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Mt. Tron seen from the forest of Tronsvanglia, May 15th 2009. The snow clad peak to the left in the picture and Sørkletten to the right. In between these, out of sight here, lies the "Peace Plateau" (Flattron), where the University of Peace will be placed. Photo: BP.

Alvdal's new municipal plan scheduled for final passage in June!

According to schedule, the local council will finally pass the **Municipal Plan of Alvdal 2008 - 2020** by June 25th this year. However, it is possible that the final passage will be delayed until Christmas because of disagreements about cabin development in Alvdal Vestfjell. Nonetheless, it is clear that the municipal administration have received no objections against the Mt. Tron University of Peace, neither locally nor from the county administration, which is really fantastic! ***It means that the Mt. Tron University of Peace Foundation's plans for the "Peace Plateau" (e.g. Flattron) on Mt. Tron will pass and that the acquisition of land may be possible after that.***

Once the municipal plan is finally passed, the next step for the Foundation will be to negotiate with the eight landowners in the joint ownership about land acquisition on the "Peace Plateau" (Flattron), together with preparation of a regulation plan for the site.

Read more about the University of Peace in the reported extracts from the municipal plan in the next pages!

Municipal Plan for Alvdal 2008-2020

LAND USE Part -

Plan Description and Impact Study w/ Thematic Maps

Flattron - Sørkletten

The purpose with the development area is to arrange for the university of peace, base for hang glider activities and lookout / café at Sørkletten.

Consideration in relation to the thematic maps:

On the thematic map for prioritized nature types all of Mt.Tron is registered as very important. The establishing of the above mentioned ventures on Flattron will probably result in negative consequences for the vegetation, but to what degree is hard to ascertain at present. When the area is proposed included in the plan proposition, it is a result of the following consideration:

- even if a rather big area has been given as development area in the land use plan, the degree of utilization will be low and only few square metres of nature ground will be developed.
- most of the acreage within the development area will be regulated to a purpose which takes care of the consideration to valuable vegetation, but the size of the development area will give flexibility as to the best possible placement of new buildings.
- it will be a minor part of a greater coherent area including all of Mt.Tron, which will be rearranged to development purposes (marginal reflection).

Other conditions:

At the preparation of a regulation plan for the area the following

mending precautions must be implied:

- as basis for the regulation plan a detailed botanical registration of the area will be demanded, similar to what has already been done at the regulated and developed area on the very peak of Mt.Tron (tele communication building and building for the Norwegian Air Traffic).
- traffic within the development area will be strongly directed through regulation plan.

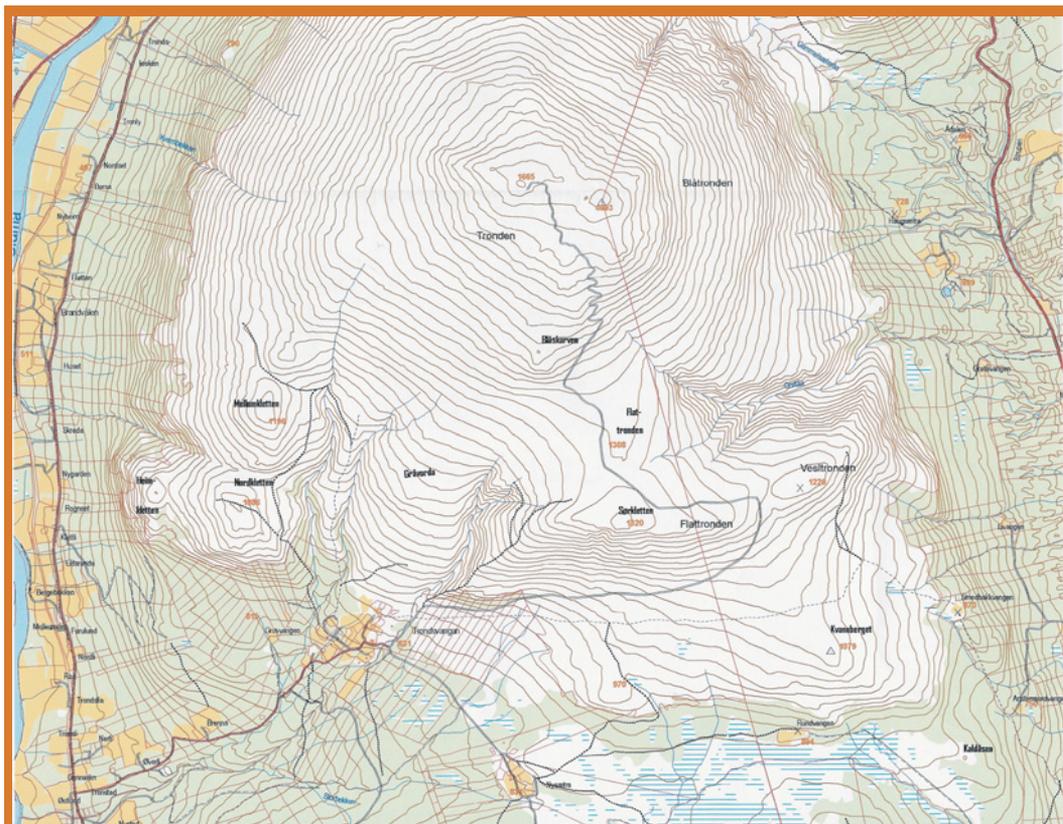
That there already exist many operations in the terrain and technical constructions on Mt.Tron are also factors which make it easier to suggest development at such a height.

