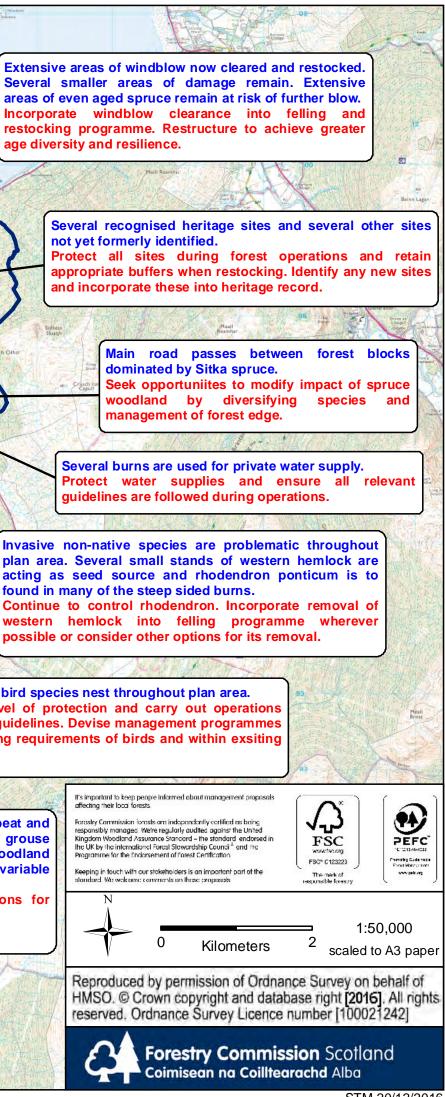
Red squirrels prevelant throughout woodlands with particular hot spots at lower elevations. Protect squirrels and seek to improve habitat to encourage spread. Relatively warm and sheltered site conditions with extensive brown earths, below 175m. Cooler, increasingly wet and exposed, with gleyed soils above this. Retain a strong element of commercial conifer production but seek opportunities to use alternative species to Sitka spruce and continuous cover systems at lower elevations. Extensive areas of high quality ancient woodland. Some sites have been planted with non-native conifers or are otherwise degraded. Protect and enhance remaining stands of ancient woodland. Restore other priority sites and expand all where feasible. Many deep sided burns retain ancient woodland remnants. Incorporate burns into forest habitat network and encourage spread of native species around these. Several protected bird species nest throughout plan area. Western slopes visible from west bank of Loch Fyne. Continue high level of protection and carry out operations Continue programme of re-structuring to increase only under strict guidelines. Devise management programmes species and age diversity. Plan coupe shapes and sensitive to nesting requirements of birds and within exsiting felling programme to minimise impact on landscape. legal frameworks. Extensive areas of open ground habitat with deep peat and blanket bog. Important habitat for golden eagle, red grouse and with potential black grouse habitat on woodland margins. Several poor stands of Sitka spruce and variable density Sitka regeneration. Retain priority open habitats and examine options for management of native and non-native regeneration. Strathlachlan Expanding colonies of wood ants, Formica lugubris, in Lephinmore and above Barnacarry. Protect existing colonies, seek to provide conditions to favour these species and monitor expansion.

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