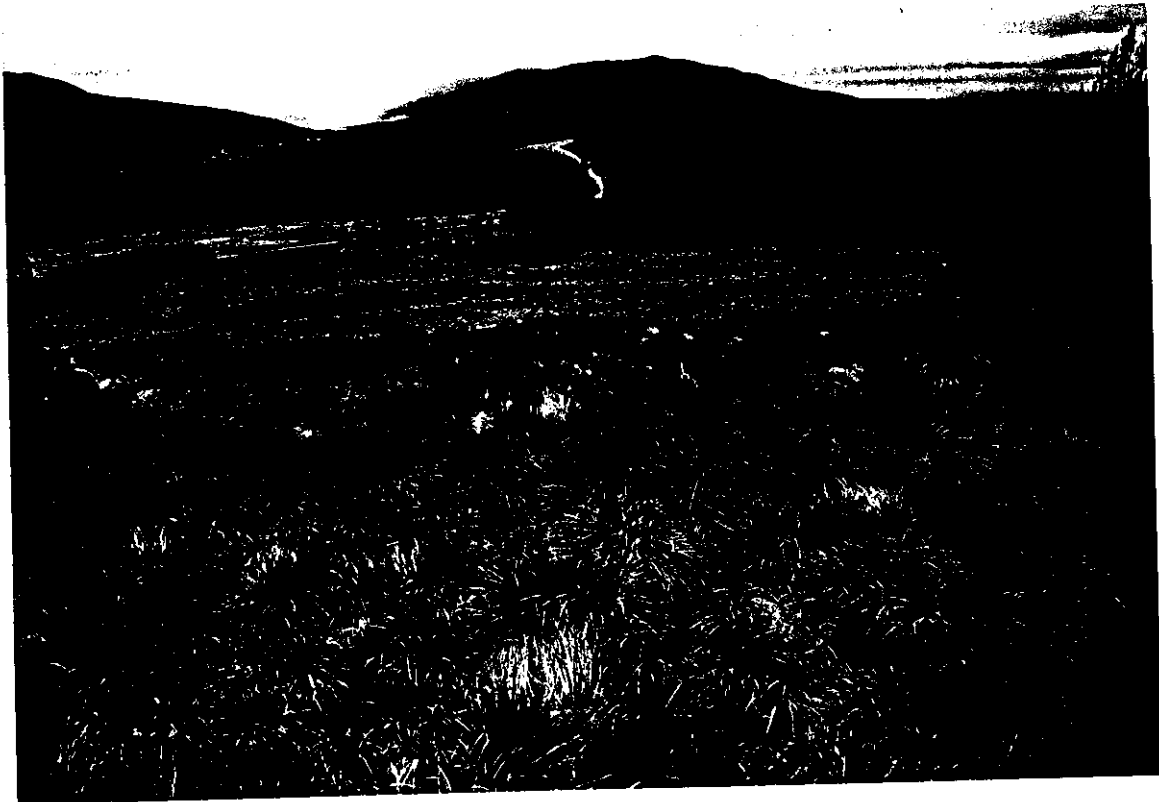


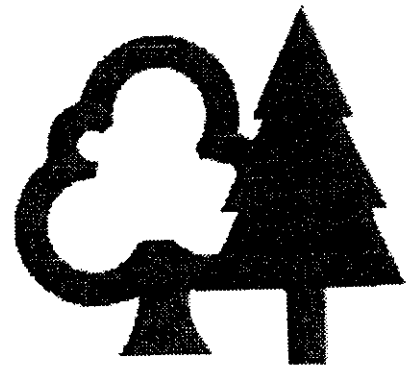
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SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Truderscaig deserted township, hut circles
& clearance cairns**



**Forest Enterprise
Dornoch Forest District
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SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Name of Monument: **Truderscaig deserted township, hut circles & clearance cairns**

Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: **2512**

Local Authority Area : **Highland**

Local Authority Sites and Monuments Record Number: **NC73SW 001**

OS Grid Reference: **NC702437-705339**

Forest Enterprise District: **Dornoch**

Forest Enterprise Compartment: **4108**

Plan Period: **1/4/00 – 31/3/05**

Plan prepared by ; Chris Nixon
Forest District Manager
Dornoch Forest District.

