

Land Management Forum



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Theme

Expanding the woodland resource

Why, how, where/where not and when?

Possibilities and priorities?

Agenda

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- **Introduction**
- **Caledonia**
- **Woodland opportunity mapping**
- **Woodlands and the National Park Plan 2**
- **Discussion**
- **Quick Updates**
 - **Riparian woodland**
 - **Woodfuel**
 - **Wildfire**
- **Conclusions**

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Purpose of the Forum

- To develop new ideas and opportunities to benefit the environment, economy and communities
- To help improve viability and sustainability of land based businesses
- To share and compare information and experience
- To provide practical advice



Why?

Haven't we got enough trees already?

Currently about 17% forest cover in CNP

Forest Management:	% approx.
Nature Reserve	28
Continuous Cover	4
Multiple Objective	16
Intensive even aged	52
Biomass	<1

Why?

- Climate change... Carbon sequestration
- Rising fuel prices...
- Local wood-fuel,
- local timber
- Cutting use of fossil fuels
- Forest Habitat networks for wildlife...linking fragments
- Shelter for livestock
- Intercepting runoff
- soft engineering flood and erosion prevention
- water quality for salmon
- tourism /sport
- recreation
- Diversification, grants, etc...

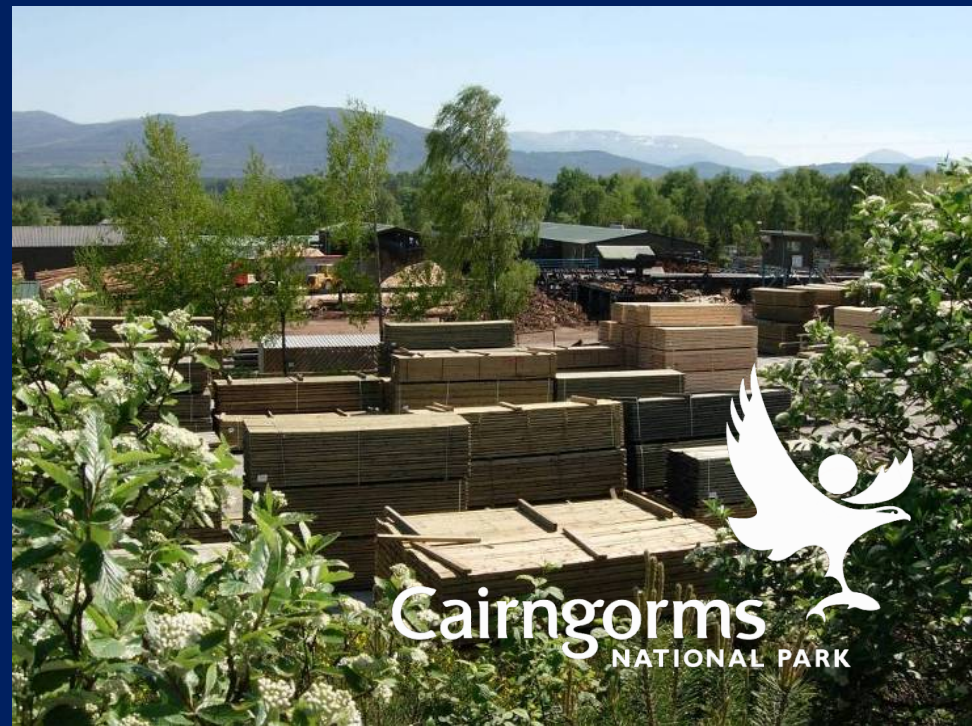
Where?



Where?

For PROFIT...

- Accessibility – timber transport links
- Suitable topography
- Suitable soils
- Suitable species



Where?

For NATURE...

- Linking existing forests for biodiversity
- Suitable soils
- Riparian woods
- Montane willows



Where?

For PEOPLE...

- Linked to communities
- Landscape
- Habitat



Where not?

- Good productive farmland
- Top quality moorland
- Deep peat soils...



Inhibitors?

- Competing land use?
- Consultation process?
- Grant systems?



Competing landuse?





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