

The district will maximise the area managed through thinning. FES policy assumes that all productive crops will be thinned. In Quarrelwood the areas with the potential to be thinned are highlighted on the map. The crops within these areas that will not be thinned are those where:

- Thinning is likely to significantly increase the risk of windblow;
- The crop is out with its thinning window;
- A single thinning operation is likely to require an unacceptably large initial investment in relation to the potential benefits due to access or market considerations;
- Thinning is unlikely to improve poorly stocked or poor quality crops.
- Ground conditions make a thinning operation impossible or uneconomic.

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



Moray & Aberdeenshire Forest District Quarrelwood

Map 6 Thinning

O.S. Grid Ref NJ 174 634

Date May 2017

Scale: 1:12,500 @ A4

Next thinning year

- 2020
- 2023
- 2024

