



Tarras Valley Nature Reserve

Tender Brief - Sitka Spruce Regeneration Clearance Works

Whita Hill and Castle Craigs, Tarras Valley, Langholm
Approximate Grid Ref NY 38773 84994

Background

The Tarras Valley Nature Reserve brought into community ownership by the Langholm Initiative between 2021 - 22 following South Scotland's largest community land buy-out.

The primary long-term aim of the 10,500-acre reserve is nature restoration, climate action and delivering community benefits. The land buy-out was focussed on how nature restoration and land-based enterprises could support wider community regeneration.

The Job

There is an established area of self-seeded sitka spruce regeneration on an important area of moorland and peatlands that is of a mixed age ranging from approximately 1-20 years old.

The site is a designated SSSI/SPA and this work has required prior approval from Naturescot and is being funded through the Agri-Environment Climate Scheme. There are specific requirements due to the site designation that we must adhere to as part of this work which are set out below.

We are looking for an experienced contractor team to carry out the clearance of this sitka spruce regeneration over a 30ha moorland area on the back of Whita Hill and the Castle Craigs.

Prior experience of this type of clearance work is essential especially on rough hill terrain.

Map (page 3) shows the clearance area.

Requirements for carrying out this work are:

- Due to the sensitivity and ground conditions of the site, we cannot do this clearance with heavy machinery, and it must be done on foot with a mix of chainsaw/brushcutter/hand saw clearance.
- Access points to be agreed.
- Due to funding, these works need to be carried out and completed by December 2024.
- Sitka trees will be felled to waste on the site.
- Sitka regeneration needs to be cut as low as possible to the ground level to prevent regrowth.

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Some examples of the regeneration to be cleared can be seen below:



Submissions

If you would like to tender for this work, please return your completed pricing for the job by **Thursday 26th September 2024**.

As part of your quote please provide:

- A copy of relevant insurance.
- Outline health and safety method statement for the job.
- Any relevant tickets for operatives planned to do the job e.g. chainsaw / brushcutter tickets.
- An itemised costing.

Key contact

For any questions or to arrange a site walkover, please contact:

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Sitka Clearance Map

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