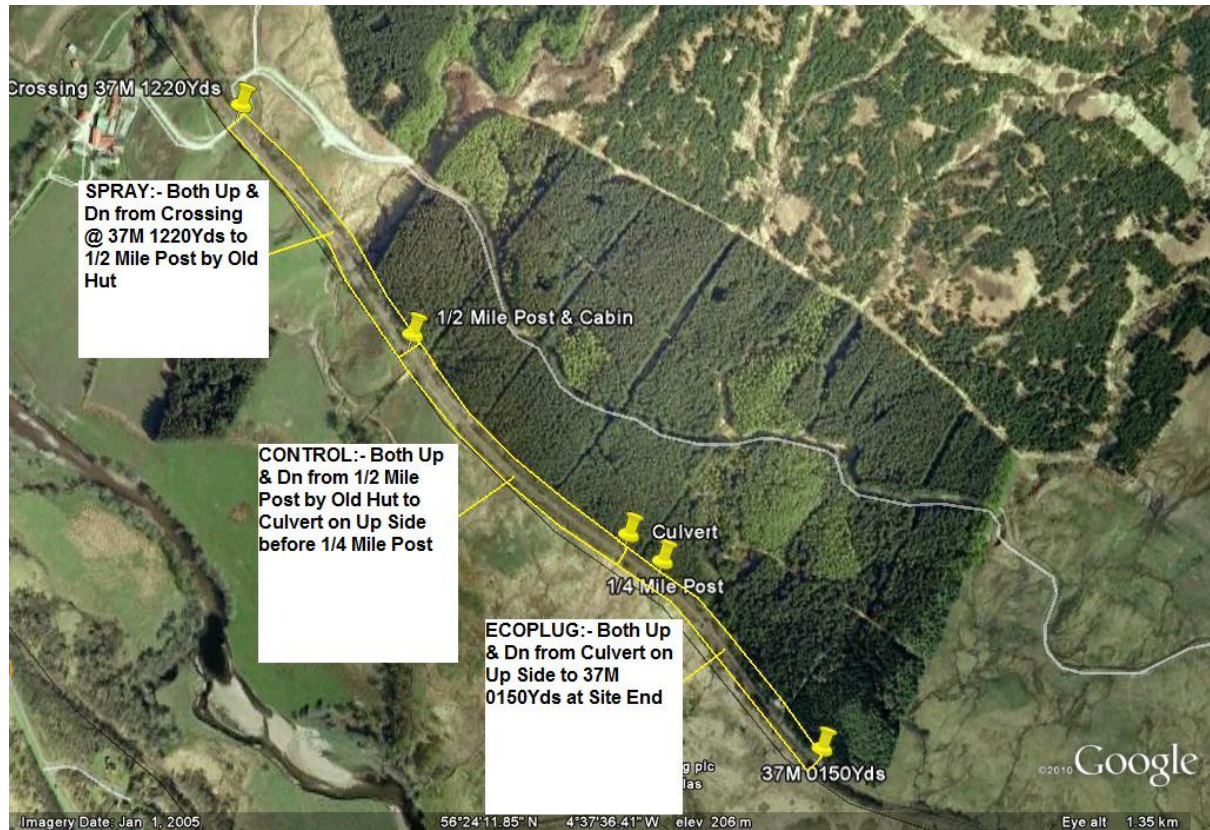


Inverhaggernie Site Visit 18/06/13

During a surveying trip to Scotland on 17 & 18/06/13 I was able to visit the Inverhaggernie Ecoplug site that was treated in February 2011, to look at long term efficacy.

Site Layout:-



First impressions of the site is that both the Spray & Control plots have noticeable coppice re-growth on at least 90% of the cut stumps up to a maximum of approx 1M in height. In contrast the Ecoplug plot had no signs of coppice re-growth and all inspected stumps were found to be dead.

The coppice re-growth does appear to be relatively small over the period of time since the original treatment, however this is probably linked to the exposed position of the site, severe winters experienced and the short growing seasons.

Spray Plot Overview:-



Noticeable coppice re-growth in all areas of the Spray Plot



Typical inspected stumps

Control Plot Overview:-



Noticeable coppice re-growth in all areas of the Control Plot



Typical inspected stumps

Ecoplug Plot Overview:-



No signs of coppice re-growth in all areas of the Ecoplug Plot



Typical inspected stumps

Visit Conclusion:-

During the site visit it was visibly obvious that the Ecoplug application has been extremely successful and all stumps treated have no visible re-growth, whereas in comparison the Spray application is very poor with at least 90% now showing established re-growth. The overview photo's of each treatment plot easily demonstrate this.

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