



Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Forest Commission Scotland sold most of Glen Shira Forest in 2012. A small part was retained, which contains half of the Glen Shira Woods SAC, a Western acidic oak wood with a rich assemblage of lichens and bryophytes. In addition, there is a native woodland expansion zone above the SAC, comprising previously felled areas for broadleaved regeneration and one stand of mature commercial conifers.

The primary objective for the plan area is the protection and enhancement of the SAC. This will include felling of the commercial conifers within the next 10 years. Certification under the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme is also required.

Total Plan Area	57.9ha
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Species breakdown	2016 (current)	2025 (end of plan period)
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	15%	2%
Secondary species: Japanese larch	1%	0%
Native broadleaf	57%	74%
Felled for regeneration	9%	14%
Internal open space	18%	10%

Planned Operations	2016–2025 plan period
Felling	8.1ha
Restock by regeneration	7.6ha
Road construction	550m

Significant Environment /	
Designated sites	1 (Glen Shira SAC)
Minimum Intervention areas	2 (86% of plan area)

Critical success factors:

- Expansion of native woodland area through felling the stand of mature conifers
- Broadleaved natural regeneration of the existing felled area
- Road construction to facilitate felling of the mature conifers
- Restoration of Ancient Woodland sites through felling of conifers
- Protection of sensitive conservation features within the SAC through removal of shading cast by existing mature conifers and implementation of management recommendations in discussion with SNH

Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we are consulting publically with the local community council and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Roger Wilson, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 01546 605069 or roger.wilson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Location Map – Glen Shira Land Management Plan

