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Dear Mr. Marshall,

**CAIRNGORM STRATHS ESA:**

**Toum Farm: Mrs. M.L.Macdonald-Grant**

Thank you for your letter. I can confirm that the cairn you mention is the only site currently recorded on our records within the boundary outlined on your map. I enclose details. The site is a Scheduled Monument and any works will require the consent of the Secretary of State. I note that you have already contacted Dr. Fojut at Historic Scotland about this.

Assuming Historic Scotland approve, I would very much welcome the proposed clearance of dumped wire and subsequent management. Grazing will need to be carefully controlled to avoid possible erosion by cattle poaching or sheep scraping. Please also stress the importance of not using the area for feeding supplements to stock in winter.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Wood

## CAIRNGORM STRATHS ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA TOUM FARM - 440/0054, Mrs M L McDONALD-GRANT

I am in the process of approving Mrs McDonald-Grant's ESA scheme for Toum farm.

The application includes a proposal to manage a large cairn on the unit which is described as being a scheduled ancient monument (ref. AMH/2443 ). The proposal is to enhance the cairn by removing the old fencing wire which has been dumped thereon in the past, by keeping the adjoining woodland fence back 20m and by allowing autumn/winter grazing in the area to keep down the ingress of scrub. Any scrub that may develop in future will be cut and the regrowth poisoned. There is some bracken around the cairn and if it increases it may have to be controlled. There will be no disturbance by mechanical means.

I enclose a copy of a map showing the location of the cairn and I would welcome your comments on the above proposals.

I have also notified Dr Noel Fojut at Historic Scotland of these proposals.

Yours sincerely

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Map NH 92 SE

