

Argyll Timber Transport Group

Timber Traffic Management Plan: U37 Glen Creran Road

This Timber Traffic Management Plan (TTMP) has been prepared so that the structure of the roads named and associated verges are protected during operations associated with in-forest road construction or upgrading as well as timber haulage operations while preserving them for the use of local residents, agriculture and other forestry users. The purpose of this local agreement is specifically to ensure that reasonable access is maintained for the forestry owner/s and their neighbours, but in a sustainable fashion and in accordance with regional and national forest strategies. Refer to www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/timber-transport

Pre-conditions:

The following schedule relates to the U37 public road (consultation route) from its junction with the A828 Trunk Road to the forest access. Notification to the council roads department of the intent to start haulage operations must be made one month in advance of commencement.

Lorry Configuration:

Three axle wagon and drag configurations with twin wheel or maxi-tyre units only, equipped with CTI system preferably. No super singles are permitted.

Frequency & Timing:

The minimum time between loads leaving the forest will be 30 minutes to allow the road a degree of recovery time. Passes must be planned to avoid opposing timber haulage vehicles utilising the route at the same time. The permitted extraction rate shall not exceed 6 loads per day.

Seasonal & Weather Condition Restrictions:

Timber haulage on this road should only occur from April - October avoiding the winter period and at no more than the scheduled rate of despatch. This means that if for any reason, any timber remains after that date, there should be further consultation with the OLI Technical Officer prior to its movement, at a further reduced rate if necessary.

Driver Awareness & Speed Limits:

Drivers involved with the haulage must be familiar with the nature of the road and should have read and be in possession of this management agreement, prior to operating on this route. The maximum speed (loaded or unloaded) will be 20mph on the U37 Glen Creran Road.

Monitoring & review:

Road conditions are subject to periodic inspections by Council staff during the period of operations. Parallel inspections by the ATTG Project Officer will be carried out when practicable. Any deterioration of the road surface observed by interested parties (hauliers, land owner, agents etc.) must be notified to the local Council Roads Operations office as soon as practicable. Haulage should be suspended immediately if there is any doubt that significant damage is evident or likely to occur and only resumed after consultation with A&BC Technical Officer- OLI

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