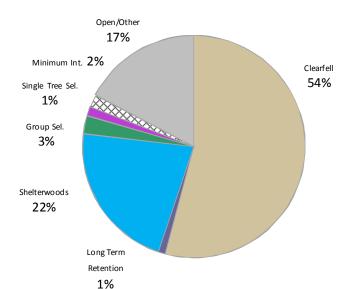
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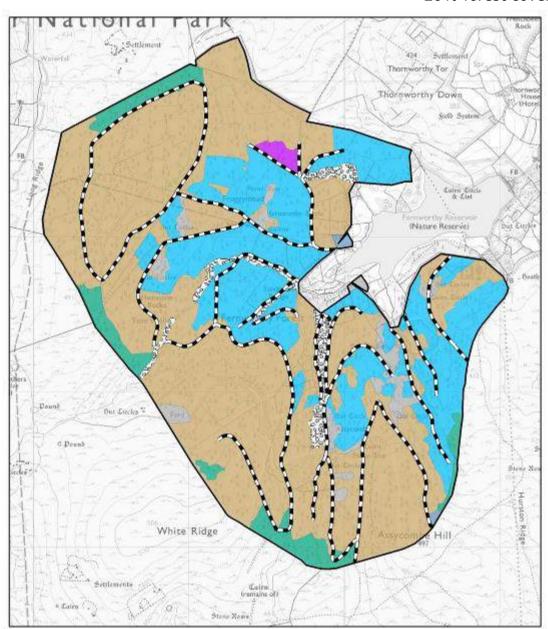
Clearfell coupes will be managed through clearcutting (of over 0.25ha) and then restocked either through natural regeneration, replanting or a combination of the two.

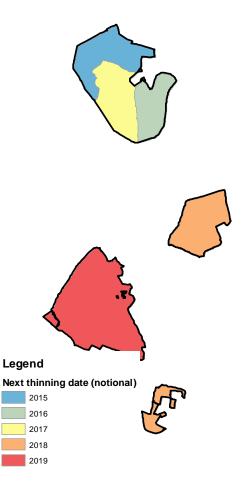
**Long term retentions** are in place where the landscape value of the forest is key by maintaining structural diversity, shelter and a potential seed supply. Continuous Cover Forestry systems will continue to be developed where soils are deep

and better drained and sites have a lower wind hazard class. The application of shelterwoods and selection systems is outlined on page 20.

**Minimum Interventions** are predominantly inaccessible or ecologically sensitive areas where intervention will only occur to protect and ensure the future succession of key habitats and species.

**Open space** is managed to ensure forest cover does not exceed 2m in height, with up to 20% forest cover accepted depending on the site objectives i.e. ecology or landscape.

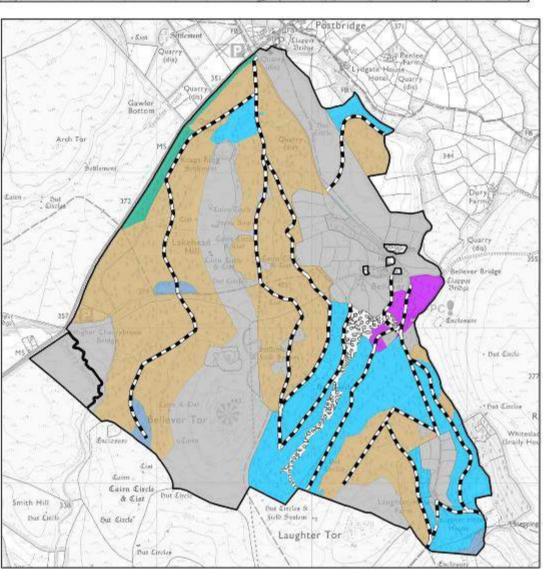


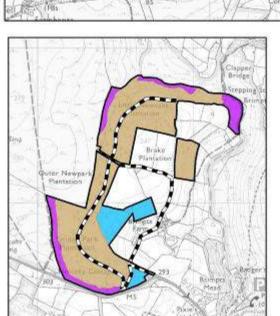


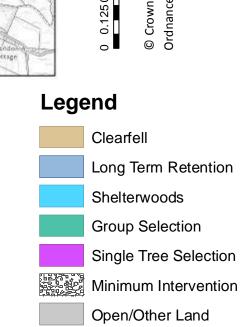
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#### Thinning

There is a presumption towards thinning in all stands on Dartmoor, and that these stands will be thinned as early as possible (circa 16-18 years). Areas are assessed for thinning every 5 years with the removal of larch species a key objective, due to its susceptibility to Phytophthora ramorum. Other factors such as the quantity, condition, age and distribution of any broadleaf content, will also help decide if an area of conifer is to be thinned or not, with light levels, existing ground vegetation and any evidence of natural regeneration also impacting on how many trees are marked for removal.







