

The majority of the conifer woodlands has been identified as suitable for Continuous Cover Forest (CCF) areas. CCF areas are to be managed to ensure that the current diversity regarding species, mixture and structure is being increased in the long term.

Forested riparian zones will be targeted for habitat improvement and linkage. They will be opened up gradually during thinning operations to allow a mixture of shrub/brush, open space, widely spaced existing tree cover and/or mixed broadleaves.

There will be a significant increase of commercial broadleaf plantations (sometimes in mixture with conifers) for diversity reasons at appropriate sites across the plan area.

Sitka Spruce will be the dominant future crop on the large, previously DNB-infected clear fell site on top of the Romach Hill. Natural regeneration of Sitka Spruce will be encouraged by leaving mature seed trees on site.

The future Sitka woodlands will be managed to improve suitable habitat for Caper. Wherever appropriate and conditions allow, a more open, semi-natural woodland structure will be encouraged.

European Silver Fir plantations to support Capercaillie, in mix with Western Red Cedar to increase species diversity

