

Deeside Woods Land Management Plan Summary

The Deeside woods area is made up of three forest blocks, Cambus o' May, Pannanich and Inver, which are all located along the river Dee between Aboyne in the east and Braemar in the west.

Analysis of the available information has led to the **primary objective** for the management of these blocks being to create woodlands with high environmental value for species, habitats and landscape.

In common with the management of all woodland in the National Forest Estate, the forest will be managed to meet the requirements of the UK forest standards. This will ensure that the plan area meets multiple land use objectives while utilising the intrinsic specific strengths of the block.

Total plan area	742 ha
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Species breakdown	2016 (current)	2026 (end of plan period)
Primary species: Scots pine	69.3%	67%
Secondary species: Larch	8.4%	4.0%
Other conifers	7.3%	6.2%
Broadleaves	5.4%	7.4%
Open & felled areas	9.6%	15.4%

Planned operations	2016 – 2026 plan period
Felling	22.2 ha
Restocking	27.1 ha

Significant Environment/ Conservation Features	
SSSI	Muir of Dinnet SSSI – Cambus o' May
SAC	River Dee
National park	Cairngorms national park
National scenic area	Inver
Environmentally area	Inver
SPA	Adjacent Glen Tanar & Cairngorms Massif SPA's
PAWS	Within each block
Core Capercaillie area	All blocks within core area

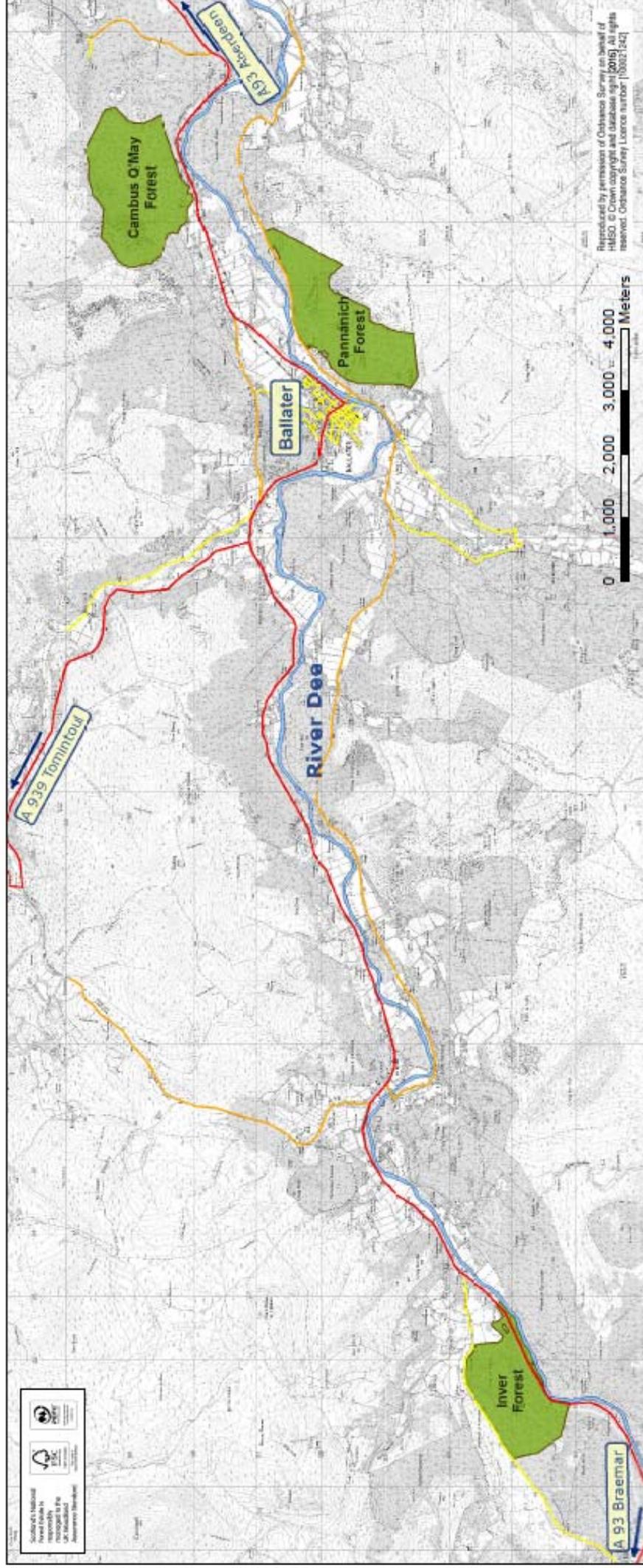
Critical success factors:

- Maintain and enhance the pinewood habitat within the blocks to continue to support the key BAP species present.

- Undertake the planned thinning and felling programme in order to increase the quality of the timber within the plan area and to meet the production targets.
- Undertake the thinning planned for the LISS areas in order to manage the light levels to allow the development of the appropriate ground vegetation and natural regeneration.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network to allow forest operations to be successfully completed.
- Control of deer populations to allow natural regeneration within LISS areas.

Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Mark Reeve, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 07990802079 or mark.reeve@forestry.gsi.gov.uk



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Deeside woods
 Map 1 Location
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 Date May 2016
 Scale: 1:30,000 @A2

-  Deeside woods
-  River Dee
-  A road
-  B road
-  Minor road