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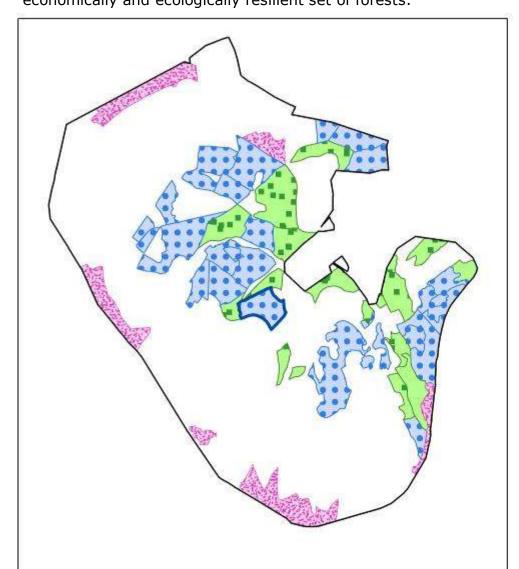
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The Dartmoor Plan area has the propensity to regenerate freely in certain areas. This is a result of the site conditions, the growing stock and the legacy of management through the decades. Fernworthy is host to a Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) trial researching and illustrating the development of simple and complex systems. The use of CCF as a management prescription will continue to be utilised, and enhanced where feasible, so as to develop a more economically and ecologically resilient set of forests.





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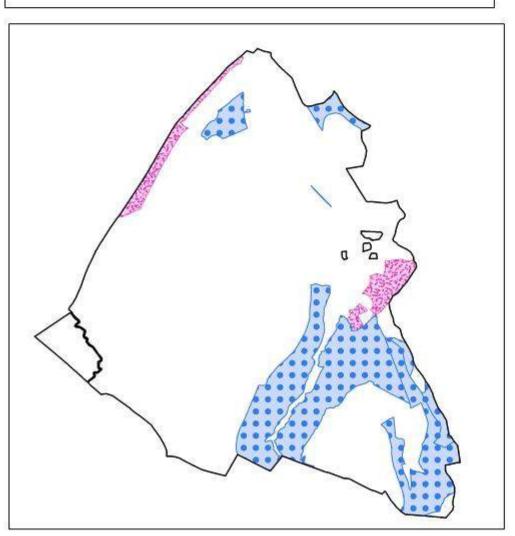


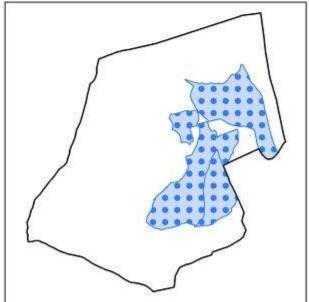
**Continuous Cover Forestry** 

**Simple (or Uniform) Systems —** are the predominant CCF silvicultural prescription of choice across the Plan area. They are prescribed on sites where soils are deep, exposure is less and crops have either been thinned to CCF prescriptions and therefore have the crown and root development to be wind stable or on young crops which can be converted to CCF over time

through thinning. The ultimate aim is to establish an evenly spread understorey through regeneration fellings (as shown below). Once the understorey is established but still robust enough to endure operations the overstorey will be removed in one or two interventions. If the understorey is not >2m felling approval is required. Underplanting with alternative will be used to supplement the understorey, where regeneration is not established.



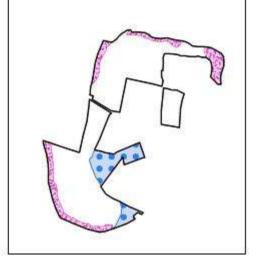






Strip Systems - are employed sparingly on wind vulnerable

crops which may also have a significant landscape impact. They will be worked north to south and east to west to ensure that felling occurs on the leeward edge. These fellings will be restocked through natural regeneration of surrounding seeding conifer crops. Where more than the recognised seed broadcasting distance is felled wind stable blocks will be retained as a seed source.



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Selection Systems — are used on windfirm, accessible crops to proactively diversify the woodland structure and composition through group fellings or in established complex systems where single-tree selection will achieve management objectives whilst maintaining production. Group selections are mainly used for landscape purposes to create a complex matrix of transient open space and high forest. Single tree

selections are used on established complex old age crops

with an established understorey where the overstorey is

intended to be retained.



