Squirrel Control

Plan

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| Estate Name: |
| Address: |
| SBI number: |
| Date of initial version: |

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| **Version Number** | **Review Date** |
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Where appropriate this plan conforms with UKFS and UKWAS requirements. A Grey Squirrel Control Plan (SCP) is required as part of the CS Woodland Supplement WS3.

WS3 Mandatory elements are highlighted in this document with an \*.

### Contacts\*

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| **Contacts** | Name | Contact details, phone/email |
| **Owner:** |  |  |
| **Agent/Manager:** |  |  |
| **Other Contacts:** |  |  |
| **Lead Controller:** |  |  |
| **Plan written by:** |  |  |
| **Are shooting rights for squirrels retained by the scheme holder/applicant? If not, are concurrent rights held?** |  |

### Location and area of holding

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| **Central Map Ref\* or Lat/Long, nearest town** |  |
| **Area of woodland being entered or in CS WD2/WS3** |  |
| **Total area of all woodland\***  |  |
| **Total area of holding** |  |
| **Grant scheme(s) and landscape designations to which this plan relates** |  |

### Grey Squirrel Impacts– Starting situation and trends

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| **Species** | **Estimated Impacts** | **Trend** | **Comments / Census method** |
|  | **High, Mod, Low** | → ↑ ↓ |
| **Grey** |  |  |  |

1. Red Squirrel/Pine Marten Presence

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| **Species** | **Estimated Abundance** | **Trend** | **Estimated numbers** | **Comments / Census method** |
|  | **High, Mod, Low, absent, Nearby and likely to colonise.** | → ↑ ↓ |
| **Red Squirrel** |  |  |  |  |
| **Pine Marten** |  |  |  |  |

1. Obstacles and challenges to achieving effective control

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| **Obstacles to effective grey squirrel control** | **How does this affect control?** | **How could obstacle be addressed?** |
| **Public access / Recreational Activities limit control activity** |  |  |
| **Game shoot limits effective control until end of game season** |  |  |
| **Insufficient time or labour available.** |  |  |
|  **Lack of collaboration with neighbours****(Boundary Factors)** |  |  |
| **Requirement for training.** |  |  |

1. Impact Monitoring\*

A map of the locations should be included in the appendix.

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| **Woodland name** | **Transect Start Point, Grid ref** |
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1. Squirrel Control Strategy, Effort\* and Method

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| **Method**  | **Est. Annual number of person days per year.** | **Comments** |
| **Live trapping**  |  |  |
| **Lethal trapping** |  |  |
| **Shooting at bait Stations** |  |  |
| **Drey poking shooting and opportunistic shooting** |  |  |
| **Red Squirrel population enhancement** |  |  |
| **Controller training** |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |

1. Annually reviewed cull/trend summary\* (cull year Jan to end Dec, written as 20xx)

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| Cull |  Year  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|   | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | Actual\* | Expected  | *Actual\** | Expected | *Actual\** |
| Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Trend (copy trend arrows into Deer numbers cells→ ↑ ↓Scores (H, M, L for impact/ activity) | Squirrel numbers  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Squirrel impact |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Squirrel Activity  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |

1. Additional elements (discussed with Woodland Officer)

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Appendices (\* compulsory for grant purposes)

**E.g.**

* **Boundary Map**
* **Impact assessments Year 1, 3, and 5\*.**
* **Map of monitoring Transects**
* **Cull records from start of this plan \***
* **Past cull data (before start of this plan, if available)**
* **Past damage assessments (before the start of this plan, if available)**
* **Annual Cull/Effort data will need to be collated and submitted to the FC and reported to the RPA at years 3 and 5 or in line with your agreement.**
* **Squirrel control and associated risk assessments**
* **Formal Control Agreement or Contract, if applicable.**