



WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND

Glenrinnnes is a mixed rural estate situated near to the town of Dufftown. The current owner moved to Glenrinnnes more than 25 years ago; the aim has been to develop the estate sensitively and with an eye to quality. The estate team all play a key role in managing the land and rearing the animals, and it is their hard work that has enabled our animals to win so many awards. The estate received organic status in 2001 for its agricultural units.

The estate covers an area of 2389 hectares approximately covering all land uses from agriculture to forestry.

The long-term vision is to manage the woodland to safeguard its sustainability, restructure the over-mature stands, enhancing biodiversity and resilience,

The estate currently comprises multiple compartments/woodlands composed of 24% broadleaved trees, 42% coniferous trees, 18% open ground and 9% ground to be restocked with trees post storm.

There is one distinct area of productive conifer woodland of approximately 220 hectares in size and is located at the southwest corner of the estate. This will be managed as a commercial forest unit with clear-felling and restocking with conifer species and native broadleaves where appropriate.

The estate has many shelter belts of various ages which will be restructured to enhance species diversity. The majority of these mature shelter belts have been planted with commercial conifers.

These areas will be replanted with mixed native broadleaves with a component of native Scots Pine.

The watercourse on the estate eventually all run into the River Spey SAC. The Long-Term Forest Plan will aim to enhance the quality of the water course and SAC through riparian planting and the creation of native broadleaf woodlands which will help to shade the water and reduce the temperature as well as increase leaf fall and invertebrate numbers.

Creating diversity in forest/woodland species and structure helps promote resilience to environmental threats such as fire and storm damage, climate change, and erosion, plus reduces threats from disease, invasive species and animal browsing.

During forest operations, Public Rights of Way and recreation facilities will, wherever possible, be preserved and maintained within the constraints of managing public safety.

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F&W Forestry has been appointed to undertake a new Long-Term Forest Plan (LTFP) that sets out the intended forest management over the next 20 years, including felling and restocking proposals.

Opportunities will be taken to improve the forest design by increasing structural diversity and the proportion of native broadleaves and other conifers where appropriate.

GLENRINNES FARMS

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Maintain and improve both the landscape and amenity value of the woodlands.
- ❖ Create and maintain a supply of wood fuel for the estates cooperative biomass heating system.
- ❖ Provide a commercially viable woodlands which can produce a sustainable volume of timber to the market. The forest/woodlands have good access to local and national timber markets.
- ❖ Increase the biodiversity of the property through felling of commercial conifers and the expansion of native woodlands and the creation of wildlife corridors.
- ❖ Improve the water quality of rivers and burns which lead/run into the River Spey SAC through expansion of native woodlands.



CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK

Part of forest management planning is to contact statutory bodies, neighbours and any other local interested parties to establish potential sensitivities, constraints or opportunities that could influence the future design, development and management of the woodlands.

The Long-Term Forest Plans and maps showing proposed felling and restocking plans for each area are available for viewing and download on our website: fwforestry.co.uk/glenrinnnes

F&W Forestry would value your input into this process and welcomes your feedback on these woodlands and the future proposals. A feedback form can be accessed via the QR code:



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