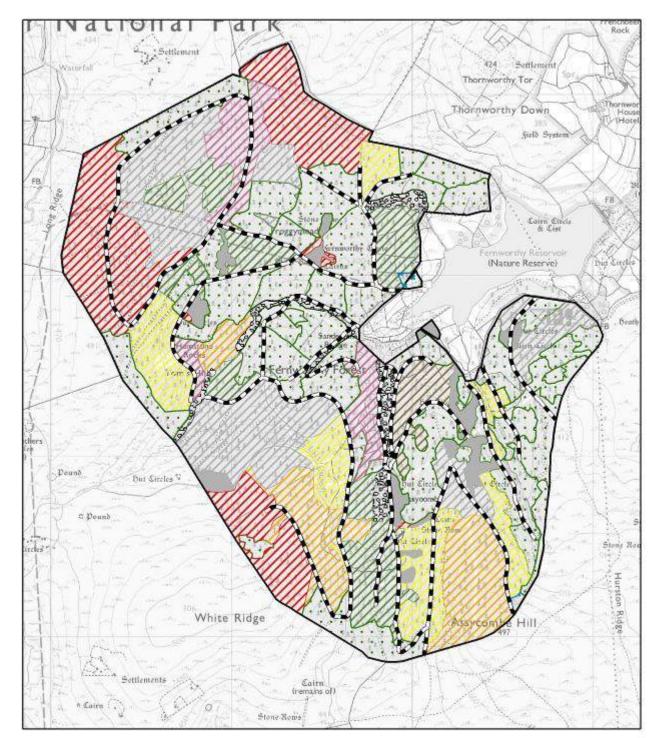
**Complex (or Group) Systems —** are mainly used in Fernworthy as a alternative to the simple system application. The complex system requires stands to be more windfirm given the exposure group fellings will inflict. Soils must be deep and

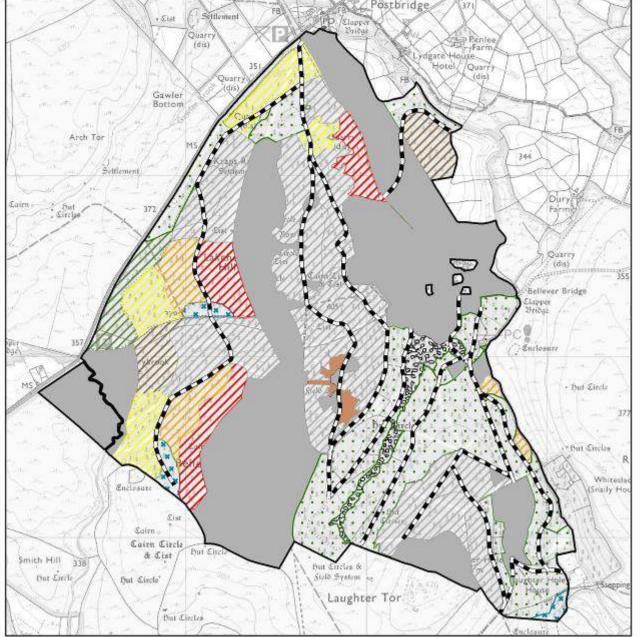
established crops thinned to CCF regimes whereby crown and root development is established. Through the felling of small groups and clusters of trees at multiple interventions the complex structure is initiated. The phased felling of groups, and resultant regeneration over a prolonged period will ensure that a complex system of storeys is established over time. Groups may be distributed randomly or evenly across the coupe and multiple interventions can look to extend the size of the gap. Underplanting may be used to supplement the groups where regeneration is not in sufficient evidence.

## Management Prescriptions 2016 -2046









## Legend

Alternatives to Clearfell

Fell 2012 - 2016

Fell 2017 - 2021

Fell 2022 - 2026

Fell 2027 - 2031

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Fell 2042 - 2046

Fell post 2046

Coppice

Wood Pasture

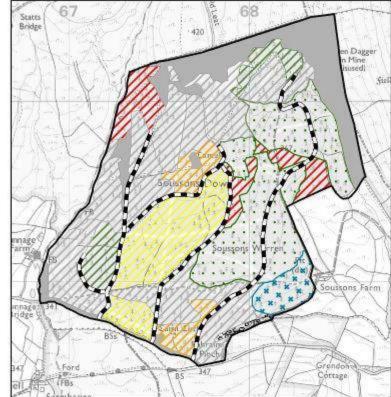
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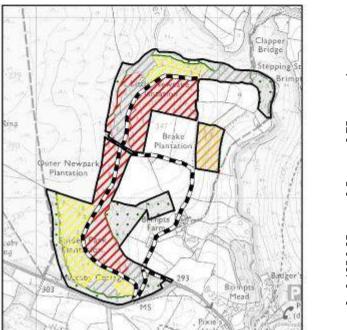
Minimum Intervention

