

REPORT ON VISIT TO MONUMENT

Index Number: 4022 Visit Number: 1 Date of visit: 07/07/92
 1:50,000 Map: NGR: Status: SN Date of record / /
 Name: Cnoc Chaornaich, chambered cairn 570m SW of
 Region: 6 Highland) District 8 Sutherland
 Recorder DS Record checked by TAM? Slides taken? v
 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 6 100% Adequate area? Y Damage? N
 Nature and approximate age of damage?

Parts within the scheduled area: Proportion/Land use

6 100% 06 Moorland ()
 () ()

Unscheduled parts of the monument: Proportion/Land use

() ()
 () ()

Surrounding Land: Proportion/Land use

E 80-99% 06 Moorland 1 0-19% 41 Thoroughfare
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Management agreement needed? Negotiations begun? Rejected In operation
 Copy of scheduling required by: Owner? Y Occupier?
 Have copies been sent? N Is land use change proposed? N
 Owner occupier information change N Information sent to CHBI
 Need owners name CHBI asked for DV inquiry
 Check area size Size checked
 Review scheduling Scheduling reviewed
 Follow up damage report Damage report followed up
 Vermin/legal action? Case passed to CHBI?
 TAM visit needed? Visited
 Other action needed? Other action completed
 Other actions:

Comments

Situated on a raised level area on the SW slopes of Cnoc Chaornaich, and 60m to the N of the A837 Lairg to Ledmore road, the cairn probably measured 13m E-W x 11m transversely. As the stone of the cairn has been removed and only the orthostats of the chamber remain, the perimeter of the cairn is not that obvious.

Eight orthostats remain in position, the largest of which is 1.75m tall, 1.5m wide, 20cm thick. The chamber walls appear to form a polygonal with internal measurements of 2.5 E-W x 2.5 transversely. There was an E-W passage through the walls, but can now be seen a large, 1.75m x 1.5m opening, possibly some 1.5m N of a narrow passage through the walls. To be seen lying NE SW of the chamber is probably the entrance to the passage.

The surrounding area of stone scattered around the chamber is

The surrounding ground is a level moorland is grazed by sheep.

