



## Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

The forest of Criffel cloaks the eastern slopes of this prominent hill south of Dumfries, and contributes to the landscape of the Nith Estuary National Scenic Area. Hill walkers regularly use the Core Path through the forest to access the summit. Most of the land is under second rotation forestry, with restructuring progressing well.

The primary objective for the plan area is to maintain productivity, whilst increasing species diversity to enhance the landscape value.

<b>Total Plan Area</b>	210ha
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<b>Tree Species breakdown</b>	<b>2017 (current)</b>	<b>2027 (end of plan period)</b>
Primary species: Sitka spruce	37%	25%
Secondary species: Other conifers	17%	29%
Native broadleaf	11%	15%
Open space	28%	21%

<b>Planned Operations</b>	<b>2017-2027 plan period</b>
Felling	28ha
Thinning	-ha
Restock	28ha
Forest road construction	230m
Forest road upgrade	-m

<b>Significant Environment / Conservation Features</b>	
Designated sites	1 (Nith Estuary NSA)
Managed for conservation / biodiversity	26%
Long Term Retention	0%
Natural Reserve	2%

## Critical Success Factors

- Management of feral pig population
- Landscape and support of NSA objectives
- Establish broadleaves and alternative conifers
- Effective design of the mono age/species1991 area in the north of the block

## 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: Robin Fuller, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6923 or [robin.fuller@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:robin.fuller@forestry.gsi.gov.uk).