Natural Reserve

Open

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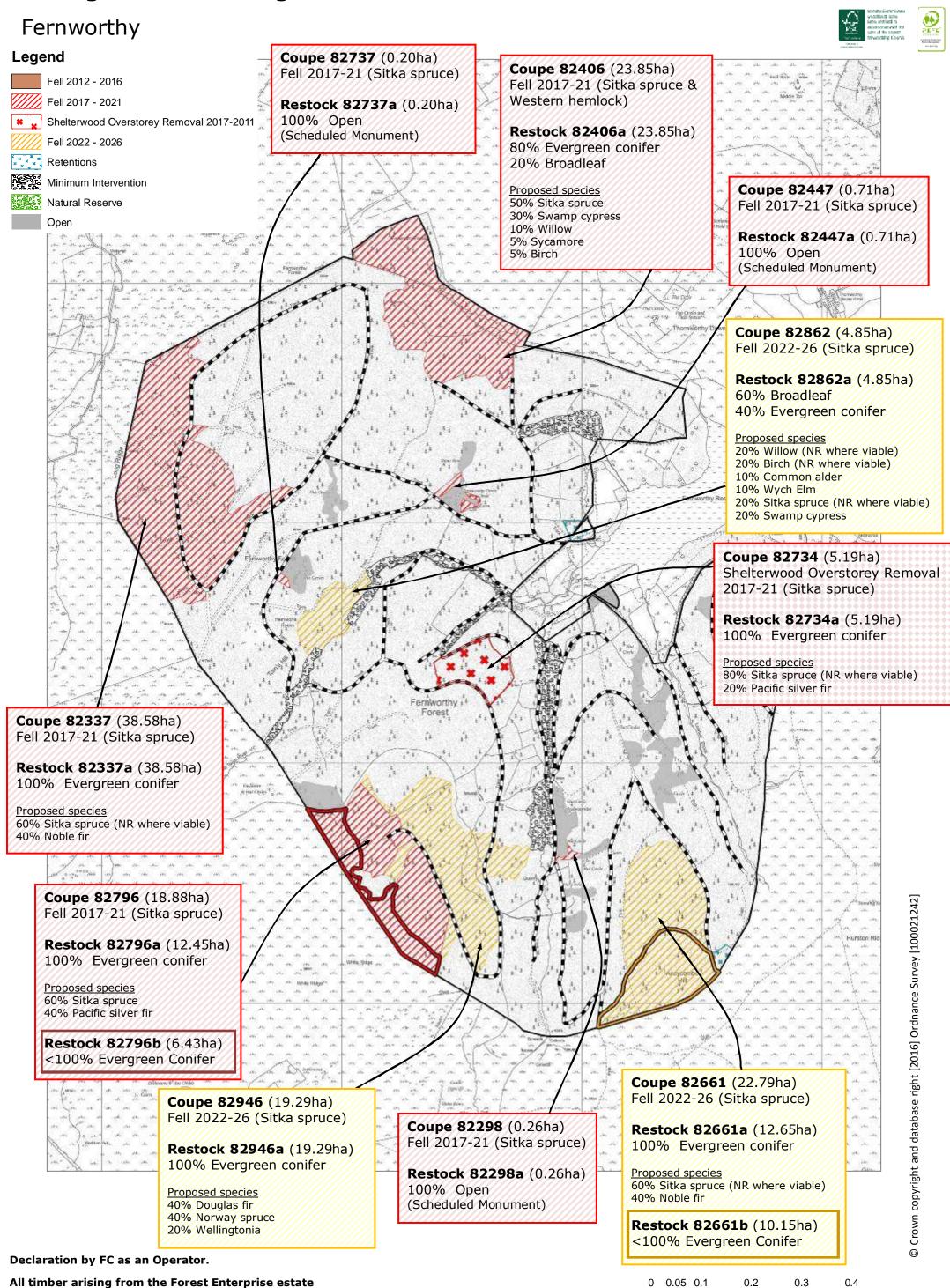




