



Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) update January 2023

Land Management Plans (LMPs)

Carradale

- Still with Scottish Forestry for approval

Lussa

- Mid-term review to take place spring/summer 2023 to identify if LMP still meets current policies and objectives.

Renewables

Clachaig Glen

Planning permission denied for version 2, appeal will be going in. FLS will continue with felling proposals as per Carradale LMP.

On-going discussions regarding peatland restoration.

Lussa

Peatland restoration projects proposed for areas within renewables project areas.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinions will be submitted to Scottish Forestry.

Inveraray-Crossaig power line

FLS identified roads with operational purpose and have submitted planning permission to retain these.

Larch- *Phytophthora ramorum*

The disease is still spreading throughout Kintyre with infected areas now in the Kilberry area.

Work in progress to identify how to safely fell infected areas with Statutory Plant Health Notices (SPHNs), with likely amendments to be submitted for appropriate felling coupes, rather than keyholing out the infected larch.

Amendments submitted to Scottish Forestry for larch removal work in Ormaig and West Loch Awe, to help prevent the spread North.



Peatland restoration

Hopefully to being active restoration by end 2023.

Upcoming “complex” operations

Beinn Ghuilean felling

Complex operations, timescales tbc.

Dunardy Face, Knapdale felling

Works scheduled for October.

Other information

- “Stay the Night” scheme up and running in Ardcastle, Achnabreac & Carradale.
- Easter event Barnluasgan- very well attended, issues with car parking, VS team to have follow up meeting to discuss.
- FLS car parking charges to begin 1-5-2023.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) placement- FLS welcomed a student from Tarbert Academy for a day End February.
- DYMS (Developing a Young Workforce Scotland)- FLS welcomed an individual into the FM team April for a 10 week placement.
- Modern Apprenticeships- FLS to expand opportunities through apprenticeships in the following; Trees & Timber, Civil Engineering, HM Machine Operator & Wildlife Ranger.



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