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Description of Monument

This monument, a deserted township with associated hut circles and clearance cairns, is in an area of undisturbed moorland within Naver forest. The majority of the area is surrounded by conifer plantation. There are the remains of at least 40 buildings on the site along with associated kail yards, enclosures, runrig and lazy beds. The buildings are in a rough semi-circle on the SW slope of Cnoc Bad an Leathaid. The hut circles are in two areas outwith the main part of the township. Three hut circles lie on the E edge of the township. Two of these are in areas of unploughed and unplanted grassland and are in good condition. The third is within the planted trees and has been badly damaged by ploughing and is only indicated by scattered stone.

Forest Enterprise's Objectives

- i. To ensure that the monument and its surrounding area are cleared of, and subsequently kept free of trees and scrub, thereby preserving both the archaeological remains and their setting.
- ii. To maintain and improve access to the monument, and to enhance its setting in the wider landscape.

Management

Issues requiring attention:

The main area of the township is in good condition with the current grazing regime maintaining the vegetation at a reasonable level. Future management will aim to maintain the present condition of the vegetation which will be monitored to assess the need for control of invasive species such as bracken.

The clearance of trees at the hut circle sites will be required from within 20m of the edge of the scheduled areas. This will be completed as soon as possible following the resolution of the current harvesting access issue. The condition of the ploughed and planted hut circle will be reassessed by Historic Scotland following clearance.

Significant tree clearance is hindered at present by a lack of access to the Strathnaver Forests for timber haulage due to restrictions on the use of the public roads by timber lorries. The timing of future harvesting of trees and thus the completion of the necessary clearance work is dependant upon this situation being resolved with the Highland Council.

Work proposals

a Harvesting operations

No harvesting operations are planned during the term of this management plan apart from the removal of any trees in or within 20m of the scheduled area surrounding the hut circles. If any woody regeneration/colonisation is found within the scheduled area during routine inspections then the following conditions will be applied:-

All trees and shrubs shall be cut off at ground level, the stumps or roots being left in the ground and not grubbed out. Trees should be cut by hand or by the use of a hand held power saw. These measures will enable the trees to be felled in such a way as to cause no damage to the remains of the monument or the ground surface within the scheduled area.

Where necessary stumps should be treated with the appropriate chemical according to the statutory "Code of practice for safe use of pesticides on farms and holdings" (HMSO 1990) prepared by MAFF, HSC and DoE.

Any brash resulting from these operations shall be removed well away from the area of the scheduled ancient monument. Cut timber shall be removed from the site by cutting into easily transportable pieces, rather than by dragging, in case this causes damage to underlying archaeology. If brash is to be burned, this operation shall be carried out well away from the scheduled area.

If appropriate a harvester may be used to fell and lift trees from the scheduled area that are within its reach as the machine itself must be placed in a position out with the scheduled area. Care must be taken not to disturb the ground surface within the scheduled area during these operations.

No vehicles shall enter the scheduled area.

b Site clearance

The scheduled area and an area 20m beyond the edge of the scheduled area will be kept tree free. Any natural regeneration of trees, scrub, or bracken will be assessed at yearly intervals and controlled using hand held scrub cutters and herbicides where appropriate. No vehicles will be allowed in the scheduled area.

c Public access

Public access will be improved by provision of waymarking and maintenance of a clear track to the site. (Appendix 3)

This route and way marking will be inspected on a yearly basis in September each year.

d On site access

Good site access will be maintained by the removal of any scrub from the site on a regular basis. The condition of on site access routes will be checked on a yearly basis in September each year.

e Interpretation

It is not intended to provide Interpretation panels at this site, but a small map and information leaflet is to be produced which details the SAMs on Forest Enterprise land. Details of sites in the local area will be available from the Forest Enterprise Dornoch District office on request.

