Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Wauchope East LMP brings together three neighbouring forest blocks into one composite plan: Hyndlee (eastern part), Lethem and Peel. The forests will remain predominantly productive conifer plantation, with Sitka spruce the dominant species. The areas managed primarily for biodiversity value will continue to be expanded and enhanced. Kielderhead SSSI is particularly important in this respect.

Management Objectives:

- To help mitigate for climate change through carbon sequestration.
- To help make the forests resilient.
- 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.

Total Plan Area	4118 ha

Tree Species breakdown	2015	2025
Primary species: Sitka spruce	43%	41%
Secondary species: Other conifers	14%	14%
Native broadleaf	4%	4%
Fallow (felled awaiting restock)	4%	5%
Planned open space	13%	14%
Kielderhead SSSI	22%	22%

Planned Operations	2015-2025 plan period
Felling	384 ha
Restock	524 ha
Road construction	950 m

Significant Environment /	
Conservation Features	
Designated sites	Kielderhead SSSI 905 Ha (22%)
Long Term Retention	3%
Natural Reserve	2%
Minimum Intervention	10%

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.
- Continues riparian zone broadleaf recruitment.

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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.