HEIGHTS IN METRES

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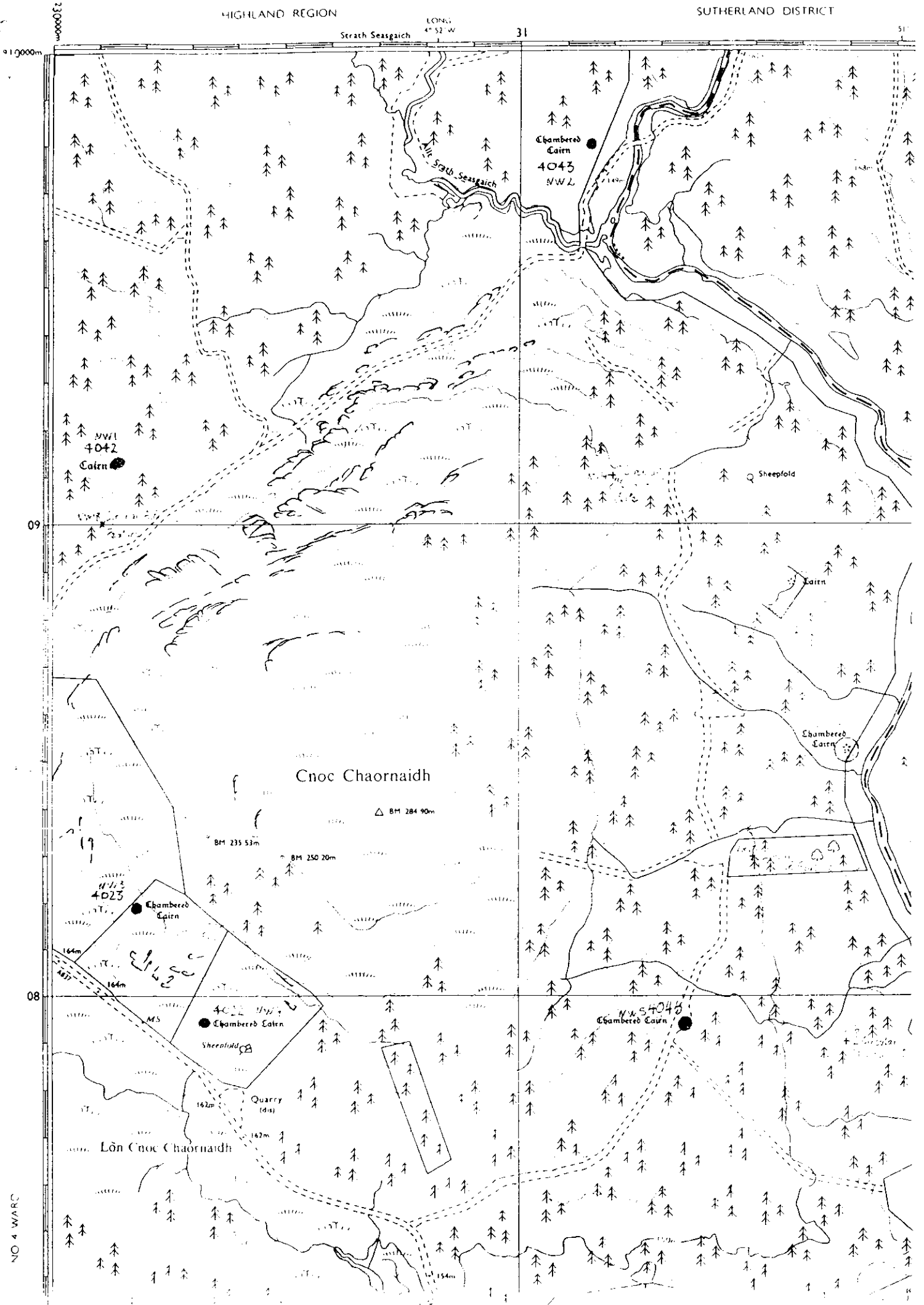
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Strath Seagaich

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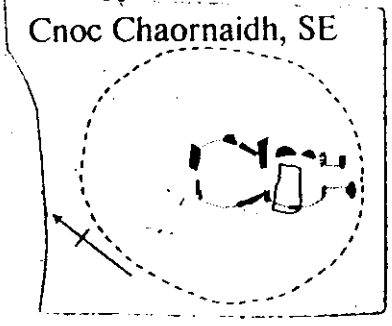
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Definitive Record & Ref.			Scheduled	STATUS D.o.E. Other		CONDITION	INCOMPLETE		
SITE NAME AND MAIN FEATURES							O.S. use only		
Chambered Cairn (remains of)							Chambered Cairn (NR)		
(NC 30320793) Cairn (NR)							1. OS 6" 1967		
The remains of an Orkney-Cromarty type round cairn with a polygonal chamber, set on a small level area on the hillside. The cairn material has been almost removed but it is possible to trace the outline measuring 15m E to W by 13m. The passage and chamber are entered from the SE and most of their upright slabs are still in situ, ranging in height up to 1.5m, but the only remaining capstone is displaced.							2. Ch Tombs of Scot 1 1963 345 No 17 Plan (A S Henshall)		
Surveyed at 1:10 560 (3).							3. F1 RDL 5 4 63		
No change to previous field report.							R1 ES 30 3 76		
Published survey (1:10 000) correct on PR MSD.							4. F2 JB 23 9 76		
OS 485							(contd)		

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Authority 3		Authority 2	
O.S. 495			

SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cnoc Chaornaidh, Chambered Cairn, 570m SW Of



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SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Name of Monument: **Cnoc Chaornaidh, Chambered Cairn
570 m SW of**

Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: **4022**

Local Authority Area: **Highland**

Local Authority Sites & Monuments
Record Number: **NC 30 NW 4**

OS Grid Reference: **NC 303079**

Forest Enterprise District: **Dornoch**

Forest Enterprise Compartment: **1910**

Plan Period: **01/04/01-31/03/06**

Plan Prepared By: **M D Canham
Chief Ranger
Forest Enterprise
Tower Road
Smithton
Inverness IV1 2NL**

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Description of Monument

The monument comprises the remains of a chambered cairn; a funerary and ritual structure dating from the Neolithic period (c.4000-2000BC). Chambered cairns contain stone-lined chambers in which the remains of the dead were placed. These monuments usually contained several burials, and some show long sequences of rebuilding and reuse.

