensive areas of planted and naturally regenerated native woodland. In places Sitka spruce regeneration threatens to compromise both open and native woodland habitats. Seek to maintain open and native woodland habitat, examining options to remove Sitka spruce natural regeneration. Look for opportunities to manage older stands of native regeneration productively.

LLTNP assign 'wildness' qualities to the upper slopes of Ben Venue and associated ridges. However large areas in upper reaches of Gleann Riabhach suitable for native woodland expansion; invasion by Sitka spruce. Consider longer term opportunities for modification of commercial treeline and expansion of native woodland onto open ground. Consider options for managing Sitka spruce regeneration and maintaining open nature of upper slopes.

Larch stands prominent on hillside above Tigh Mor at risk from Ramorum disease. Steep slopes, most of which are designated as plantation on ancient woodland sites. Clearfell likely to be the only option to remove larch; examine options to do this in a manner sensitive to landscape. Restock with native species, incorporating an element of productive forestry if feasible.

Duke's Pass is a central feature of the Trossachs National Scenic Area. An extremely popular tourist route, and destination in its own right, it provides opportunity to showcase the essence of the Trossachs landscape. Continue the restructuring and diversification work of the past 10 to 15 years. Maintain a mix of native woodland and open space in a zone either side of the public road, continue to plant commercial conifer where appropriate. Maintain a number of prominent viewpoints.

Three Lochs Forest Drive is a popular attraction and incorporates facilities associated with the camping management zone. Potential for disturbance and conflict with silvicultural operations. Develop Visitor Zone Management Plan for the Forest Drive. Maintain diversity of interest, including stages of forest management. Seek to resolve potential conflict of interest with high regard to safety of public and forest workers.

Isolated coupes, in prominent positions; poor growing conditions. Retain these stands in the short to medium term but consider options for future access and management.

Isolated coupe. Retain in short to medium term but examine options for access and removal.

Slate Quarry is historically important, Linked to Aberfoyle by tramway and incline. Currently not active there is developing conservation interest (bats and flora). Establish future potential of quarry for sourcing stone. Protect features of conservation interest, consider opportunities for recreation and developing interpretation of historic features.

Achray Face is a prominent landscape feature containing a high proportion of larch at risk from Ramorum disease. Along with Braeval/Stonefield it is part of a national network currently managed using principles of low impact silviculture. Monitor spread of Ramorum disease and examine all options for managing larch, including clearfelling, remaining sensitive to landscape and visitor experience. Look for opportunities to maintain visual and species diversity at restocking. Continue to use low impact principles as much as possible.

Significant areas of ancient woodland, some designated as SSSI or SAC. River Teith SAC in north, Port of Menteith SSSI to east. Threats from non-native regeneration and pollution/runoff. Establish appropriate invasive species control measures in association with felling operations. Seek opportunity to restore/enhance ancient woodlands. Avoid damage to designated sites during operations.

Scotland's National Forest Estate is responsibly managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.

Achray Land Management Plan M2 Analysis and Concept

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- Productive clearfell
- Open hill
- Land management plan area
- Low impact management approaches
- Open water
- Forest roads
- Habitat zones
- The Lodge visitor centre
- Duke's Pass
- Man made features

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