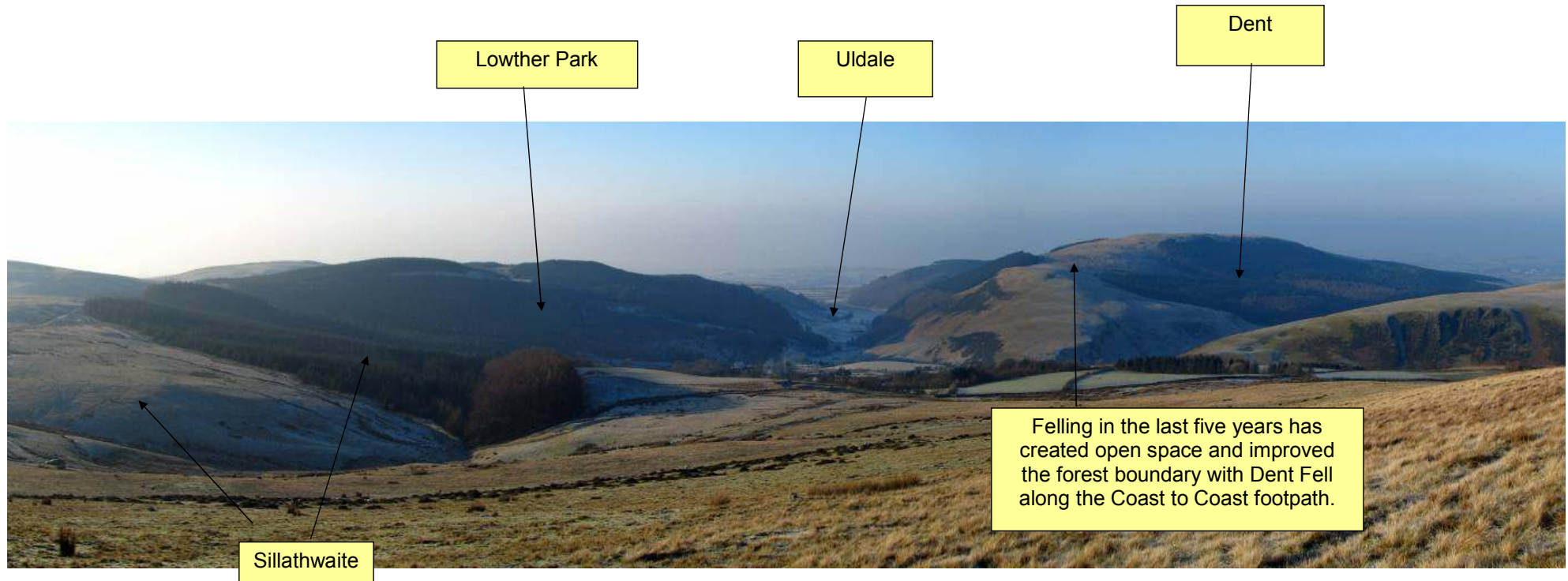


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1) Looking west from Blakeley Raise

A long distance view which sets the forest within its surroundings.



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Lowther Park dominated by spruce

The larch on the boundary of Sillathwaite do soften the edge in comparison to



Open ground between Uldale and Dent could be improved by further felling to reduce the straight edge and harsh corner on the Uldale side.

Coldfell road heavily used by people commuting to and from Sellafield

2) Looking north from Swarth Fell

A long distance view which illustrates the dominance of spruce, some harsh edges and the contrast between forest and open fell.



