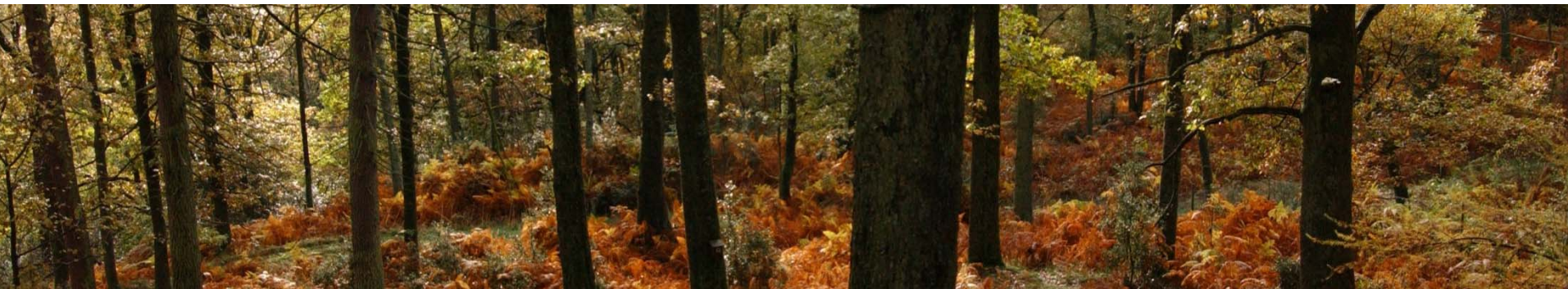


- Woodfuel WIG: continues to require a management plan
- Woodland Improvement Grant and Woodland Regeneration Grant:
 - First claim on or after 1st April 2015 a management plan **is** required
 - Any Claim on or after 1st January 2016 a management plan **is** required
- To access funding for existing woodlands under the new Rural Development Programme a management plan **is** required
- Woodland Creation Grant: no management plan required



What constitutes a valid 'FC Approved Plan'?

New Plans

- New plans prepared on the revised FC template - preferred
- New Plans prepared on an FC approved alternative template

Existing plans

- FC approved and within 10 years of approval date
- FC approved and have live felling and thinning licenses associated with them

Woodland Planning Grant is available for:

- full management plan (for woodland over 3ha)
 - either through use of the FC template (preferred); or
 - an FC approved alternative template
- update to an existing management plan (for woodland over 3ha)
 - where it does not meet the current UK Forestry Standard;
or
 - to reflect significant change requiring revision of objectives, management intentions etc.

When should you start using the new template?

- WPG application approved before 14/01/14 can use either:
 - The new, revised FC template - preferred
 - Old FC template up to 30/06/14
 - FC approved alternative template
- WPG application approved after 14/01/14 can use either:
 - New FC template
 - FC approved alternative template
- Under next RDP we will only fund the new FC template

Forestry Regulatory Task Force (FRTF)

- Flexible for scale and complexity
- Work with others
- Facilitate regulatory cover
- Be minded to new grant scheme

Policy Drivers

- Woodlands into Management
- Woodland protection
- UKFS
- Bio 2020
- Water Framework Directive

New RDPE Programme

- Mandatory requirement
- CAP - Digital by Default
- NELMS, integrate new grant design with management plans

Overarching Design Principles

- Fit for purpose
- Simple/flexible/options
- Working document
- Encourage digital working

Product	Availability	Output
Small Woodland Management Plan	Can be used for any woodland size (proportionate to risks) Particularly suited to woodland <10ha	Felling Licence CPET - CAT B & EUTR Compliant
	No WPG	<10ha access next RDP
		More Woodlands into UKFS Management
Woodland Management Plan	Can be used for any woodland size Woodland >10ha access RDP	Access next RDP
	Access to WPG for woodland >3ha	UKFS compliance
		Validate and prescribe NELMS options CPET - CAT B & EUTR Compliant
Plan of Operations - SCDB/Inventory/work programme	Provides the vehicle for felling licence and grant applications when associated with the woodland management plan (like table 10b)	Felling & thinning licence
		CPET - CAT B & EUTR Compliant
		Woodland Regeneration Grant
Mapping Functionality	Map requests required for grant	FC provide digitised OSMM/RLR files
	Access to Sylva Foundation "MyForest" Mapping Composer	Ability to produce maps to support management plans e.g. boundaries, constraints, operational maps etc.
Operational Site Assessment	Open to all woodland owners	Support UKFS compliant forest operations
	Not associated with RDP, WPG or regulatory cover	Support EPS compliance
	Available via FC management plan and EPS web pages	