Roadside trees to maintain in safe condition, potential opportunity for native woodland expansion

Where archaeological features have been identified appropriate buffers have been designed into felling/restocking plans and operations.

Policy woodlands close to Darnaway Castle and within the designed landscape are managed under a Continuous Cover Forestry system

There is a system of old fire ponds within the woodland that are connected to drains and burns. These need maintenance, which will have to comply with Forests and Water guidelines

Mosaic of varied age classes and tree species over the life of the LTFP period will maintain suitable, sustained habitat for Red Squirrels. Guidance around forest operations within Red Squirrel zones will be followed.

Grazing of native cattle within the woodland/ Darnaway and Lethen SPA to improve habitat for Capercaillie

Raptor nests are recorded and monitored to allow for forest operation planning and adequate protected buffer zones where appropriate

Grazing of native cattle to improve and maintain deer lawns

Numerous badger setts across the estate, particularly in areas close to farmland. Planning and mitigation is required to ensure forets operations can occur. Satelite setts are disturbed or closed under license from NatureScot to allow forest operations to occur.

Grazing of native cattle to break up dense field layer (Common Woodrush) and provide a seedbed for natural regenration of commercial conifer species

Work to remove non-native species (predominantly Beech) from the Lower Findhorn Woods SSSI and SAC. This work requires rope access.

Popular access routes for public recreation are maintained and monitored for safety issues at regular intervals

Where felling and resotcking operations provide opportunity, re-design of riparian zones in line with UKFS Forest & Water guidelines will take place. Large woody debris will be retained in watercourses where appropriate to improve the biodiversity within the narrow riparian features within the woodland. This may increase the use of watercourses by otters.

Roe and Red deer are maanged across the estate. Deer management takes place across all ownerships, within woodland and farmland. Deer are maintained at low enough population levels to allow young trees to establish without the use of deer fencing. Sika deer may start to establish during the lifetime of this LTFP.

Legend

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- Phase 1 (2026-2030)
- Phase 2 (2031-2036)

Estate Roads — ALL_EstateRoutes

- Public road
- Public road
- Forest Track
- Forest Road
- Footpath
- Estate Track
- Estate Road

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Moray Estates

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