The cairn is situated in moorland on a raised, level, area on the SW slopes of Cnoc Chaornaidh, 60m to the N of the A837 Lairg to Ledmore road. Most of the stone has been removed, leaving the large stones of the chamber visible within a low scatter of surviving cairn material. The chamber appears to have been polygonal with internal measurements of approximately 3m E-W by 2m transversely. Seven orthostats (upright stones) remain in position, the largest of which is about 1.75m tall by 1m wide by 0.2m thick. The entrance was probably in the E, and is marked by a recumbent stone measuring about 1.75m by 1m by 0.5m, aligned N-S. A second recumbent stone, measuring about 1m by 0.5m by 0.4m, lies on what was probably the cairn perimeter to the SE of the chamber, with two further large stones lying to the S. The cairn probably measured 13m E-W by 11m transversely, but the perimeter can no longer be traced with certainty.

The scheduled area comprises the remains described above and an area around them within which related material may be expected to survive. It is defined as a circle, 30m in diameter, centred on the chamber of the cairn, as shown on the scheduling certificate (Appendix 1).

Forest Enterprise's Objectives

- i. To ensure that the monument and its surrounding area are 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 monument is situated in an area of fenced (c.5.5ha), grazed land (sheep). The monument is grass covered with a small amount of bracken present. This bracken will be monitored as part of the yearly checks and if it increases unacceptably then control will be carried out as detailed in (b) below. There is no sign of any woody regeneration/colonisation and no action is deemed necessary in this respect. A monument marker post will be positioned adjacent to the main road to aid site location and details of the site will be included in the interpretation leaflets referred to at (e) below.

Work proposals

a Harvesting operations

No harvesting operations are planned during the term of this management plan. 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.

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 the Secretary of State.
9. To permit any authorised representative of the ~~Secretary of State~~ ^{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 waymarked 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.

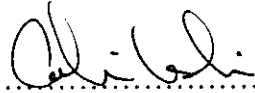
Monitoring

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

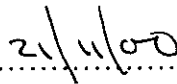
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9/2005			

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 specially 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.

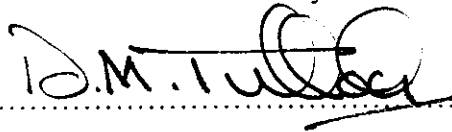
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Appendix 1 Scheduling Certificate

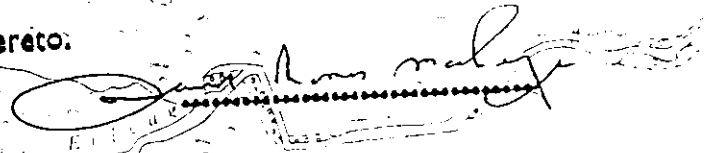
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Cnoc Chaornaidh

Linn Cnoc Chaornaidh

This is the plan referred to in my Certificate of Service of
Notice affecting ... CNOC CHAORNAIDH, CHAMBERED ...
CAIRN, 570M SW OF ...
dated 23 Dec 1977 and is signed as

relative thereto:



CNOC CHAORNAIDH, CHAMBERED
CAIRN 570 SW OF
RC 769

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REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND.

GENERAL REGISTER OF SASINES.

COUNTY OF ROSS & CROMARTY.