Security:

To make development in an area like this will always be connected with a certain risk. The probability for accidents will first of all be connected to:

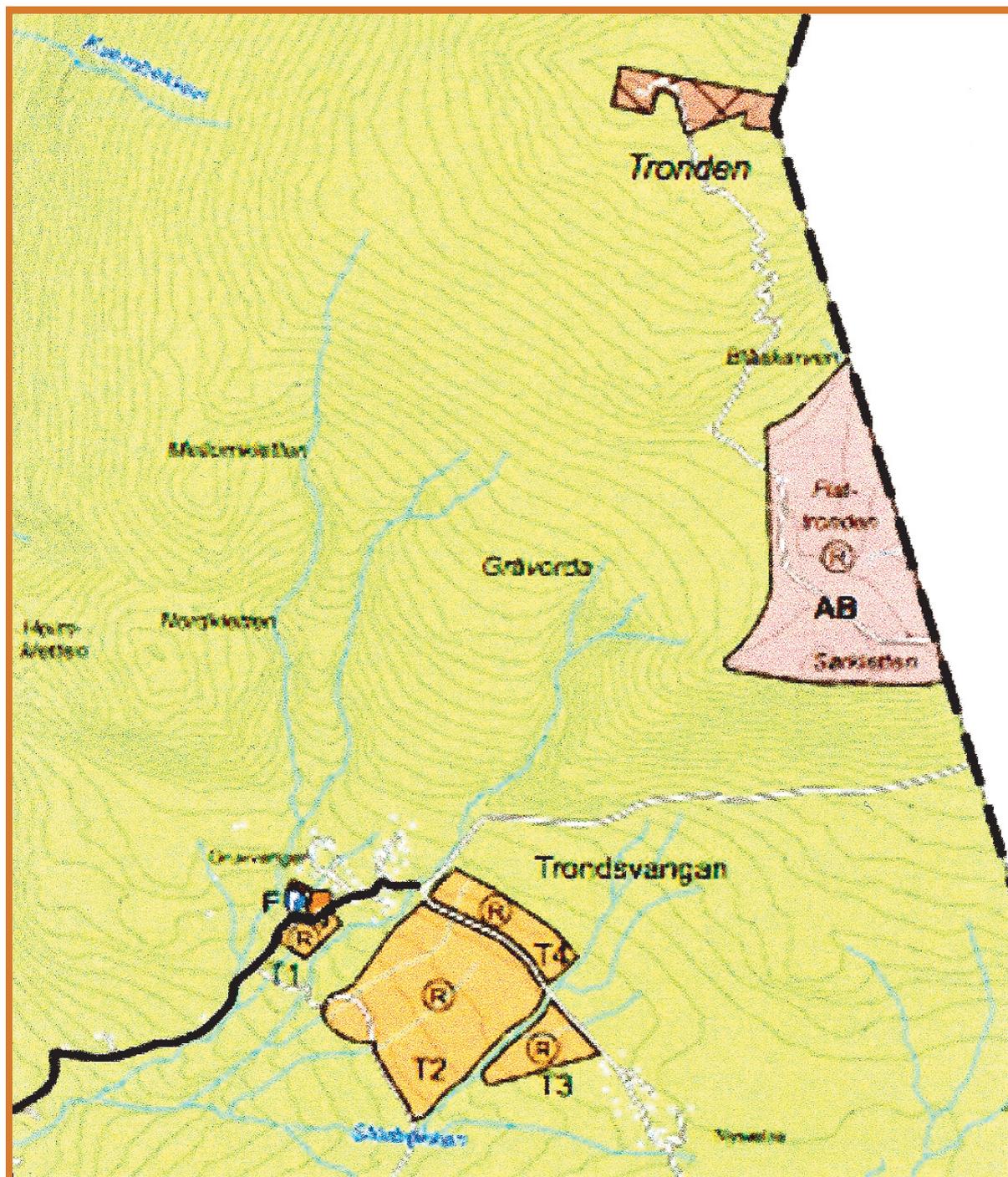
- increased adaptations and more offers will cause increased traffic in the mountain. Increased traffic then gives rise to increased probability for individual accidents attached to the fact that people get lost in rough weather, fall outside cliffs, become victims of avalanches, etc.
- access and transport to the area. The road is steep and narrow. Avalanches have been known to cross the road.