Interpretation panels, information boards and way markers, when provided will be erected out with the scheduled area.

f Tree planting

No tree planting will take place within the scheduled area or within 20m beyond the edge of the scheduled area.

g Site maintenance

The site is to be checked on a yearly basis to identify any site maintenance required. No work other than those specified in the management agreement conditions of this plan, shall be carried out in the scheduled area without the prior approval of Historic Scotland.

h Access/signs maintenance

Access paths and way markers will be inspected on a yearly basis and any maintenance required recorded and carried out.

Management Agreement Conditions

The Occupier undertakes:

1. To monitor and control all scrub, tree and bracken regeneration in the Scheduled Area to prevent colonisation.
2. Not to plant trees within 20 metres of the Scheduled Area.
3. Not to cut any drains, ditches or dykes across, or within 20 metres of, the Scheduled Area.
4. Not to use the Scheduled Area as a dump for any material.
5. Not to use wheeled or tracked vehicles within the Scheduled Area.
6. Not to park any farm or forestry machinery on the Scheduled Area, nor to use the area for storing any materials.
7. Not to construct any building works or access tracks within 10 metres of the Scheduled Area.

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8. Not to afford any person access to the Scheduled Area for the purpose of using a metal detector unless that person can produce the written consent of Scottish Ministers'.

9. To permit any authorised representative of Scottish Ministers' access to the Scheduled Area without prior notice.

10. To allow public access at all reasonable times to the Scheduled Area. An access route will be way-marked as shown on the attached map extract (Appendix 3). This route will be checked annually to ensure it provides adequate guidance and access.

11. To report any objects such as pottery, flint or bone, or archaeological features, which are found within the Scheduled Area. Such objects should be left undisturbed and reported to the Council Archaeologist, Historic Scotland or your local museum.

Liaison

Formal consultation every 5 years with Historic Scotland to review the management strategy of the monument prior to the preparation of the subsequent Management Plan. Meetings will be held with local Historic Scotland staff as required.

Monitoring

Monitoring of the site will be carried out on a yearly basis in September each year as described in work proposals (g)

Check due (Date)	Date Checked	Action required	Date work completed and checked by
4/2001			
4/2002			
4/2003			
4/2004			
4/2005			

This is an agreement under Section 17 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Only works which are carried out in Fulfilment of the Occupier's obligations and which are specifically identified in this agreement are deemed to have been granted Scheduled Monument Consent under the Ancient Monuments Class Consents Order (Scotland) 1996. The Occupier must apply for Scottish Ministers' consent prior to undertaking any further works affecting the Area.

Signed on behalf of Forest Enterprise by B. Nixen Forest District Manager

Dated 31/1/00

Signed on behalf of the ~~Secretary of State for Scotland~~ ^{Scottish Ministers} by D.M. [Signature]

Dated 30TH March 2000

Appendices

Appendix 1 Scheduling Certificate

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SERVICE OF NOTICE

by

**THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR SCOTLAND**

under

**THE ANCIENT
MONUMENTS ACTS**

35 1975

File Ref SC 25567/1A

Affecting Deserted Township,
Truderscraig, Naver
Forest, Sutherland

**SOLICITOR
TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR SCOTLAND**

St. James Centre,
Edinburgh, EH1 3TE



THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACTS, 1913 AND 1931

REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND.
GENERAL REGISTER OF SASINES.
COUNTY OF SUTHERLAND.
LE Book 186 Folio 179

To the Secretary of State for Scotland, per the Forestry Commission, North Conservancy, 21 Church Street, Inverness, Owner of the Monument consisting of a deserted township with enclosures in Naver Forest at Truderscraig shown coloured red on the annexed plan part of four areas of land, parts of the lands of Syre and others in the Parish of Farr, described in the disposition by Ralph Midwood in favour of the Secretary of State for Scotland dated Twenty-ninth November and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines for the County of Sutherland on Twentieth December both months in Nineteen hundred and fifty six

situated in the Parish of Farr

and

County of Sutherland

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Ancient Monuments Act, 1931, as read with the Transfer of Functions (Scottish Royal Parks and Ancient Monuments) Order, 1969, the Secretary of State hereby gives notice that it is his intention to include the Monument above specified in a list of monuments to be published by him under Section 12 of the Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act, 1913.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland

HFG Kelly

Assistant Secretary

SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,
(ANCIENT MONUMENTS),
ARGYLE HOUSE,
3, LADY LAWSON STREET,
EDINBURGH, EH3 9SD.

