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Managing the forests on Dartmoor.

The bulk of the Forestry Commission holdings were planted from 1930 onwards, most of it being accomplished by 1950, that finalised what we would call the first rotation, since then, of course, areas have been felled and restocked if not once, sometimes twice, now this whole business of felling, clear felling and restocking has now allowed us to increase and improve the diversity of the forest. Each individual forest block is managed under a management plan which essentially is the bringing together of all the local issues, what we're hoping to gain in terms of landscape, recreation, conservation, archaeology, timber production, which will always be there no matter how you manage a forest, the most important objective is to integrate our conifer plantations into the moor.