



Minuntion and Pinclanty

Introduction

Minuntion and Pinclanty lie 5 km to the south west of the village of Barr in South Ayrshire. The IACS registered extent of the property covers an area of 251.97 hectares. Minuntion consists of a variety of ages of mixed coniferous and broadleaved woodland planted between 1985 and the present, while Pinclanty was planted as a productive coniferous plantation beginning in 1986 and expanded in 1995. The plantation is predominantly of commercial conifers, the main component of which is Sitka Spruce. Larch, Scots Pine and Lodgepole Pine make up minor components planted, some in mixture with the Sitka Spruce. There are areas of native broadleaves present. Larch across both forests has been affected by *Phytophthora ramorum* and the property sits in the management zone for this disease. Minor areas of Larch have been felled.

Several areas of the coniferous woodland are now approaching commercial maturity. The creation of the forest plan will lay out the planned programme of felling and restocking for the woodlands to ensure the timely and economic extraction of marketable timber and maintenance of the productivity and diversity of the forests for the future.

The FP will provide a long term (10-20 years) strategic overview to ensure that the re-design and management of the forest meets the standards set out in the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS). This property may also elect to be managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) and become a member of the Scottish Woodlands FSC Group Certification Scheme. The FP will encompass the entire landholding which will enable all management issues to be fully addressed.

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Management Objectives

The Owners' objectives of management can be summarised as follows:

- To maximise the financial return to from the sustainable production of timber while adhering to the UK Forestry and UKWAS standards of woodland management.
- To consider the full impacts of commercial forestry on the environment by managing the forest in accordance with good environmental practice as laid down in the UK Forestry Standard and the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.

This will involve:

1. Maximising timber production and maintain the productivity of the forest
2. Diversifying the woodland composition and structure to benefit species and habitat diversity and improve/maintain forest resilience and landscape interests.
3. Considering and monitoring designated sites, species and habitats during strategic planning and operations.