Complete risk and vulnerability analysis (ROS) will be given strong focus at the compilation of a regulation plan. Information about risks connected to traffic on Mt.Tron, together with good markings and direction of traffic, will be an important mending precaution.



Map section of Mt.Tron (NB! The section is not included as thematic map or illustration in the municipal plan).

The LAND USE Part - Decisions and Guidelines



Map section of the Municipal Plan's Land Use Part 2008-2020, which shows the development area on Flattron ("Peace Plateau"), coloured pink and marked **AB** (= "other development area") and **®** (= "demand for regulation plan"). The development area lies at the municipal border to Tynset. The map section also shows the already regulated and developed area on the very peak of Mt. Tron (tele communication and civil radar station), together with the planned areas for holiday houses on Tronsvangen and the areas between Tronsvangen and Nysetra (T1, T2, T3 and T4).

Municipal Plan Decision no. 4 OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREA - FLATTRON (pbl § 20-4, 2.section letter b)

Within Other Development Area on Flattron only the following development ventures will be permitted:

The University of Peace, cf. project description.
Base for hang glider activities.
Lookout / café at Sørkletten.

Other development ventures within the area will not be permitted.

As groundwork for the regulation of the area detailed botanical registration shall be carried out. The registrations shall be summarized in a report that shall be forwarded as an attachment belonging to the proposed regulation plan.

In producing the regulation plan particular focus shall be given to security considerations. ROS analysis shall be prepared as the foundation for drawing up the regulation plan.



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Important objectives of the land use plan (Extracts from: Land Use Part - Decisions and Guidelines)

The most important objectives for development and guidelines for the local community of Alvdal for the next 12 years are described in the text of the municipal plan passed by the local council on 29.11.07. It is especially the main objectives 2 and 3 which provide for land use in the outfields (main objective 1 will mainly have relevance for land use in the densely populated areas):

2. Increased aim on tourism.
3. Sustainable management and use of natural resources.

As will be seen, main objective 2 and 3 will often be contradictory. Therefore, the planning programme for the land use part has already passed a main strategy for land use, where considerations of conservation and considerations of development are of differing priority in different parts of the municipality:

- Strong priority to conservational considerations in and on border areas to Alvdal Vestfjell.
- Strong priority to developmental considerations in the areas Tron / Østkjølen.

This is the reason why development areas for holiday houses and tourism mainly have been placed in the area Østkjølen / Tron. Other considerations which have been stressed in the designing and placing of new cabin areas are:

- As central a location as possible in relation to the centre of Alvdal.
- Development of an overall offer of tourism; new cabin areas localised where there exists or is a potential for developing other offers of activity.
- Considerable consciousness about development of the "axis" Alvdal centre - Mt. Tron.

In the border areas to Alvdal Vestfjell the following conservation considerations have been especially emphasized:

- Caretaking of the wild reindeer's natural habitat.
- Greater, coherent wildlife areas.
- Biological diversity and other wildlife species in general.
- Cultural monuments and environments in outfields, including mountain farm landscapes.
- General outdoor life.

Comments to the above from The Mt. Tron Mail:

It is gratifying to learn that the objectives of the land use plan, and the municipal plan in general, mainly follow the recommendations and advice the Mt. Tron University of Peace Foundation offered in their consultative statements and comments in response to the municipal plan (see The Mt. Tron Mail no. 1 and 2, 2007, and no. 1, 2008). In a small mountain village which has ambitions not only to survive but also to be developing, a certain amount of development must necessarily be unavoidable. The main strategy which was laid down at the starting point for the municipal plan - with conservation west of the river Glomma and development east of the river Glomma - was thus a stroke of genius which has been well received by almost all, not least at the county administration in Hedmark.