West Strathyre Land Management Plan 2017-2027 Summary of Proposals

West Strathyre Land Management Plan (LMP) area extends to 2915Ha running along the western side of Strathyre (Stirlingshire) from near Callander in the south to near Balquhidder in the north. The LMP area includes the full sweep of the western slope of the Strath rising from 77m at the Pass of Leny to 879m at the summit of Ben Ledi.

While Sitka Spruce dominates on the upper slopes there is a diversity of conifer species on the lower slopes and significant areas of mature Native Broadleaves (NBL). Age class is diverse and much of the woodland on the lower slopes is under Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) management.

Total Plan Area	2915ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Sitka spruce	48%	30%
Other conifers	18%	26%
Native broadleaf	12%	30%
Open space	22%	14%

Planned operations	
Felling	115ha;
Thinning	467ha
Restock	263ha
New planting	None.
Road construction	425m and 11000m of track
Road upgrade	Routine maintenance will be required on several forest roads.

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	Pass of Leny SSSI; Loch Lubnaig Marshes SSSI; River Teith SAC.
Vulnerable species populations	Several protected birds of prey nest in, or use, the plan area. Black grouse occur on the upland margins. Red squirrels, pine marten and otters also occur. The River Teith SAC is noted for its fish assemblage and vulnerable population of fresh water pearl mussel.
A listed buildings	None.
Minimum intervention &	None
natural reserve	

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact:

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