



Scottish
Forestry
Coilltearachd
na h-Alba

Grampian Conservancy Update

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Scottish Forestry is the Scottish Government agency responsible for
forestry policy, support and regulation

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Programme for Government:

- Investing **£150 million over the next five years in forestry** to support the economy and our net zero goal
- **Additional £100 million to Scottish Forestry** to increase new planting alongside £30 million to Forestry and Land Scotland to **expand Scotland's national forests and land by an additional 18,000 Ha per year by 2024**. A further £20 million will go to further increase **nursery stocks**
- We will bring forward recommendations for **new mechanisms of agricultural support** that secure a productive sector better able to contribute towards delivering Scotland's world-leading climate-change outcomes and promote fresh employment opportunities.



Latest News:

- Jamie has recent approval stats in his presentation
 - On track to meet this years plating targets
 - See briefing note for claim arrangements
- Current priorities
 - Catching up with submissions in the system
 - Catching up with regulatory approvals
 - Processing claims
 - Pause in processing applications submitted after 9th Feb for 6 weeks.
- Remember to submit timber transport funding bids by 22nd March.



Local issues:

- Conservancy is short on staff.
- Dealing with more applications / claims than at any time in the life of the FGS scheme.
- We are working from home.
- **Request your help:**
 - Please check your applications / claims before sending
 - Give us time to process your application before you contact us.
- We are working through the backlog of forest plans
- Communication is important.
 - Please let us know if weather is affecting your ability to complete work this year.