



Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Falside is a predominantly productive plantation, situated close to the village of Chesters and the A68, four miles south of Jedburgh. Timber production will continue to be an important objective, whilst ensuring appropriate landscape design. A fifth of the forest will be managed with conservation of biodiversity as the primary objective, including Mervinslaw Wood Pasture Ancient Woodland.

Primary Management Objectives:

- To maximise fast growing conifers for sawlogs (suitable for the construction market).
- To protect and enhance the environmental opportunities including water, soils, landscape and archaeology.
- To increase the overall biodiversity value of the forest.

Secondary Management Objectives:

- Species and stand structure diversification to give greater resilience to climatic events and plant diseases.
- Maintain and facilitate current levels of recreation by the public for walking and horse riding.

Total Plan Area	589 ha
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Tree Species breakdown	2016	2026
Primary species: Sitka spruce	66%	57%
Secondary species: Other conifers	7%	8%
Native broadleaf	6%	9%
Open space (including fallow)	21%	27%

Planned Operations	2015-2025 plan period
Felling	53 ha
Restock	17 ha

Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Managed for conservation / biodiversity	17% Minimum Intervention
Long Term Retention	1%
Natural Reserve	1%

Critical Success Factors

- The continued stability of the first rotation crops assigned for later phase clearfelling.
- Adequate protection for softer conifer and broadleaf species to be established
- Continued riparian zone broadleaf recruitment.

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with representatives of the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact: John Ogilvie, Planning Forester, Forest Enterprise Scotland on 0300 067 6756 or john.ogilvie@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.