28 July 1975.

I, Alexander McIntosh Thomson, Principal, being an officer duly authorised by the Secretary of State in that behalf hereby certify that the notice of which the foregoing is a duplicate together with a copy of the plan annexed and signed as relative hereto was served on the before named The Secretary of State for Scotland

by posting on the twenty eighth day of July 1975
between the hours of 10 o'clock and 11 o'clock fore noon at the
Tollcross Post Office, Edinburgh, a copy of the same to him
by recorded delivery service addressed as follows:-

The Secretary of State for Scotland, per the Forestry Commission,
North Conservancy, 21 Church Street, Inverness

Register on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland in the Register of
the County of SUTHERLAND
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Truderscaig

Enclosures

This is the plan referred to in my Certificate of Service of Notice affecting Trudersraig, deserted township with enclosures, Naver Forest, Fann, Sutherland dated 28 July 1975 and is signed as

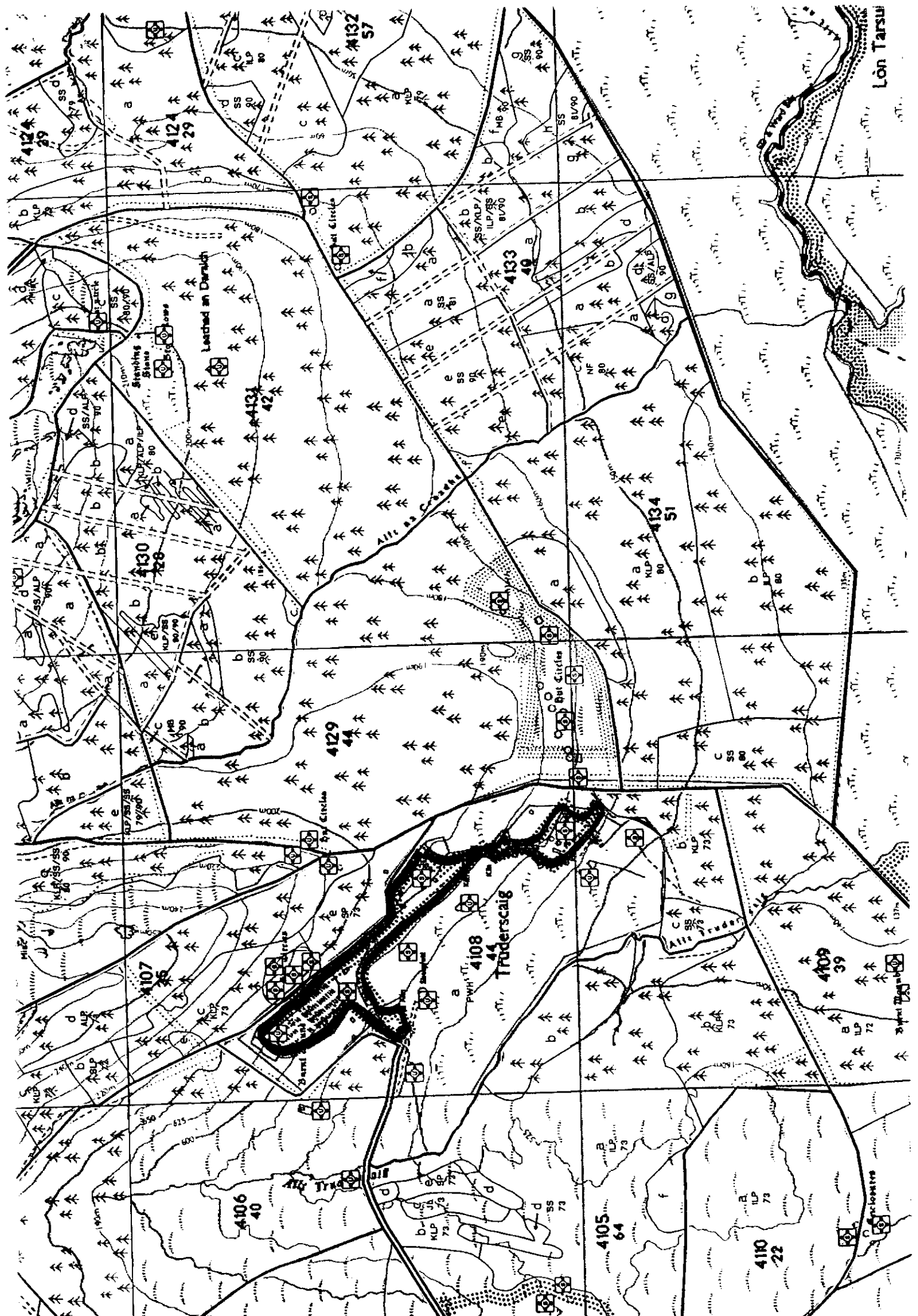
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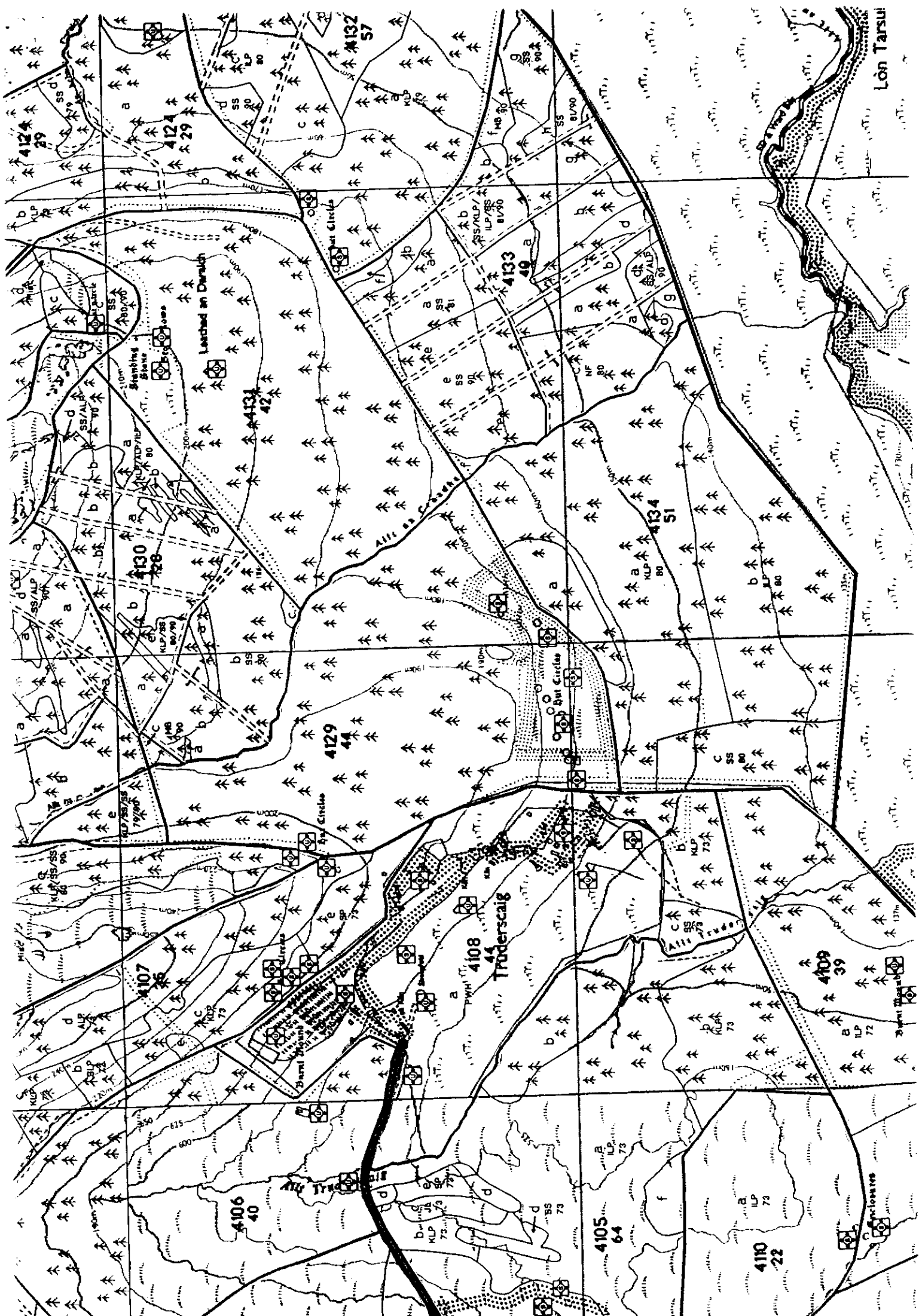
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Appendix 2 Forest Enterprise stock map