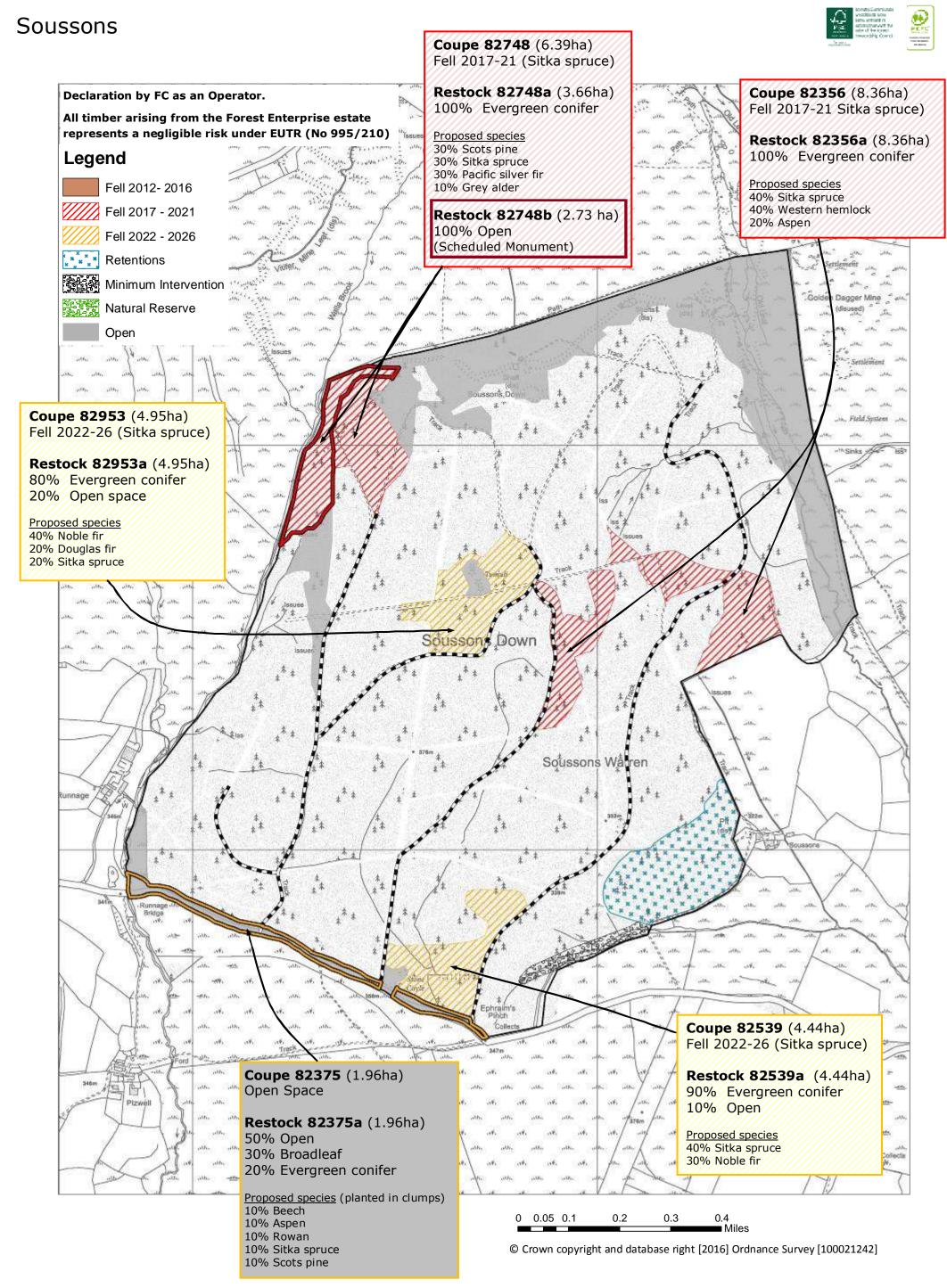
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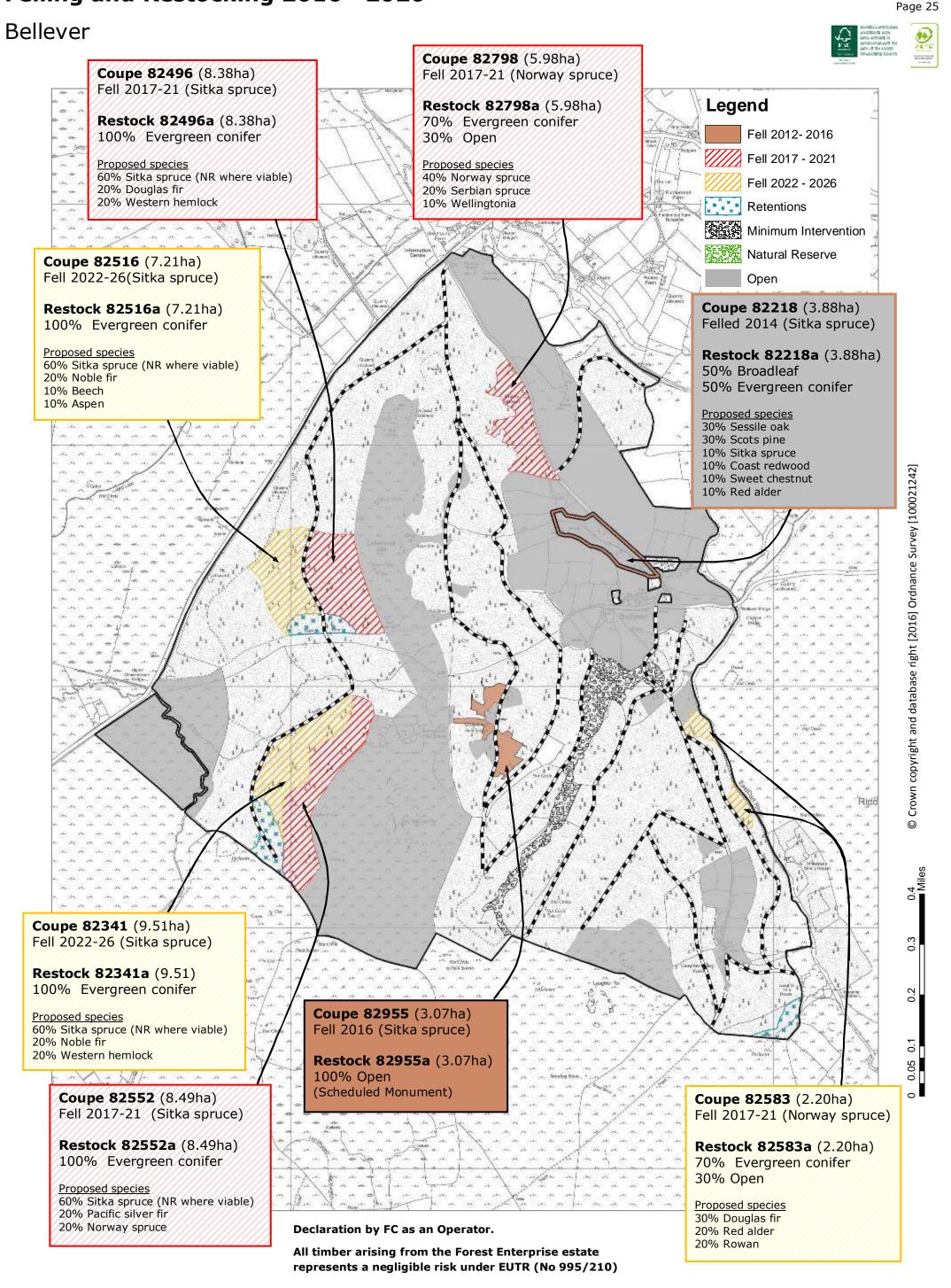
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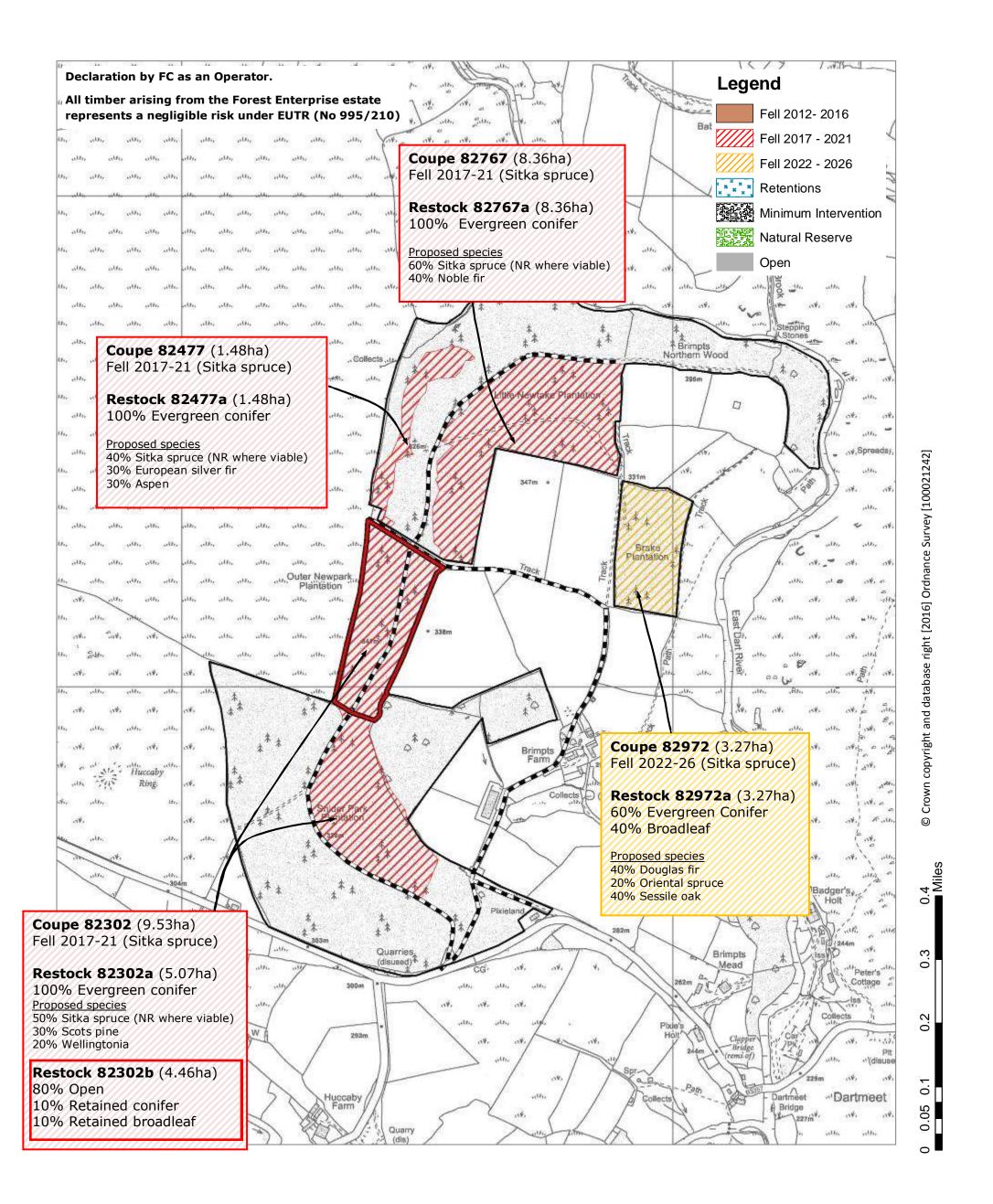


