

PROPOSED FORESTRY : ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Three separate proposals were put forward for assessment ;

Area 1 c. NG 336 354
3.5 hectares 300 metres to the south of Dun Ardtreck.

Area 2A c. NG 431 308
Four separate areas in Glen Drynoch between the A 863 and the Drynoch river.

Area 2B
A single extended area to the north of the A 863 along the lower reaches of the NE facing glen side.

Area 3
An area to the north of Ben Conchra between *Allt nan Sugh* and Glen Udalain. c. NG 882 306.

NO MAPS

Results

Area 1
There are no visible archaeological sites. Some cultivation.

Comment. None

Area 2A
No visible archaeological sites. Traces of lazy bed cultivation.

Comment. None

Area 2B
Twelve distinct archaeological sites lie within or close to the proposed area of planting. These are listed below. In addition, numerous boulder alignments, some several hundred metres long, divide the hillside into large enclosures. These alignments run between natural features in the landscape and in places disappear beneath the peat cover.

Comment. This area contains not only the highest ratio of sites per hectare, but also a high proportion of types which one would not normally wish to see damaged in any way without good reason. The two quarry sites (6 & 8) do not fall within this category, however the presence of three hut circles (4, 5 & 10) within such a compact geographical area indicate a landscape relationship of greater significance than is normally the case for single examples of this type. The shieling distribution and relationship is equally important within a glen which has already been damaged at its eastern end by planting without prior survey.

Area 3
Two archaeological sites lie within the proposed area of planting. Both are extremely degraded. In addition, a further four sites lie within a delineated area to the north and east of the area of proposed planting.

Comment. The shieling sites are degraded, and reason could only warrant protection for the stone setting.

Sites Listing

Area 2B

1

NG 4420 3180

Shieling

(HNG 43 SW 001)

A compact group of six shielings structures.

2 NG 4440 3170 Shieling (HNG 43 SW 002)

A loose grouping of 14 rectangular and sub-rectangular structures. There are a number of lazy beds amongst and around these structures. The larger and better preserved structures in the group lie within 5 m of the roadside fence.

3 NG 4362 3138 Shieling (HNG 43 SW 006)

A compact group of 3 stone structures lying on both sides of a burn. The largest structure measures 8m by 5m and would be better described as a house. A small ruinous enclosure surrounds this house.

4 NG 4372 3145 Hut circle (HNG 43 SW 007)

A stone built circular structure 10 m in diameter. This degraded structure is set on a scooped platform on a SW facing hillside. A number of long boulder alignments are visible in the vicinity of the hut circle.

5 NG 4408 3150 Hut circle (HNG 43 SW 008)

A degraded, stone built structure of sub-circular type measuring 8m by 7m over walls 1m thick. This structure appears to be an extended entrance hut circle similar in ground-plan to *Coille a' Ghasgain* - the wall at the entrance thickening to 2m width. Large boulders define the entrance passage which faces down slope and to the SE.

6 NG 4385 3138 Quarry (HNG 43 SW 009)

A small quarry pit, perhaps related to early surfacing of the main road.

7 NG 4485 3180 House (HNG 43 SW 013)

A two compartment turf house measuring 11m by 4.5m over walls 1m wide. About 4m to the SW is a circular turf base 3m in diameter and raised 0.25m. This house lies just inside the roadside fence and parallel to the road.

8 NG 4488 3185 Quarry (HNG 43 SW 014)

A small quarry pit.

9 NG 4495 3185 Shieling (HNG 43 SW 015)

A very degraded single cell, stone structure.

10 NG 4445 3193 Hut circle & Shieling (HNG 43 SW 012)

A much damaged stone built round house 10 m in diameter, lying on a natural sloping platform which faces SE.

A sub-rectangular stone structure measuring 5m by 3m has been inserted into the hut circle, filling much of the interior. Boulder boundaries run up to the circle on both east and west sides and run for many hundreds of metres in both directions.

Two structures similar in shape and size to the one overlying the hut lie 15m to the west.

11 NG 4446 3182 House (HNG 43 SW 011)

A stone built house, now in a ruinous state, measuring 8m by 5m over walls 1m wide. This structure sits on a raised platform aligned NW-SE. An entrance is visible in the centre of the NE facing side.

12 NG 4442 3181 Shieling (HNG 43 SW 010)

A tight group of 3 sub-circular degraded turf structures. All measure 5m x 3m overall.