Book 769 Folio 123
Presented and Recorded on 6th April 1978



THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACTS, 1913 AND 1931

To The Secretary of State for Scotland, per The Forestry Commission (North Conservancy), 21 Church Street, Inverness, IV1 1EL, Owner of the monument consisting of a chambered cairn 570 metres or thereby south west of Cnoc Charnaigh, shown coloured red on the annexed plan and forming part of (I) (1) the Farm and lands of Loubcroy and (2) a plot of ground at the bend of the River Oykeill on the West or South bank thereof, opposite to Caplich, on Invercassley Farm, on the other side of said River and (II) 1450 acres of ground, to the south of River Oykeill and to the west of River Einig comprising Loubcroy Grazings, described in the Disposition by David Thomson and others in favour of the Secretary of State for Scotland dated Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth March and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines for the County of Ross and Cromarty on Fourteenth April all days in the year Nineteen hundred and Seventy

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situated in the Parish of Kincardine and
County of Ross and Cromarty

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

N. E. Scaif
Assistant Secretary

SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,
(ANCIENT MONUMENTS),
ARGYLE HOUSE,
3, LADY LAWSON STREET,
EDINBURGH, EH3 9SD.
23 December 1977.

I, David Thomas Mackenzie, 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 Secretary of State for Scotland

by posting on the Twenty third day day of December 1977
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 IV1 1EL

David Thomas Mackenzie
Register on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland in the Register of
the County of Ross and Cromarty
J. J. Wilson
Solicitor,
Edinburgh, Agent.

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CERTIFICATE
of
SERVICE OF NOTICE

by

THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR SCOTLAND

under

THE ANCIENT
MONUMENTS ACTS

1978

Affecting Cairn: 570m or thereby
S.V. of Cnoc Chaornaigh,
~~SENDER~~ Kincairdine, Ross and
Cromarty

File Ref: SC 27301/1A

Solicitor
to
the Secretary of State for Scotland,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, EH1 3TE.

