

Buchan Woods

LMP Summary

Buchan Woods land management plan area is located near Turriff and Methlick in Aberdeenshire (see location map below).

The plan includes two main areas of forestry: Delgaty Woods, near Turriff and Gight Woods, near Methlick.

The primary objective for Delgatie Woods is the management of the woodland for the production of a sustainable, quality crop of timber.

The primary objective for Gight Woods will be to continue its conversion to native broadleaf woodland for environmental and biodiversity benefits.

Planned Operations	2021-2031 plan period	
Clearfell	26.1ha	
Thinning	280.3ha	
Restock	30.5ha	

Planned operations in 10 year plan period

			Area (ha)	% Cover
Species	Area (ha) 2021	% Cover 2021	2031	2031
Primary Species:	69.2	25.1%	68.4	23.8%
Sitka s pruce				
Secondary Species:	50.1	17.6%	30.1	10.5%
Japanese larch				
Other Conifers	78.2	28.1%	73.2	25.5%
Broadleaves	55.5	20%	94.3	32.9%
Open and Felled	25.5	9.2%	21.1	7.3%
areas				

Species coverage change in plan period

Critical Success Factors

- Thinning and clearfell operations to be carried out on schedule to ensure timber production targets are met and to avoid adjacency issues.
- Protect and improve water environment during all forestry works.
- Effective deer control over restock sites is imperative to ensure successful establishment.
- Forestry works carried out with protecting recreational use as a priority.
- PAWS areas are restored with the correct species and maintenance work is carried out when needed.

Location Map