Appendix 3 Site access map



Appendix 4 Historic Scotland's last Monument Warden report

Visit summary report

Index number 2512 NGR NC702346 Date originally scheduled 03-Jun-1965
Date last scheduled 28-Jul-1975

Monument name Truderscraig, deserted township, hut circles & clearance cairns

Visit date 08-Jun-1999 Council HIGHLAND

Recorder Mrs A Coombs Inspector

Condition 2 Risk 1 HS Priority 2.24 Opportunity for positive management 3

New damage? IAM visit required? Interest in a HS grant? Sketch made? Y Slides taken? Y

Inadequate area? Review scheduling? Proportion scheduled 100%

Description and assessment of management requirements

08-JUN-1999, AC

This report completes the site visit first made on 02-06-97. The report will only refer to the 3 hut circles not previously visited. The site lies within Forest Enterprise Naver Forest. The site 3 hut circles lie on the E edge of the deserted township of Truderscraig on a W facing slope. 2 of the hut circles are in areas of unploughed and unplanted grass and the third hut circle is both ploughed and planted and in a poor condition.

The most S hut circle is built into the hill; it is oval c.11m N-S by c.9m E-W with a S facing entrance. The hut circle is grass covered.

The middle hut circle is c.20m within the trees to the N and has been badly damaged by the ploughing and is indicated by scattered stone.

The most N hut circle is also built into the hill, in a grass-covered area and is c.14m in diameter with a S facing entrance. A raised area with some visible stone splits the entrance in 2; there is more visible stone on the walls of the hut circle.

The site will be subject to a Forest Enterprise Management Plan when the trees will be cleared back to 20m from the scheduled area. The 2 hut circles in the clear areas are in good condition. The condition of the 3rd hut circle will need to be reassessed when the trees are cleared.

02-JUN-97

DESCRIPTION The site lies within Naver Forest, at the southernmost end of the forestry track and c600m N of Loch Truderscraig. The monument, a deserted township with associated hut circles and clearance cairns, is an area of undisturbed but grazed grass and moor. The majority of the area is surrounded by a forestry fence which divides the township from the conifer plantation which surrounds most of the site. The Highland Regional Council Archaeological Sites and Monument Record refers to 'at least 40 buildings along with associated kail yards and enclosures', runrig and lazy beds. There is no reason to think that this description has changed. The buildings are arranged in a rough semi-circle on the SW slope of Cnoc Bad an Leathaid. They vary from small, c3m by 3m up to long houses of c28m by 4m. and of the 4 corn kilns referred to in the above records all were located during the visit. The head dyke is still visible for the majority of its length, and the runrig is still visible to the SW, between the buildings and Allt Truderscraig. The lazy beds are to the NW of the head dyke within their own enclosure. There are 2 substantial stone sheep fanks, one to the SE of the area and one to the NW, these may well have been built of stone from the earlier buildings. The hut circles are in 2 areas out with the main part of the township. There 2 in an area of moorland to the E of the forestry fence (see B in sketch). This has been

Visit summary report

*Who was contacted and nature of contact

08-Jun-1999, AC

The site was visited with a representative of Forest Enterprise.

