

Scale: 1:25,000 @ A3 **26/11/2025**

Legend

- Forest Compartments
- Internal Forest Road
- Proposed New Forest Roading
- Access Road

Management Phase / Area (Ha)

1 - 204.67
2 - 164.77
3 - 205.26
4 - 294.14
CON LTR - 65.51
LISS - 1.31
NBL LTR - 49.59
NBL/OG LTR - 4.28
NR - 7.00
OG - 267.72
OL - 94.71
OPP - 66.99
UP - 40.76

Constraints & Designations

- Private Water Supply Watercourses
- Watercourses
- Hydro Scheme Pipe
- Paths
- SAM
- USAM's
- PWS Tank
- Fish Farm
- Overhead Powerline
- AWI - of semi-natural origin
- AWI - of plantation origin
- AWI - other (e.g. on Roy map)
- Kilfinan Burn/Allt Lean Achaidh River
- NR 96000 86000 (North Otter - Cpts. 1-31)
- NR 94000 85000 (Killail - Cpts. 33-39)

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North Otter & Killail
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**North Otter & Killail LTFP 25
Concept Map**

Areas designated under the Ancient Woodland Inventory and classified as of semi-natural origin are also present with proposed phase 1 and 2. These could be significantly improved during the restructuring and restocking of the forest by expanding native broadleaf planting and specifically targeting these areas. This can reduce regeneration of commercial conifer crops within the AWI and increase the native seed source surrounding these areas to expand the habitat.

The National Biodiversity Network Atlas shows relatively recent records of Eurasian Otters being present within the boundary of Killail, likely utilising the network of small watercourses. With restocking being sympathetic towards this species via expanding the native broadleaf component, especially around these western watercourses, habitat for otters could be improved significantly and the chance of disturbance to this species locally reduced.

Further operational practices that will be undertaken to ensure protection of Otters within the forest include prior to operations within the vicinity of watercourses. Said watercourses will be walked and surveyed for any evidence of holts or resting areas for Otters. If discovered an exclusion zone of 200m for breeding holts and 30m for resting areas will be implemented. Work within the vicinity of these exclusion areas will only be carried out during the day and not during dawn/dusk or nocturnally.

Archaeological features will be fully buffered with open ground to protect their full extent during ground preparation and restocking activities where this has not previously been achieved.

Deer number within the forests is currently high meaning deer control will have to be increased post phase 1 harvesting to ensure restocks are viable and to keep browsing damage minimal.

A new forest road is proposed to be built linking North Otter to Killail.

The pipe from a small hydro scheme is present within the forest.

Where applicable, goalposts will be erected to ensure passages of wagons beneath the overhead powerline are maintaining a safe height.

Major improvements to the catchment of the highlighted Private Water Supplies can be achieved during this proposed plan period due to extensive number of tributaries in areas of phase 1 and 2. The water quality could be significantly improved and protected by furthering the length of broadleaf planting in the riparian zone, creating separation between the watercourse and harvesting sites, while also shading the burn and helping prevent bank erosion.

Kilfinan Burn/Allt Lean Achaidh is classified as having moderate ecological potential by SEPA in 2023. This burn originates close outside North Otter and runs along the boundary of compartment 29 for ~630m before entering Ormidale Forest. Minor improvements to this water course can be achieved by effective management and restructuring design in North Otter, utilising increased areas of open ground and native broadleaf restocking to create buffers from forestry operations.