Area 3

1 NG 8845 2952 Shieling - NB Maps

A single degraded turf structure measuring 5m by 3m over walls reduced to low mossy mounds. Lying in a small grassy area with some bracken on the east bank of the burn.

2 NG 8842 2955 Shieling

A single turf structure measuring 5m by 3.5m over very degraded turf walls. Lying in a small grassy area as 1, but on the north side of the burn.

3 NG 8897 2960 Pen

A circular stone built structure 2m in diameter over walls 0.5m thick and 0.5m high, possibly a twinning pen. Lies 10m to the north of the burn amongst tall heather. A very prominent turf dyke runs down to the burn 10m to the north of the pen on a NW-SE alignment.

4 NG 8935 2955 Pen

A boulder-built sub-rectangular pen measuring 5m by 4m over walls still standing 1.0m high. Lies on a natural level platform at the foot of a small cliff. The site faces north and overlooks *Loch Thollaidh* which lies about 150 m north.

5 NG 8925 2935 Pen

A boulder built pen measuring 6m by 4m over partially collapsed walls which in places still stand 1m high. Lies on gently sloping ground at the foot of a SW facing rocky outcrop.

6 NG 8951 2916 Stone setting

A moss covered circle of small stones, 1m in overall diameter. Lies on a SE facing slope at the foot of a large rocky outcrop, amongst boulder scree.

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ROWAN	20%
ALDER	10%
WILLOW	20%
ASH	20%
OTHER M6	10%

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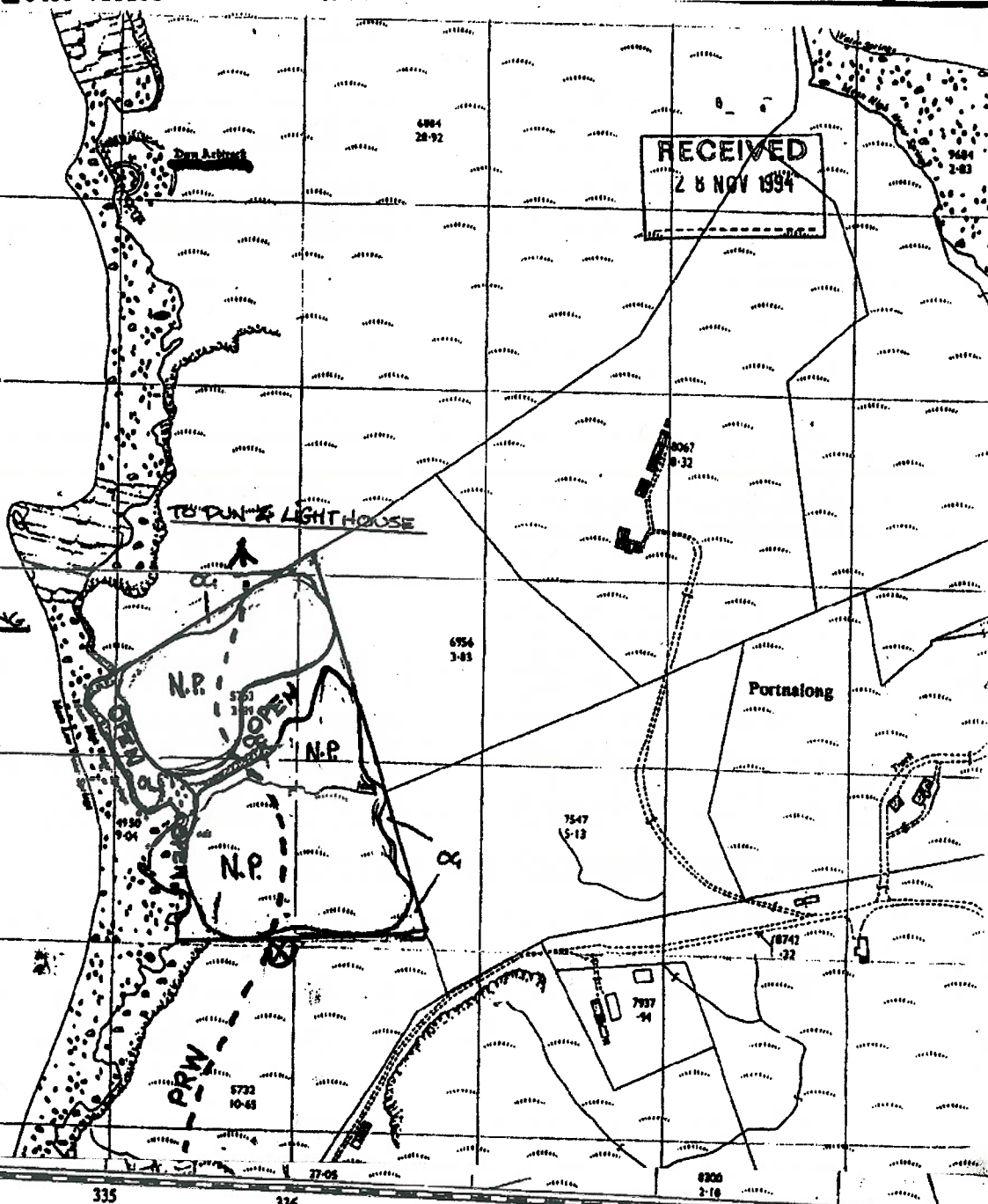
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The number and acreage of each parcel of land is shown within the parcel. It is important when identifying a parcel to specify the number(s) of the plan(s) on which it falls. IN PARCELS DIVIDED BY THE SHEET EDGE, THE ACREAGE FOR EACH PARCEL IS SHOWN.

