

Many thanks for the superb first thinning operation you recently completed on my Norway spruce plantation. Since year 10 I've been measuring the growth of the crop and it had become very apparent that the high fertility and high stocking density of the site meant that at only 16 years of age the crop was already becoming restricted and its growth rate was slowing.

Your Whole Tree Biomass System suited my situation perfectly as leaving the crop unthinned until it reached 20+ years old for a conventional thinning in the hope of realising an economic quantity of small sawlog would have resulted in 5 to 6 years of more and more restricted growth which would in turn have moved subsequent thinning's and final clearfell further and further into the future.

Your system allowed me to have a first thinning performed at the optimum time for maximising the growth of the crop, thus minimising the time to final clearfell, while still providing me with an economic return from the operation.

Your operators were most pleasant and professional and your system of text messaging and paper docket kept me fully up to date in real time on all movements out of the site. The site is now looking very well and the crop has resumed the high growth rate it was achieving a couple of years ago.

Best Regards,

Ivor Clegg.