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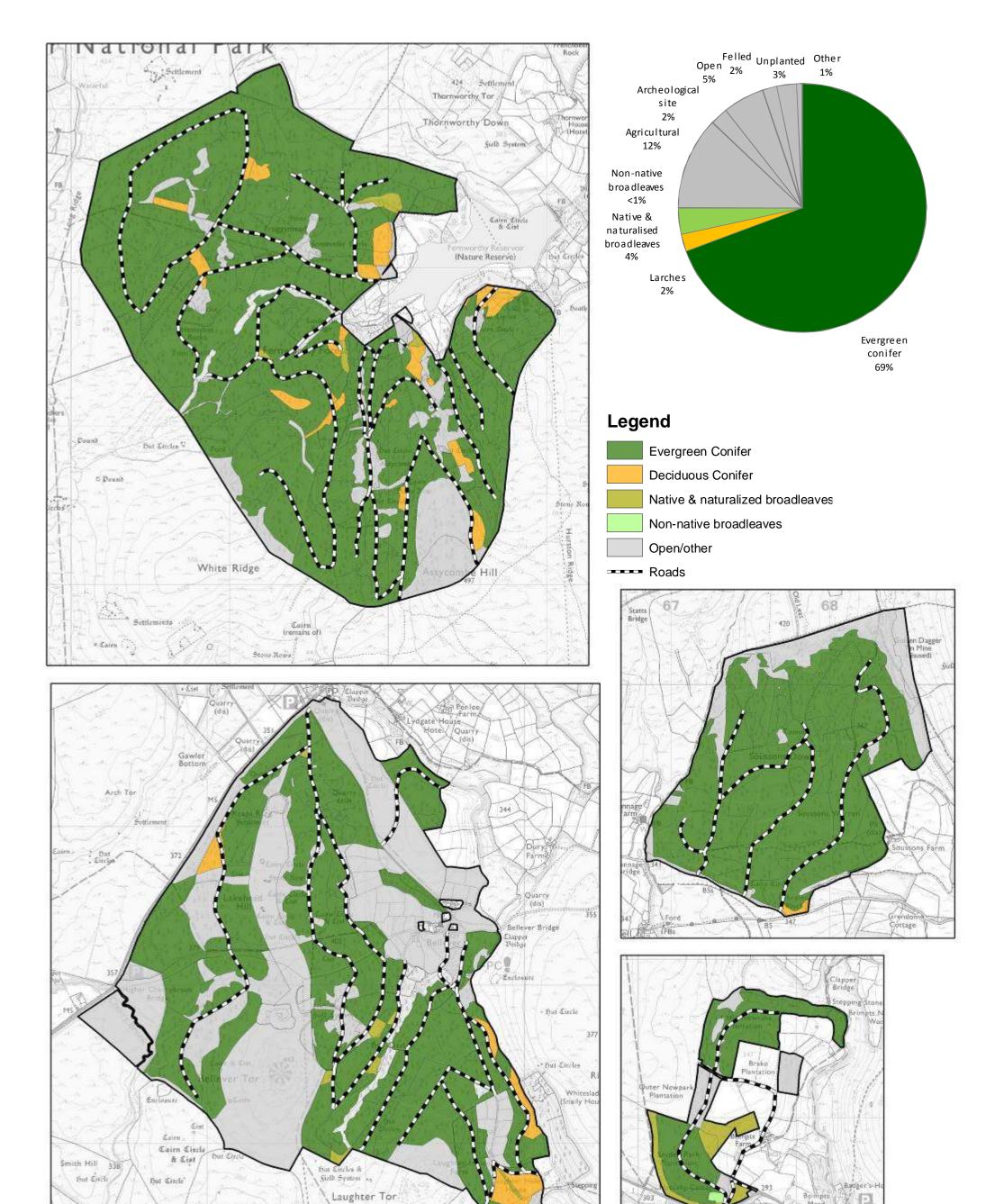