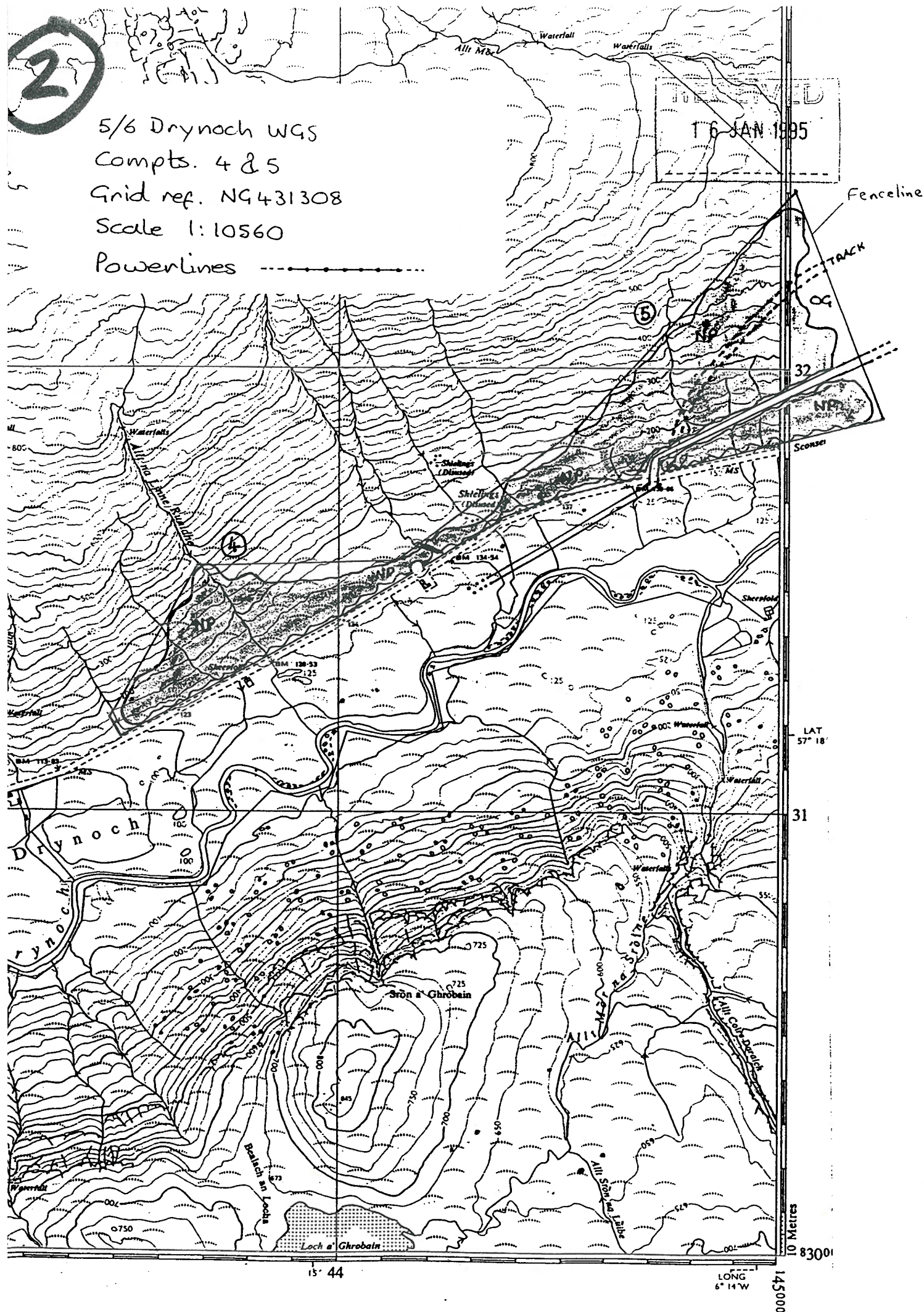
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