Appendix 6 – Restock Prescriptions

| Legend | Species | Stocking details | Management type detail |
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| THis picture indicates the colours used for native mixed woodland in Map 8 | Native woodland | Minimum 1600 stems per hectare  10% to 60% native broadleaves  Up to 70% Scots pine (percentage depending on suitability of the ground)  20% open space  Or  80% area native broadleaves  20% open space | Where this management type is proposed native tree and shrub species will be established reflecting the appropriate NVC woodland type for the local soils and climate. Where this management type does not fall within minimum intervention or natural reserve small amounts of timber might be thinned out. This woodland will eventually create a woodland stand structure that contains a range of different age classes, both mature and veteran trees with deadwood and some permanent open areas at the margins and internally. A light level of grazing by herbivores sufficient to allow regeneration of a characteristic range of trees and shrubs and a well-developed field layer will be tolerated although deer control will be essential to allow establishment of transplants and eventually progression to regeneration. Although non-native tree species will generally be absent, they will be tolerated at low levels (less than 15% of species by area). A maximum of 10% of the area might be planted with Norway spruce for the benefit of red squirrel. The benefit of adding Norway spruce to the restock will be determined on a site by site basis with input from the Environment team. |
| Colouring representing Riparian Woodland on Map 8- Future Habitats Map | Riparian woodland/Native low density woodland | 800-1600 stems per hectare  60% area native species  40% open space  For riparian woodland: Average width 30m either side of the water course, varying where the management needs, terrain or landscape design require a different approach | The aim of this woodland type is to provide a significant buffer between productive forestry and watercourses and waterbodies that will increase biodiversity and enhance riparian and aquatic habitats. This restock prescription will also be used on the high poor ground to diversify areas of Sitka/Lodgepole mix. The species that are planted will be selected to match the NVC community for the appropriate soils type.  Native tree and shrub species will be established in clusters of variable density plantings appropriate to site type and framing other significant habitat (e.g. water vole grassland, deep peat, black grouse habitat).  In the long term areas of Riparian woodland could potentially provide small quantities of low quality timber (EG for firewood markets). A percentage of non-native conifer will be tolerated (less than 15% of species by area). If prolific conifer regeneration threatens to compromise overall aims these will be removed. |
|  | Birch with larch | Minimum 2500 stems per hectare  60% area primary species  30% area other broadleaves  10% open space | The aim of this management type is to produce quality hard and softwood and to improve the growing conditions of the area during this rotation.  Open ground will be incorporated around archaeological and recreation sites and on unplantable (for example rocky) ground throughout the coupe. Herbivores will be managed effectively and the sites will be monitored using the FCS Stocking Density Assessment protocol. |
|  | Norway spruce/Douglas fir/other conifer/Scots pine/Sitka spruce with any other broadleaves | Minimum 2500 stems per hectare  80% area primary species  10% area broadleaf species  10% area open space | The main aim of these restock prescriptions is to grow high quality and high value sawlog using one main species. Where possible stocking will be achieved through natural regeneration but if this is not possible planting will take place. Stocking density will ensure potential for timber quality. Subsequent operations such as singling and respacing might take place to further improve the crops.  An element of native broadleaved trees will be introduced to improve biodiversity and to provide a seed source of native broadleaved species in the future. The broadleaves will be planted or regenerated in areas where access or productivity is likely to be poorer or where they have the maximum biodiversity benefit. Similarly an element of open ground will be maintained, this will mostly be around archaeology, on rides, on shallow soils and scree and/or on protected soils (deep peats). |
|  | Douglas fir/other conifer/Scots pine  with Scots pine/larch/other conifer | Minimum 2500 stems per hectare  50% area primary species  30% area secondary species  10% area broadleaf species  10% open space | The aim in areas with these restock prescriptions is again the production of high quality sawlog. In these prescriptions a secondary species will be used to enhance diversity and resilience and improve overall yield. Stocking might be achieved through natural regeneration or through planting depending on the presence of natural regen. The main component will form approximately 50% of the area and the secondary species approximately 30%. Mixes might be intimate or blocky depending on compatibility of species.  An element of native broadleaved trees will be introduced to improve biodiversity and to provide a seed source of native broadleaved species in the future. The broadleaves will be planted or regenerated in areas where access or productivity is likely to be poorer or where they have the maximum biodiversity benefit. Similarly an element of open ground will be maintained, this will mostly be around archaeology, on rides, on shallow soils and scree and/or on protected soils (deep peats). |
|  | Sitka spruce and lodgepole Pine | Minimum 2500 stems per hectare  40% area primary species  40% area secondary species  10% area broadleaf species  10% open space | The aim of this restock is mainly to produce biomass with as large a percentage of sawlog as possible. This so called ‘nutritional mix’ will ensure no fertilizer is needed for the crop to overcome the heather prevalent on sites where this mix will be used. Planting will generally be done in a 3 by 3 intimate mixture to ensure maximum benefits.  The broadleaves will be planted or regenerated in areas where access or productivity is likely to be poorer or where they have the maximum biodiversity benefit. Similarly an element of open ground will be maintained, this will mostly be around archaeology, on rides, on shallow soils and scree and/or on protected soils (deep peats). |
|  | Scots pine and birch | Minimum 1600 stems per hectare  Up to 70% Scots pine  10% to 30% birch  20% open space | This restock prescription applies to the Natural Reserve at Scotsburn and as such will not be restocked. This prescription services to demonstrate the species mixture in this area. |
|  | Mixed broadleaves and other conifers | 800-1600 stems per hectare  60% area native species  40% open space | As per ‘Riparian Woodland’ with the exception for retention of elements of high biodiversity and recreation value Norway spruce retained and regenerated at small scale. |
|  | Mixed broadleaves and larch | Minimum 2500 stems per hectare  60% broadleaf species  20% larch  20% open | Natural regenerated birch and larch on the slopes above the Struie road. |