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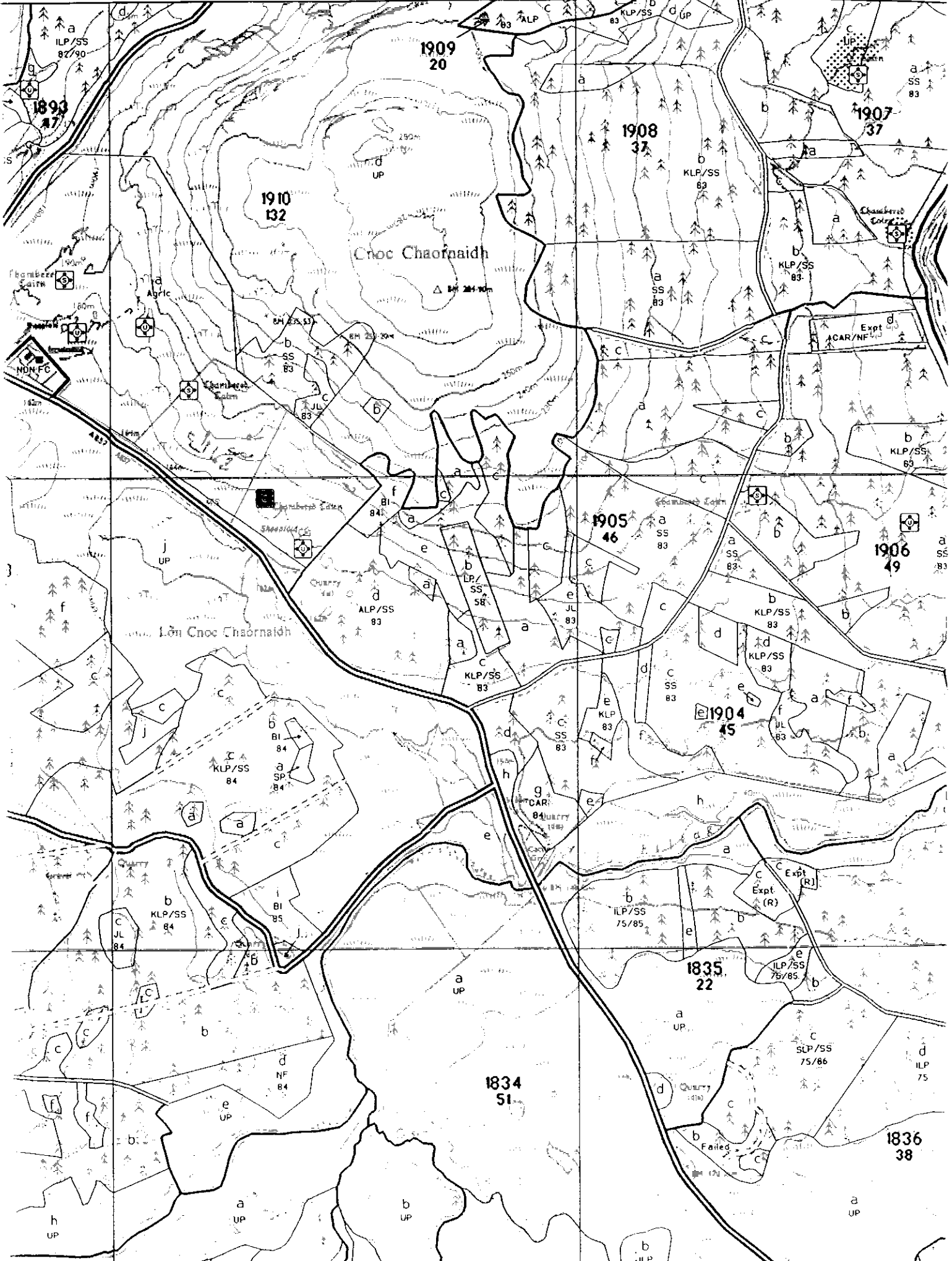
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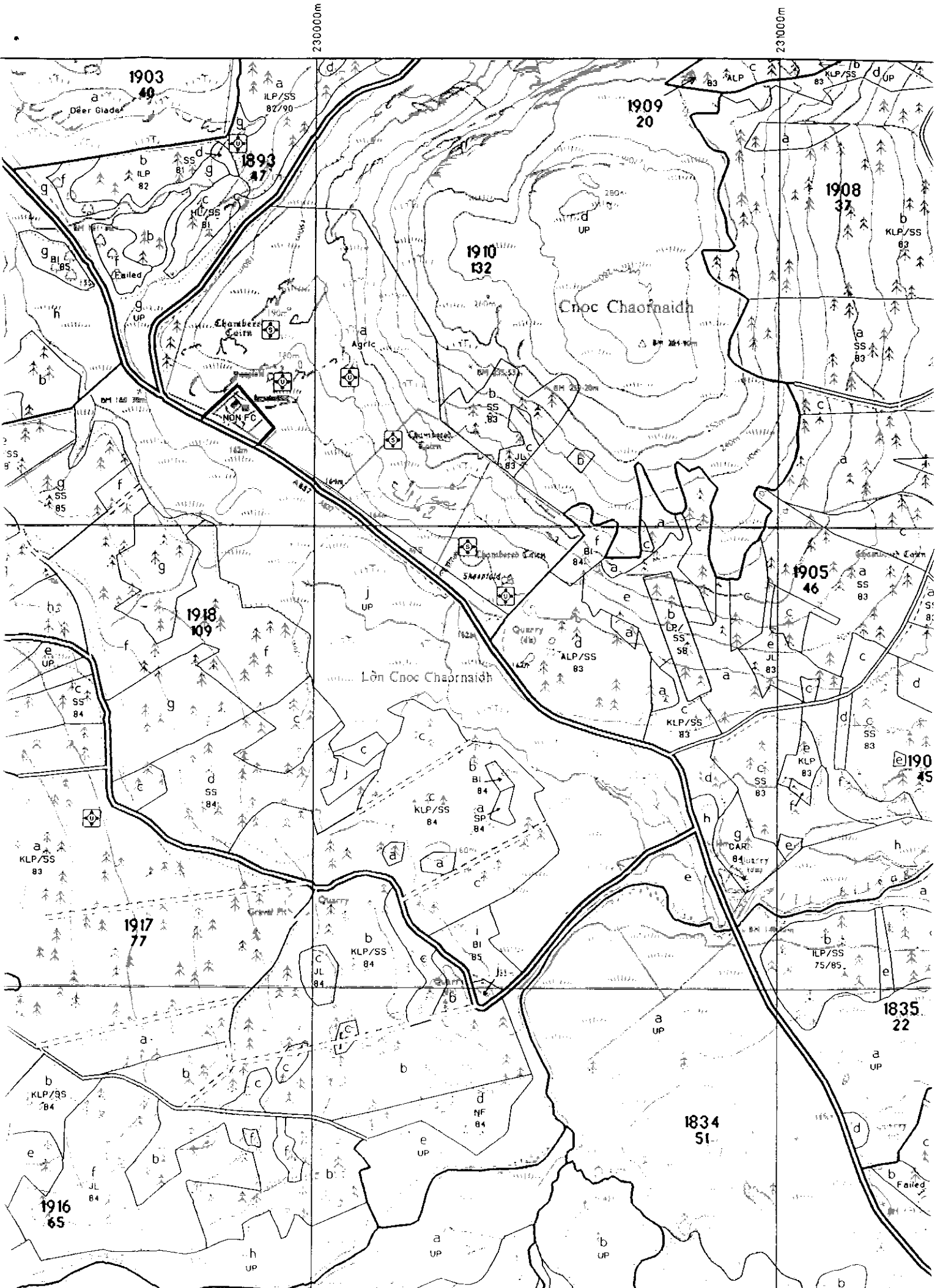
Appendix 2 Forest Enterprise stock map