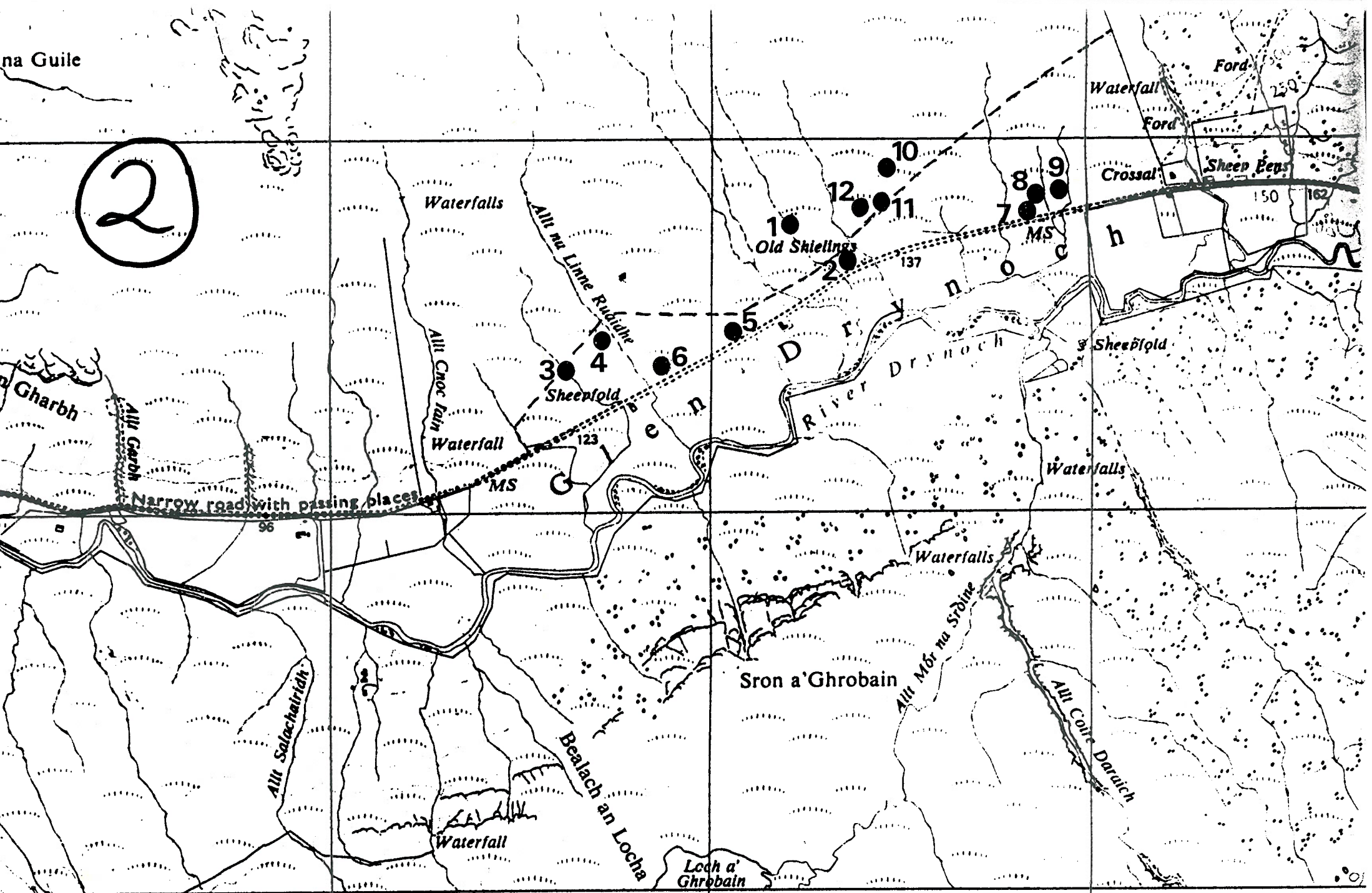
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