

Forestry and Land Scotland – Baseline Services Statement

Service Area: -	
Activity Area	<p>Recreation Facility Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the Scottish Forestry Strategy and the FLS Corporate Plan. • Provide and maintain areas for recreation • Deliver events • Work with businesses and community groups to deliver services through leases and the Community Asset Transfer Scheme. <p>Partnership Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will work with other countryside agencies and partners to develop structured learning and development pathways for staff (and volunteers) who work with visitors. <p>Grants and Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLS to provide advice and grant aid to private landowners through the Scottish Rural Development Programme and challenge funds.
Statutory/Non-statutory Service	Mix of Statutory and Non-Statutory services. Tourism / Recreation activities are non-statutory.
Description/Specification	As above.
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Existing Activity	As above
Operational Times	FLS facilities are unmanned and open all year round unless there are events or operations which require temporary closure. These closures are advertised in advance on our website, through on-site signage and sometimes by press release. FLS staff generally work full time (Monday – Friday).
Equipment Levels	NONE
Staff Levels	FLS have managers, rangers and field staff based at Elgin and Huntly who have responsibility across the area. Grants and licences are managed through the FLS Office in Huntly.
Key Performance Indicators	FLS is accredited to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) which is an independent certification standard for verifying sustainable woodland management in the United Kingdom. Independent audits ensure compliance with the standard.

	Progress against key commitments in the FLS Corporate Plan which is aligned with Scotland Performs – the Scottish Government’s performance framework.
Legislation/Policy	<p>The Forestry Commission was set up by the Forestry Act in 1919. Now known as Forestry and Land Scotland, it has responsibility for managing the National Forest Estate, forest policy, grants and licences for the private sector and Forest Research.</p> <p>In Scotland FLS is responsible to Scottish Ministers. New legislation has passed in the Scottish Parliament which means that forestry will be fully devolved to Scotland, and two new agencies were established 1st April 2019. Forestry and Land Scotland will take on the functions from FES (management of the National Forest Estate) and Scottish Forestry from FCS (grants and regulation).</p>
Existing Value of Contract/Service	N/A
Boundary Area	The area to covered by the Moray Speyside Tourism BIDis managed by the Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest District team. From autumn 2018 Districts will be replaced by larger Regions. The area covered by MST Tbid will be covered by the new north region.
Non-compliance Procedure	N/A
Additional Information or Notes	<p>Forests for People, our recreation framework, sets out how we manage Scotland’s national forests to benefit the people who visit them. Our priorities are to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible woodland close to communities • Low key, well designed, high quality and welcoming facilities that fit with the natural environment • Opportunities to learn about the natural and cultural heritage • Robust locations for physical activity and adrenaline sports • Iconic places that are part of Scotland's natural and cultural heritage • Access through woodlands as part of daily journeys, longer distance routes or mountain access <p>Support for Moray Speyside TBID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLS fully supports BID outcomes based upon areas where Forestry and Land Scotland have influence and legal obligations. • FLS fully support BID outcomes in promoting the area for recreational activity • FLS will fully engage with BID during planning, implementation and review