THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 13214
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Dun Bheolain, fort, Islay comprises the remains of a substantial promontory fort occupying a distinctive coastal headland on the NW coast of Islay. The visible remains reflect two or more phases of use, the earliest of which is likely to be later prehistoric in origin (between 500 BC and AD 500). The headland is surrounded by steep sea cliffs on all but the SE (landward) side, which rises towards the end of the headland in two distinct terraces. Two walls run across the two narrowest parts of the headland. The outer (easternmost) wall is over 70m in length and up to 4m wide and extends across the lower slopes of the neck of the headland. The inner wall lies 60m above (W of) the first and survives as two overlapping sections of walling measuring more than 80m long by 3m wide; it curves across the neck of the promontory and around its N and NE sides. The outermost wall encloses a substantial area of the headland, approximately 300m WNW to ESE by 130m NE to SW. The fort interior, now used as rough grazing, comprises three distinct, wedge-shaped areas between summits and terraces. Within the interior, a number of hollows and platforms are likely to represent the remains of dwellings or structures. A turf wall overlies the outer wall and an area of rig and furrow cultivation is visible between this and the inner wall. The highest point on the headland is approximately 70m above sea level. The scheduled area is irregular on plan and extends beyond the base of the rock outcrop on which the monument is sited. Its seaward extent is defined as the mean high water spring mark. Its landward extent is defined by a line 5m ESE of the easternmost (outer) stone wall. The scheduled area includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment is expected to survive. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Kilchoman and the County of Argyll as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative [redacted] is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 6th day of June Two thousand and thirteen, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Director of Heritage Management

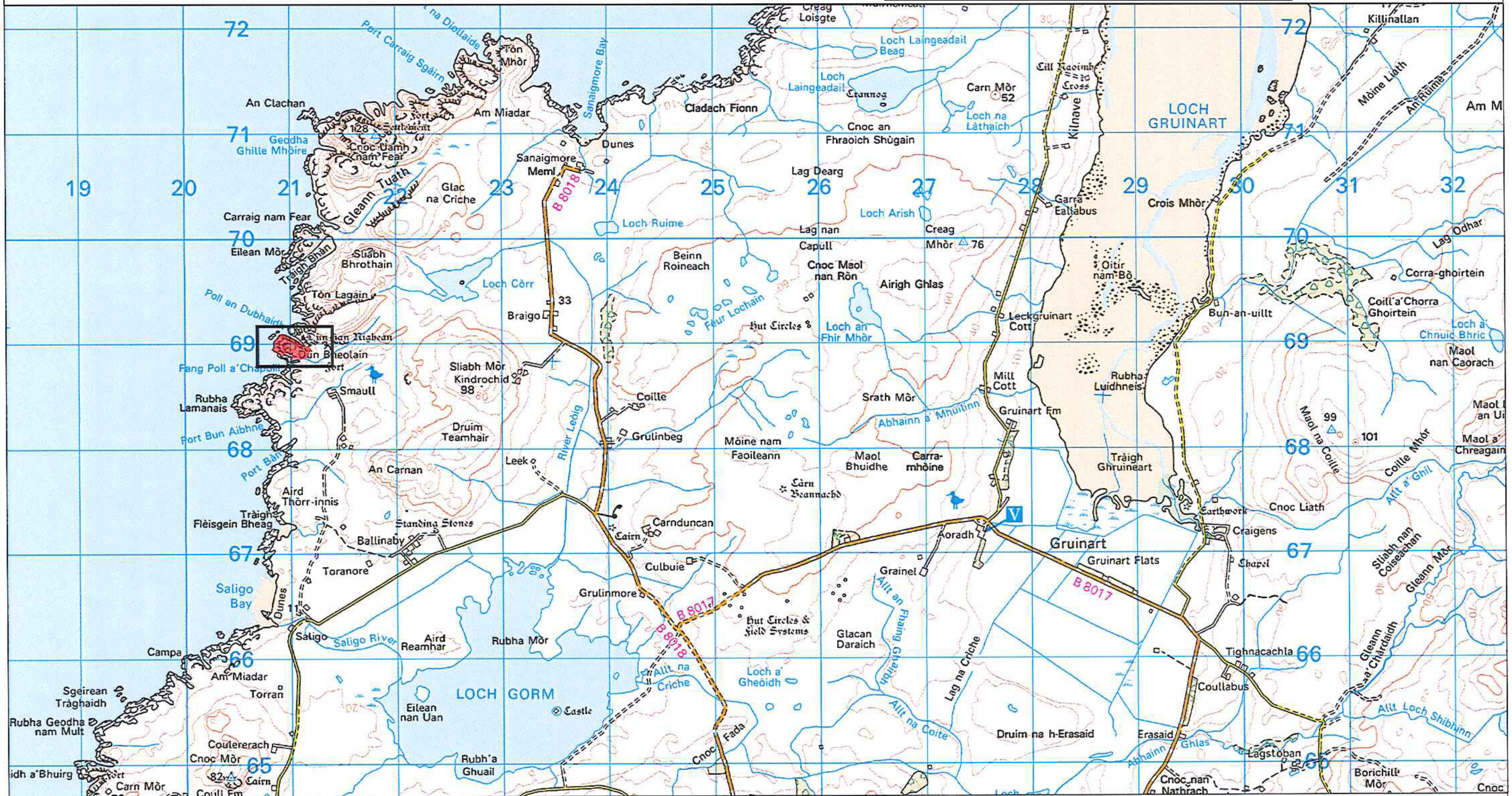
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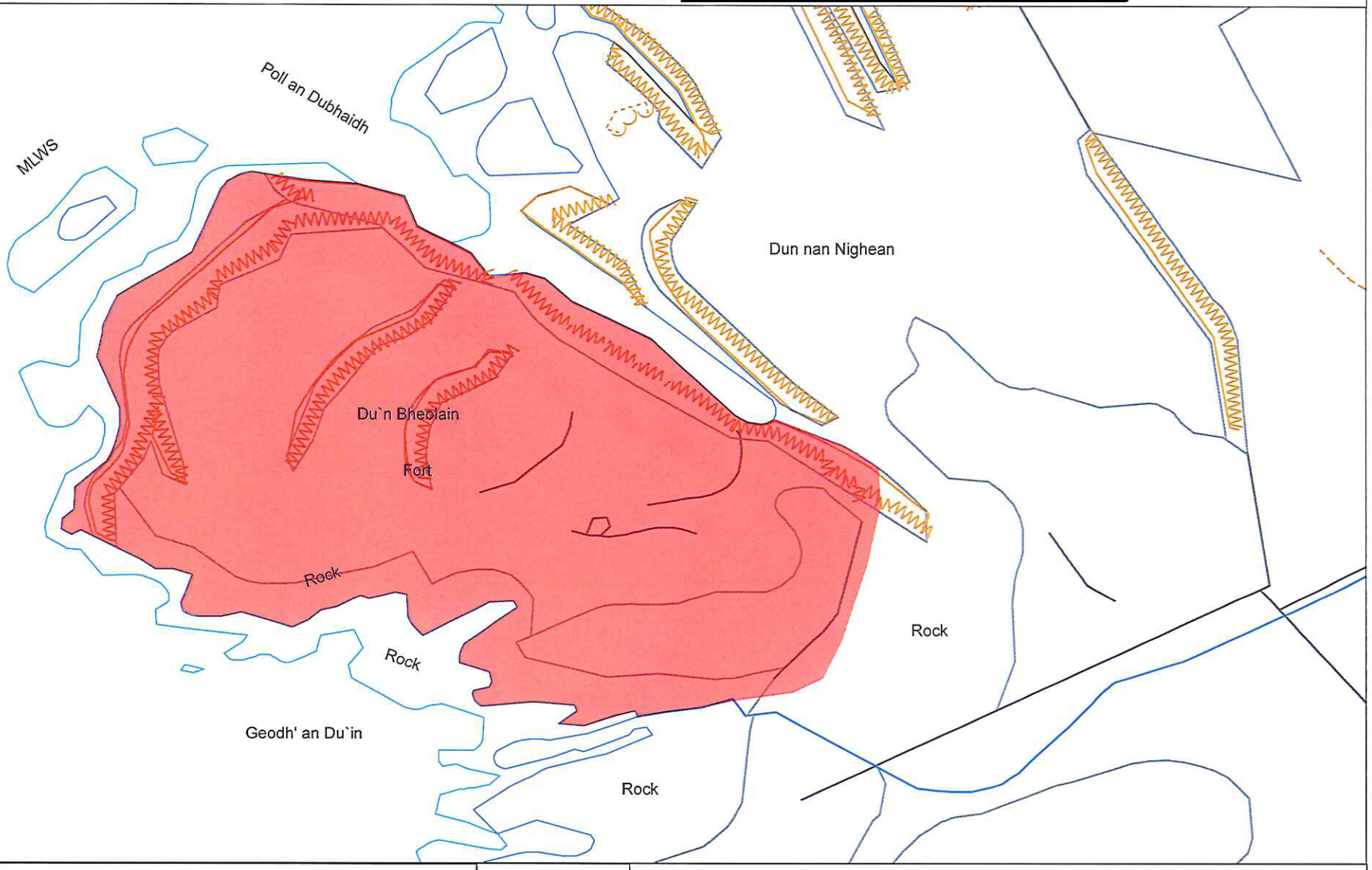
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