Visit summary report

Description and assessment of management requirements

through and has a visible SE entrance.

SCHEDULED AREA The scheduled area covers the majority of the upstanding remains. However there are a few remains outwith the scheduled area. The scheduled area appears to have been reduced in 1975, excluding the 2 hut circles visited and much of the runrig.

CONDITION OF SITE/ASSESSMENT OF MANAGEMENT The majority of the site is within a forestry fence and is regularly grazed by sheep and possibly deer. There does not seem to be any damage and the grazing probably helps to control the vegetation. There is a little bracken on the site but not sufficient to require control at present. The hut circles out with the fenced area are covered with rougher grass and heather. The heather cover outwith the fence is quite deep but the hut circles remain reasonable visible.

MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS The main area of the depopulated township is in good condition, the grazing of the land is maintaining the vegetation at a reasonable level. Management should therefore be maintained at the present level.

23-JUL-91

Standing on the southern slopes of Cnoc Bad an Leathaid, the depopulated settlement of Truderscaig comprises the remains of stone and turf enclosure dykes which measure 1m wide and up to 0.75m high, rectangular structures which measure between 3m x 2m and 4m x 15m, and circular structures 2m in diameter. Some of the rectangular structures have small enclosures attached to them. In general the house/byre/barn walls are 0.5m wide and up to 1m high. Of all the structures on the site, the circular ones, kilns, are the best preserved. To the NE lie an area of lazy beds and there are many clearance cairns dotted about the site which would indicate further field systems not immediately visible.

Three hut circles, only one of which I was able to locate, are situated within plantation to the north. Oval in shape and measuring 12m x 10m with walls 2m wide and 0.5m high, the monument is grass covered, with a south facing entrance and the surrounding trees 3m away.

In the main the township is grass covered, although both heather and bracken are to be found, particularly in and around the remains of the rectangular structures.

Sheep and deer graze the area, there are two sheepfold on site, and there are also many rabbit holes to be seen.

It would appear that several of the rectangular structures are outwith the scheduled area, as indeed are part of the old lazy beds. The scheduled area should be enlarged to include these.

The spelling on all the printouts etc of Truderscaig is wrong, a third "r" having been placed between the "c" and the "a", producing Truderscraig.

Comments on scheduling

08-Jun-1999, AC

The scheduled areas of these hut circles are in the form of spot scheduling. They are c.20m in diameter and probably adequate.

Comments by IAM

02-JUN-1997, AC

There are 3 possibly 6 hut circles to the NE of the township still to be visited, I will send the additional report on those with the July reports. Not a priority, but copy of report taken to prompt rescheduling action.

Who was contacted and nature of contact

CONDITION AND MANAGEMENT OF MONUMENTS

Index No: 2512 Visit No: 02 Date of Visit: 02-JUN-97
 1:50,000 Map: NGR: Status: SN Date of Record: 25-JUL-97

Truderscaig, deserted township, hut circles and clearance cairns

Region: HIGHLAND District: SUTHERLAND
 Recorder: A Coombs Checked By IAM? Y Slides Taken? Y
 Contacted Owner? Y In Person? Y Owner Record OK? Y
 Contacted Occupier? Y In Person? Y Occupier Record OK? Y
 Owner Aware of Sched.? Y Occupier Aware of Sched.? Y Site At Risk? N
 Proportion Scheduled: 6 Adequate Area? Y Damage? N

Nature and Approximate Age of Damage:

Parts Within the Scheduled Area: Proportion/Land Use
 1-19% Own landuse 1-19% Moorland
 60-79% Undisturbed grass

Unscheduled Parts of the Monument: Proportion/Land Use

Surrounding Land:
 1-19% Moorland 80-99% Ploughed coniferous

Management Agreement Needed?	N	Negotiations Begun?	N
Rejected?	N	In Operation?	N
Copy of Scheduling Required By: Owner?	N	Occupier?	N
Have Copies Been Sent?	N	Land Use Change Proposed?	N
Owner/Occupier Information Change?	N	Information Sent to CHB1?	N
Need Owner's Name?	N	CHB1 Asked for DV Inquiry?	N
Check Area Size	Y	Size Checked?	N
Review Scheduling?	N	Scheduling Reviewed?	N
Follow Up Damage Report?	N	Damage Report Followed Up?	N
Recommend Legal Action?	N	Case Passed To CHB1	N
IAM Visit Required?	N	Visited?	N

Other Action Needed? N Other Action Completed?

