



An Carr

- underlying peatland habitat
- planted with SS (mid 80's)
- yield is generally sub YC6
- no access
- up to YC14 on break of slope down to A886
- approx. 2ha of P87 JL
- break of slope brings landscape sensitivity to passing traffic on A886, no residential property or visitor features

Visitor Zone

- Loch Lomond & Cowal Way
- no diversion option other than A886
- runs parallel to FHN and there is parity of objectives
- some tunneling from mature conifer

Open peatland

- mainly open habitat, limited regen
- degraded peat hags
- no easy access other than steep ground leading up from forest road

Strath nan Lub

- Productive high forest, predominantly SS
- Contains LA but can be extracted at short notice
- Some roading requires upgrade but otherwise well roaded
- Slope mostly allows for thinning but WHC and soil present restrictions
- Internal landscape other than to Cowal way users
- Upper western margins offer very low productivity

Strondavon

- contains significant elements of mature LA
- roading does not extend far enough to allow management
- environmental constraints
- has an external landscape and prominence, though through a small viewing window
- steep shoulders with no access, roadign required for winch
- lower slopes (steepest) difficult to protect for any FHN expansion

Glendaruel

- external landscape though limited significance
- lower slopes are PAWS and ASNW
- productive potential
- good soils, suitable for diversity
- thinning is possible but ground can be steep
- access to Cruach Mhor WF
- contains prominent quarry for area, in need of expansion
- potential for CCF
- several private water supplies
- upper slopes acting as 'screening coupes' for WF
- difficulty in protection for soft species

Open Hill

- acid grassland
- almost no SS regen
- connectivity on to the mountain ridge
- deer regularly use for grazing and woodland edge for cover

Grazing

- long term grazing lease with local farmer
- some sheep transition in to forest area

Open hill

- some SS regen, mixture of ages inc 10cm+ dbh

Na Lona Min

- disconnected from Glendaruel by windfarm development
- mixed area of productive conifer and open ground
- 50ha area of previous productive ground remains open after 10 years, non productive plan required
- potential peatland flats to be restored, poor quality habitat
- some remote LA, fell to recycle if infected

Cruach Mhor windfarm

- 35 turbine array constructed in 2004
- Habitat management area including planting of NBL
- lease expires 2029
- mostly open habitat for ground nesting birds and associated predators
- SS regen within the turbine array requires removal

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



Constraints and Opportunities

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