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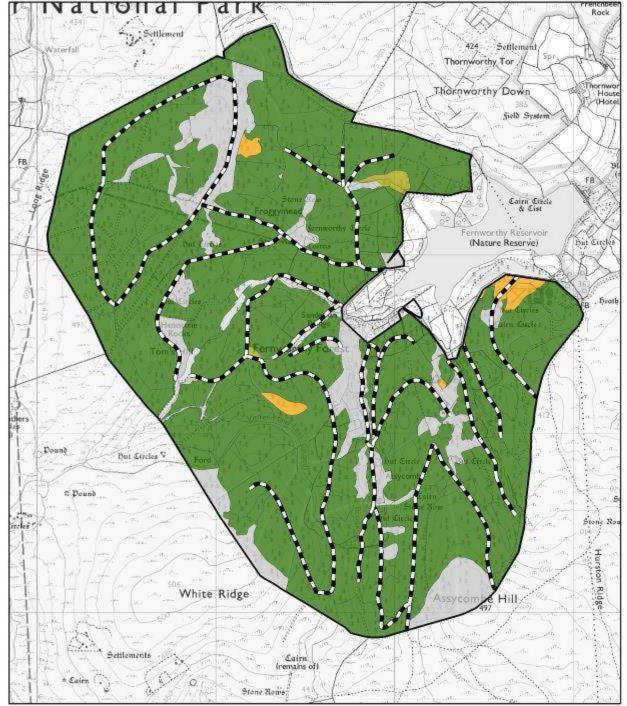