Other Action:

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Not a priority, as site does appear to be under threat, but copy of report taken to pro. rescheduling action.

*TC
18/12*

REPORT ON VISIT TO MONUMENT

Index Number: 2512 Visit Number: 2 Date of visit: 02/06/97
 1:50,000 Map: 16 NGR: Status: sn Date of record / /
 Name: Truderscaig, deserted township, hut circles and clearance cairns
 Region: 6 Highland) District 8 Sutherland
 Recorder A Coombs Record checked by IAM? Slides taken? Y
 Contacted owner? Y in person? Y Owner record OK? Y
 Contacted occupier? Y in person? Y Occupier record OK? Y
 Owner aware of scheduling? Y Occupier aware of scheduling? Y Site at risk? N
 Proportion scheduled 6 100% Adequate area? Y Damage? N
 Nature and approximate age of damage?

Parts within the scheduled area: Proportion/Land use

1 0-19% 38 Own landuse 1 0-19% 06 Moorland
 4 60-79% 08 Undisturbed grass ()

Unscheduled parts of the monument: Proportion/Land use

() ()
 () ()

Surrounding Land: Proportion/Landuse

1 0-19% 06 Moorland 5 80-99% 25 Ploughed conif
 () ()

Management agreement needed? N Negotiations begun? N Rejected N In operation N
 Copy of scheduling required by: Owner? N Occupier? N
 Have copies been sent? N Is land use change proposed? N
 Owner occupier information change N Information sent to CHB1 N
 Need owners name N CHB1 asked for DV inquiry N
 Check area size N Size checked N
 Review scheduling N Scheduling reviewed N
 Follow up damage report N Damage report followed up N
 Recommend legal action? N Case passed to CHB1? N
 IAM visit needed? N Visited N
 Other action needed? N Other action completed
 Other action:

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REPORT ON VISIT TO MONUMENT

Index Number: 2512 Visit Number: 1 Date of visit: 23/07/91
 1:50,000 Map: NGR: Status: SN Date of record / /
 Name: Truderscaig, deserted township, hut circles and clearance cairns
 Region: 6 Highland) District 8 Sutherland
 Recorder DS Record checked by IAM? Slides taken? y
 Contacted owner? Y in person? Y Owner record OK
 Contacted occupier? in person? Occupier record OK
 Owner aware of scheduling? Y Occupier aware of scheduling? Site at risk? N
 Proportion scheduled 5 80-99% Adequate area? N Damage? N
 Nature and approximate age of damage?

Parts within the scheduled area: Proportion/Land use

5 80-99% 06 Moorland ()
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Unscheduled parts of the monument: Proportion/Land use

1 0-19% 06 Moorland ()
 () ()

Surrounding Land: Proportion/Land use

4 60-79% 25 Ploughed conif 2 20-39% 06 Moorland
 () ()

Management agreement needed? N Negotiations begun? Rejected In operation
 Copy of scheduling required by: Owner? Y Occupier?
 Have copies been sent? Is land use change proposed? N
 Owner occupier information change N Information sent to CHB1
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 Other action needed? Other action completed
 Other action:

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In the main the township is grass covered, although both heather and bracken are to be found, particularly in and around the remains of the rectangular structures.

Sheep and deer graze the area, there are two sheepfolds on site, and there are also many rabbit holes to be seen.

It would appear that several of the rectangular structures are outwith the scheduled area, as indeed are part of the old lazy beds. The scheduled area should be enlarged to include these.

The spelling on all the printouts etc of Truderscaig is wrong, a third "r" having been placed between the "c" and the "a", producing Truderscraig.