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Gwanas Fawr woodland management consultation

Dear resident or interested party,

I am writing as the forest manager to invite your comments on the revised management plan and proposed forestry work at Gwanas Fawr. F&W Forestry manages this approximately 42.14 hectare woodland near Dolgellau, within Eryri National Park. We welcome views from neighbours, local residents, woodland users and organisations with an interest in the area.

The plan covers 2026-2036, with a detailed programme for 2026-2031 and a longer-term outlook to 2046. This consultation supports the plan review and preparation for recertification against the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS), an independent standard for assessing sustainable woodland management.

Our priorities are to establish the young woodland successfully and manage the remaining mature trees in a way that maintains productivity and improves woodland resilience. Future harvesting and replacement planting will take account of wind exposure, landscape views, water, wildlife and historic features.

Proposed work during the first five years

- **Larch removal and replacement planting:** The proposals include removal of remaining treated larch in compartment 2b and residual larch within 3a. The 3a larch operation is provisionally programmed for 2026/27. Replacement planting or suitable regeneration will be agreed for the affected areas; the map proposes mixed conifers in 2b.
- **Assessment of mature compartments:** Assess compartments 2a and 3a during 2027-2029 for crop health, wind stability and future harvesting. The map identifies clearfelling as an option with an intended felling horizon of 2031. The extent, method and timing remain subject to those assessments, detailed design and approval.
- **Young woodland and retained edges:** Continue establishment and maintenance in the young crops, including replacement of failed trees and protection from browsing and livestock. Maintain compartment 1b as a retained mixed woodland edge.
- **Access and infrastructure:** Inspect and maintain roads, culverts, gates and boundaries annually and as needed, supporting safe forestry access and protecting the shared farm approach.

Managing effects on neighbours and the environment

Harvesting may change views of the woodland and temporarily increase noise, timber traffic and mud on the shared approach. The size and sequence of felling areas will be assessed against the Eryri landscape and the stability of retained trees. We will notify affected neighbours and access users before substantial work and agree practical haulage arrangements.

Operational plans will protect watercourses, wet ground, retained broadleaves, wildlife habitats and recorded historic features. They will also address the access bridge, overhead electricity crossings, other utilities and adjoining livestock. Any temporary access restrictions will be managed through the appropriate official permissions and notices.

Proposals remain subject to the required permissions, site checks and consideration of consultation responses. Operational dates may change with weather, ground conditions and crop health. We will review progress annually and undertake a plan review in 2031.

Your views and local knowledge

Please tell us about any concerns or information that should influence the proposals, including access and shared rights, private water supplies, wildlife, historic features, landscape views or the effects of timber transport. Where possible, it would be helpful if you could identify the location or compartment as shown on the accompanying maps.

We will record and consider responses when finalising the plan and operational arrangements, respond to issues raised and explain any resulting changes. You can also request further information or ongoing dialogue.

Please send comments by 16 November 2026, quoting Gwanas Fawr. This allows one month from the date of this notice for responses.

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Further management plan information and paper copies are available on request. Please contact us if you need the information in another format or help to respond.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Shelton

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Maps included on the following pages: location and access; five-year operations.

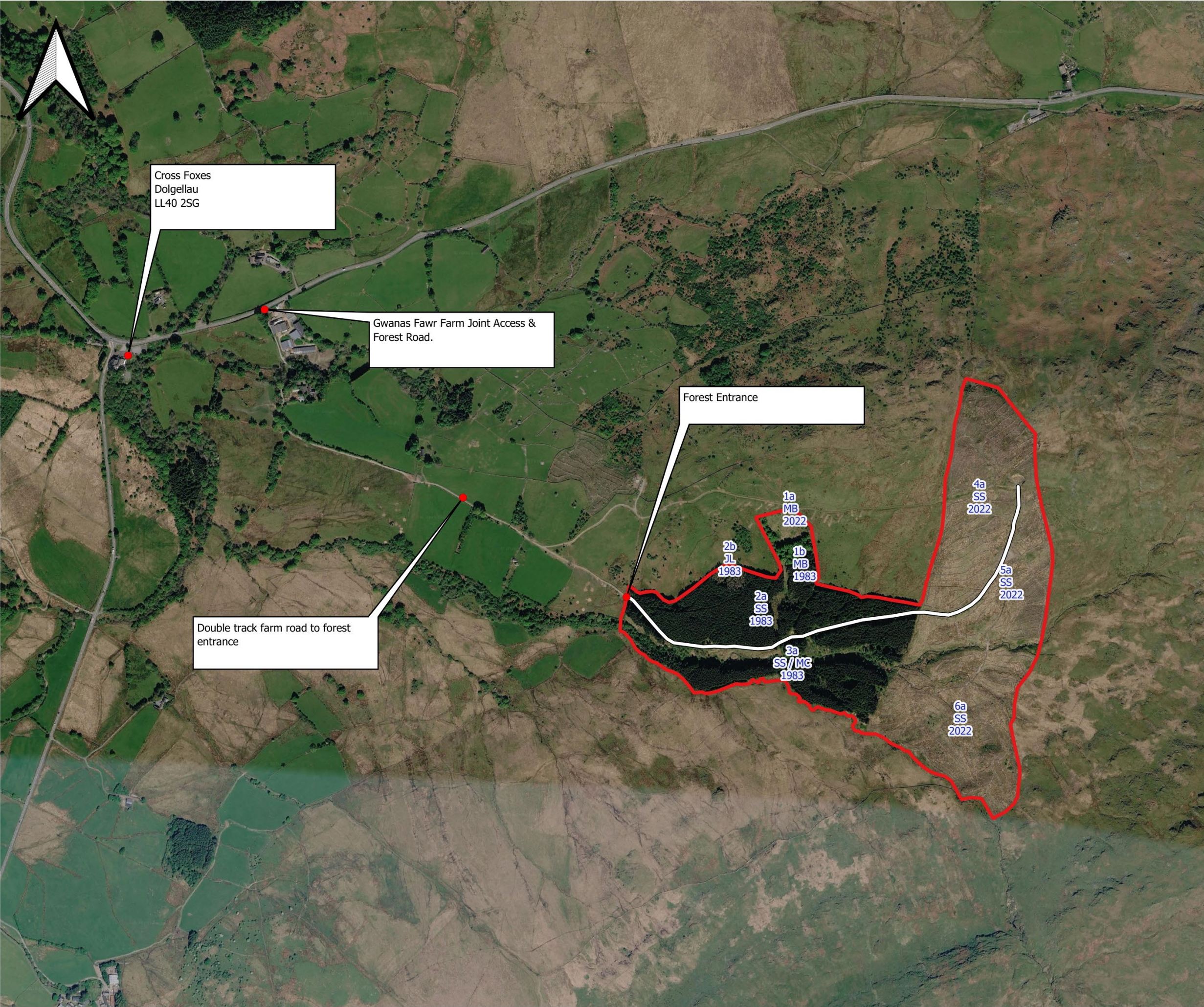


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