

Lambhill & Easter Muirhead – Summary of Proposals

Lambhill & Easter Muirhead comprise the forest blocks of Lambhill & Easter Muirhead. With the exception of West Forth these blocks have served as significant productive forests within Scottish Lowlands Forest District, producing large volumes of standard quality timber.

The primary objective of the land management plan is the sustainable production of timber, to develop semi-natural Forest Habitat Networks, to manage existing native woodland and open habitats to maximize biodiversity value through increased habitat diversity and to explore potential to develop low-key recreational opportunities.

(see tables below).

Key Proposals

Total Plan Area	2,205 Ha
Planned operations	2017-2027 plan period
Felling	11.5 Ha
Thinning	7 Ha
Restock	11.5 Ha
Woodland Creation	153.1 Ha
Road Construction	750 m

Land use changes

Land use	2017	2027
Primary species: Sitka spruce	12%	23%
Secondary species: other conifers	4%	3%
Broadleaves	18%	22%
Open, Successional, Felled, Other	65%	52%

The key considerations in producing this plan were landscape, tree health, crop quality, climate change, habitat connectivity and heritage. The design preserves the most important views to, and within, the site and enhance where possible through careful design of new woodland shapes, species diversification and judicious use of open space.

Consultation and Further Information

Scottish Lowlands Forest District consulted with local neighbours via postcard drop, onsite posters and a press release whilst Perth and Argyll Conservancy consulted on the plan with statutory stakeholders.

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