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Appendix 3 Site access map



• **Appendix 4 Historic Scotland's last Monument Warden report**

Visit summary report

Index number 4022 NGR NC303079 Date originally scheduled 23-Dec-1977
Date last scheduled

Monument name Cnoc Chaornaidh, chambered cairn 570m SW of

Visit date 25-Aug-1998 Council HIGHLAND

Recorder Mrs A Coombs Inspector

Condition 1 Risk 1 HS Priority 1.41 Opportunity for positive management 4

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

25-Aug-1998, AC

The site lies to the N of the A837 Lairg to Ledmore road. The monument, a chambered cairn sits a slight rise on the SW facing slope of Cnoc Chaornaidh. The cairn has been severely robbed leaving only the main chamber stones in place. with some scattered cairn stone under the turf. The remaining 7 earthfast stones are arranged in an irregular circle, the E side consisting of a large recumbent stone c.2m long. The cairn appears to be c12m in diameter. There is 1 large recumbent stone on the SE side of the main group of stones. This main area of stones has a slight ditch to the SE and a flat area beyond with 2 more large stones lying on the S edge.

The site is within a field belonging to Stratheasgaigh croft and was grazed by sheep on the day of the visit. There is some bracken on the monument but this is controlled by the grazing at present. The monument is mainly grass covered with a little heather and the bracken. The site will be subject to a Forest Enterprise Management Plan. The present regime should be maintained.

07-JUL-92

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There is a small amount of stone scattered around the monument.

The surrounding grass covered moorland is grazed by sheep.

Comments on scheduling

25-Aug-1998, AC

The scheduled area appears to be c.30m in diameter and adequate.

Comments by IAM

Visit summary report

- Who was contacted and nature of contact

25-Aug-1998, AC

The owners, Forest Enterprise are in the process of creating a management plan for this site and although the site was not visited with a representative of Forest Enterprise there was contact before and after the visit with regards the condition and management of the site.