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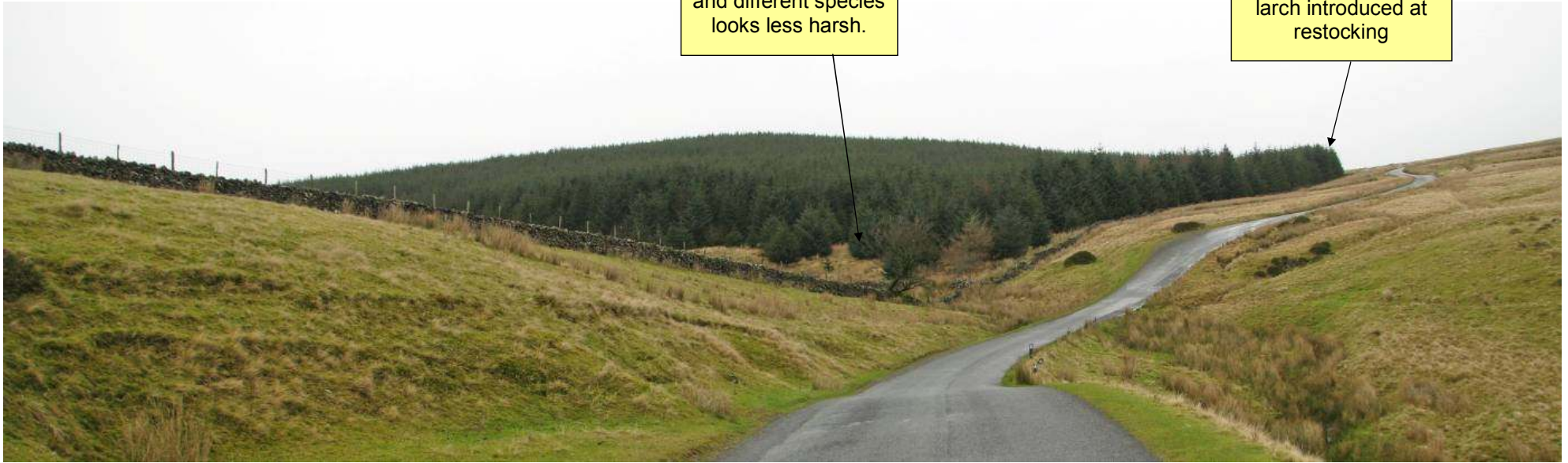
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More faded edge with scattered trees and different species looks less harsh.

Harsh boundary could be faded and larch introduced at restocking



3) Looking along the Cold Fell road

From this view the edges of the forest contrast starkly with the open fell. At restocking this view could be improved through mixing in larch and fading the forest edge back .



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Mixed species restocking now established and links well with mature larch either side



Gaps caused by clearance of wind blow from 2005 storm.

Larch planted by neighbour under Woodland Grant Scheme starting to link with mature larch on FC land.

4) Looking north from Lowther Park into Uldale

This view shows the more diverse forest species that are found in Uldale compared to Lowther Park. Much of the forest in this view is being managed under continuous cover which involves regular thinning to promote regeneration and stable trees avoiding the need for clear felling.



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5) Looking north from south of Grange

This view shows the value of more mixed species forest of Uldale compared to the spruce dominated forest of Lowther Park. Future replanting will be able to improve this but will not occur for some decades as much of Lowther Park is only around 20 years old.



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Uldale is the most visible part of the forest from western views around Egremont.

Lowther Park appears smaller and less important in the landscape from views to the west of the forest.



6) Looking north east from between Grange and Egremont.

Similar view to view 5 which illustrates the importance of Uldale in views from west of the forest such as Egremont .



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Forestry Commission woodland and neighbouring Black How estate woodland appear as one forest

Replanting completed in the last five years is now established

Lowther Park hardly visible compared to Uldale.



7) Looking east from Egremont

This view shows how large Uldale appears compared to Lowther Park. This is added to by the privately owned woodland of Black How Estate which merge with the Forestry Commission's woodland and appear as one forest in the landscape. The managers of Black How Estate will be consulted about this plan review to ensure compatibility with their own plans.



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Recently felling and restocking hidden from view by privately owned forest

The majority of the forest seen in this view is privately owned

Recent restocking of larch now established



8) Looking north east from Woodend along the Egremont to Cleator road

This image illustrates further the merging of private and Forestry Commission forests.



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Broken forest edge caused by wind blow.



Access route to and from forest

9) Looking south from A5086 near Cleator Moor

This view shows how very little of the forest is visible from Cleator Moor. Only an edge of the forest known as Dent is visible.



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