



Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) update August 2023

Land Management Plans (LMPs)

South Knapdale

- New Forest Planner, Anatua Martin, will begin working on LMP autumn 2023 onwards.

Beinn Ghuilean

- Undergoing review due to *Phytophthora ramorum*/access.

Larch- *Phytophthora ramorum*

The disease is still spreading throughout Kintyre with infected areas now in the Kilberry area and as far north as West Loch Awe. Infections in East Loch Awe also.

Ormaig and West Loch Awe amendments approved and felling is being programmed.

Peatland restoration

Peatland restoration started in Lussa 9/10/2023.

Upcoming “complex” operations

Beinn Ghuilean felling

Complex operations; civils operations to commence in winter 2023, followed by felling.

Dunardy Face, Knapdale felling

Works currently scheduled for November.

Other information

- Lots of landslides due to recent rainfall 7-10-2023. All areas surveyed and information coordinated. Visitor service provisions were unaffected, with the majority of issues in East and West Loch Awe areas. Operations under way to fix roads/culverts/bridges, with priority areas for harvesting access and neighbours.



- Rainforest restoration work;
100Ha non-native conifer clearance near Dalavich.
Rhodedendron and non-native conifer removal in Knapdale Forest.
- License for the release of 2 families of beavers into the Knapdale Forest Beaver Trial area.