Appendix 5 Historic Scotland's last Monument Warden site sketch

HBM WARDEN SKETCH SHEET

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Monument CNOC CHAORNAIDH, chambered cairn 570 SW of

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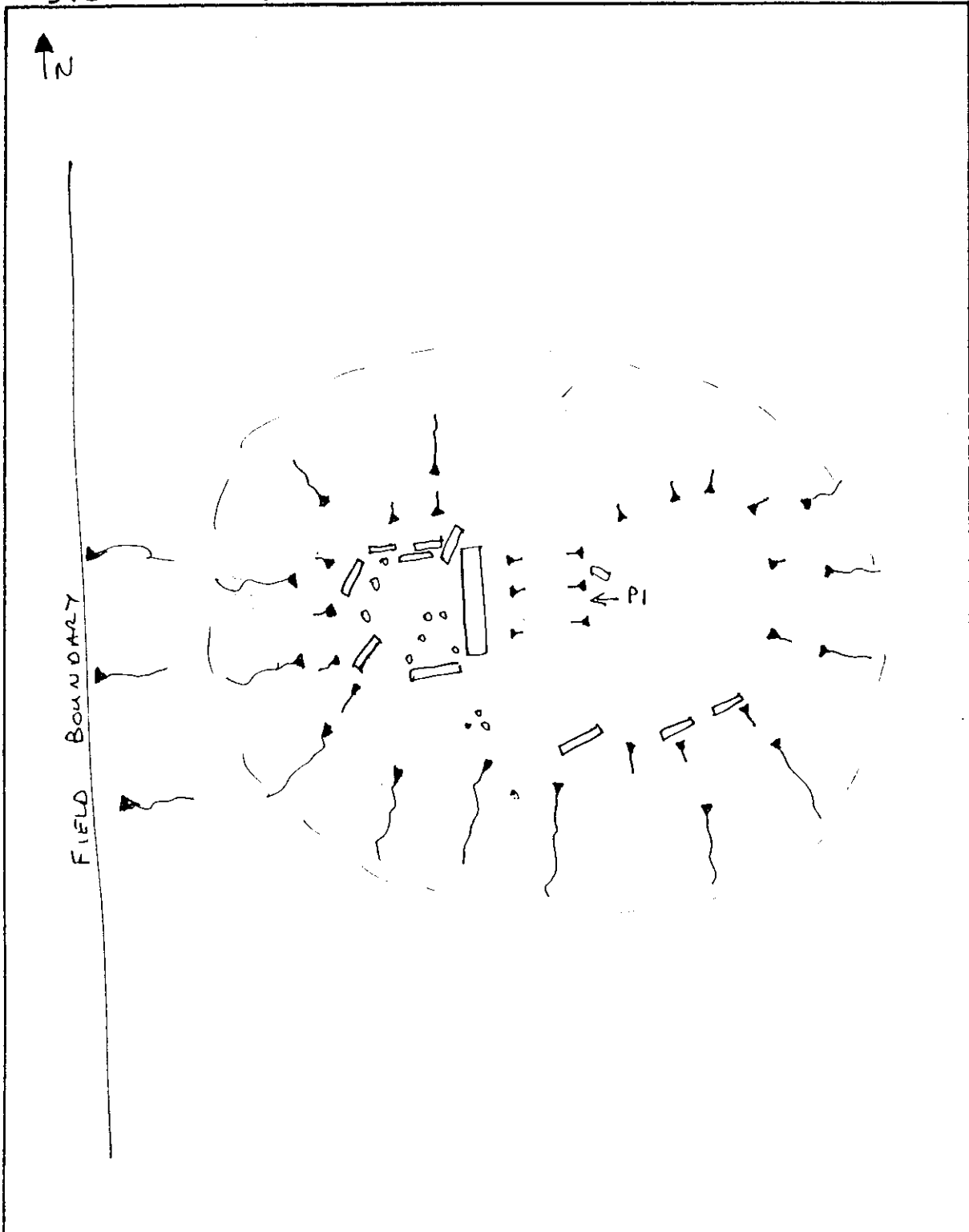
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SKETCH NOT TO SCALE



--- SCHEDULED AREA.

Appendix 6 Aerial & Other Photographs

Appendix 7 Other Information

HBM WARDEN SKETCH SHEET

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Monument CNOG CHAONNACH, CHANORRIS CAIRN 570M SW of

Region HIGHLANDS District SUTHERLAND

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