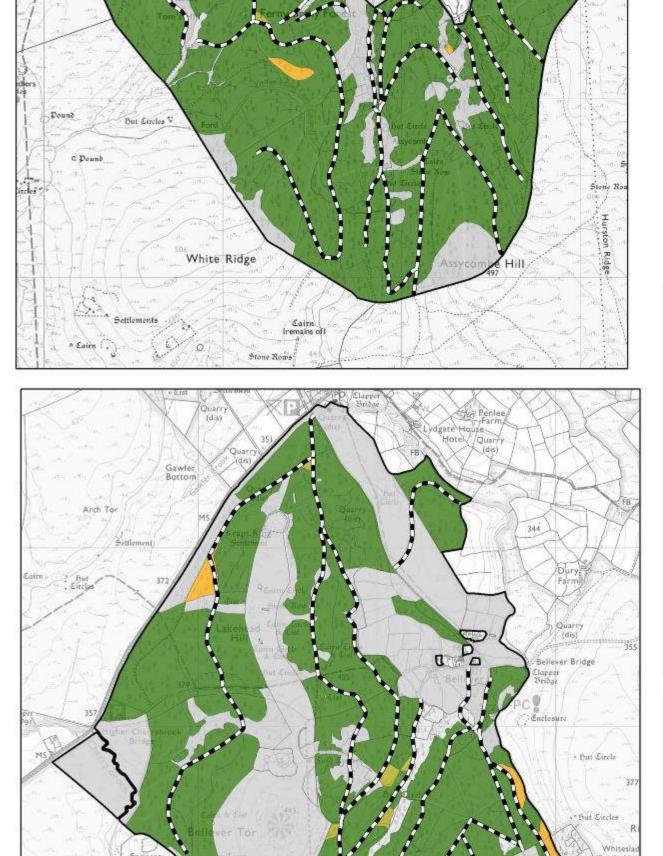


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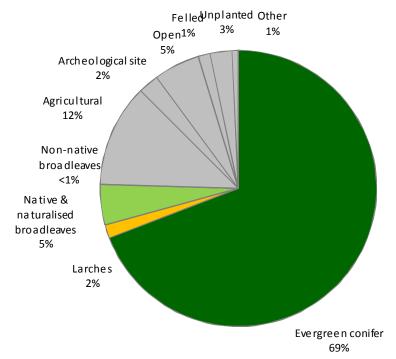




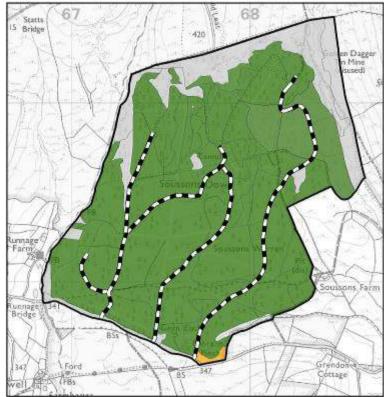


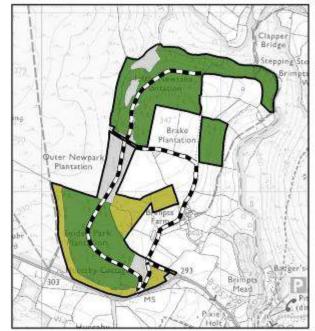


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