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Mt. Tron reflected in the river while the evening sun reflects off its snowy peak, one cold evening towards the end of February 2005. Photo: BP.

The municipality's planning work finally started

The start up of the planning work

Since 1 February 2005 Alvdal municipality has started planning work for the whole municipality, except for the central areas which are already finished. The existing plan dates from 1985 and should have been revised ten years ago but the work has been delayed due to continuing lack of resources and to understaffing in the later years. The new municipality plan will be in force during the years 2006-2016.

Involvement by the Foundation

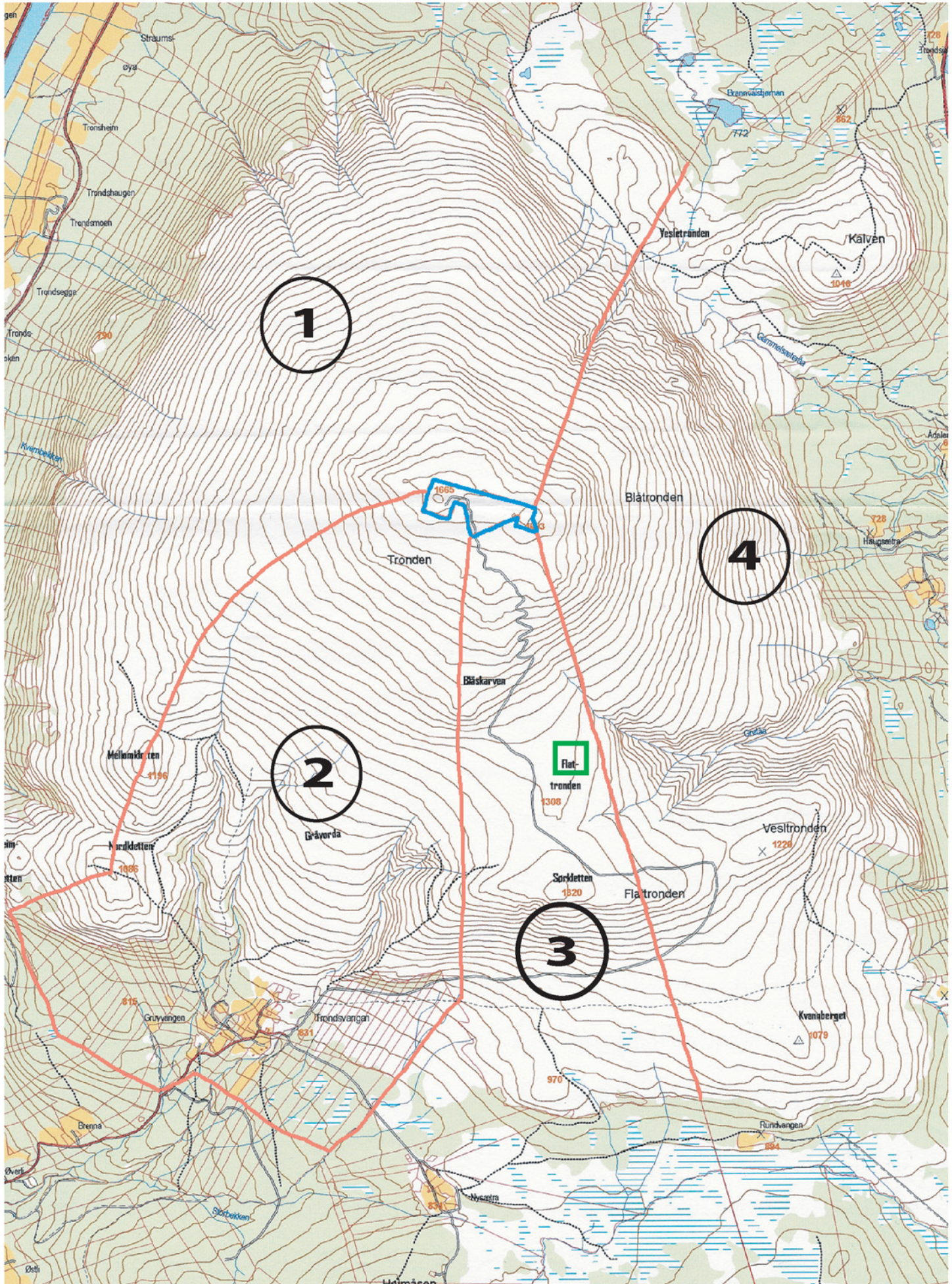
After a meeting in the municipality building the Foundation has sent a letter to the municipality dated February 23rd 2005 in which it sums up the status of the Foundation's planning work and project for the Mt. Tron University of Peace. The Foundation reminds the municipality of the October 12th 1995 decision of the local council in which organizing for the Foundation's plans on Mt. Tron is to be a major theme in the working of new municipal plans, and asks for this earlier decision to be respected and followed up in the new planning work.

In the letter the Foundation further says that it is impossible to collect large amounts of money for the project or to make agreements with potential sponsors in a bona fide way without the presence of a working municipal plan which is organized for the Foundation's project on Mt. Tron. "We therefore are very satisfied with the start up of the planning process in which the Foundation wishes to take an active part", says the letter further.

Enclosed with the letter to the municipality was the newly updated presentation of the whole project, the large format booklet: ***The Mt. Tron University of Peace. A humaniversity for universal harmony. Detailed project description.***

So the Foundation has had to wait for fully ten years for a new municipal plan. But during this period clarification of owner- and user-rights on Mt. Tron, never before legally clarified, has been achieved. For both the municipality and the Foundation it has been necessary to wait for a judgement in this seven-year-old case at the land consolidation court.

The sectors of ownership on Mt. Tron



Key map over Mt. Tron showing the different sectors of the four bodies of joint ownership: 1) Tron North-West Party of Outfields, 2) Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership, 3) Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership, and 4) Tyllidalen Party of Landowners. The peak, which is regulated for public purposes (with blue markings), is owned jointly by the four adjacent bodies. The area of the planned University of Peace on the Peace Plateau is marked in green.

Finally a clarification regarding owner-rights on Mt. Tron

The case before the court

About a year ago - on March 16th 2004 - the court was adjourned in the land consolidation court of Nord-Østerdal after nearly seven years of procedure. The case had been brought to the court in the autumn of 1997 by the local authorities of Alvdal who, "wished to make clear the owner- and user-rights on Mt. Tron considering the working of plans for different usage of that part of Mt. Tron which is not divided in forest parcels or summer mountain pastures with full right of ownership."

The court's area of work

The court considered inter alia: who are the owners of the already-regulated peak of Mt. Tron (the installations of Norkring and the Norwegian Air Traffic and Airport Management), who are the owners of the four bodies of joint ownership who owns the peak, the borders of these four bodies of joint ownership and the ownership of the Mt. Tron Road.

Result - Number of parties

The result is that 105 rightful parties divided into four different bodies of joint ownership have been registered: 1) Tron North-West Party of Outfields with 35 parties, 2) Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership with 27 parties, 3) Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership with 8 parties and 4) Tyllidalen Party of Landowners with 35 parties. The three first bodies of joint ownership are in Alvdal while the last is in Tynset. All four bodies have joint ownership of the regulated peak.

Division of sectors

The boundaries of the four bodies of joint ownership are based on an old map where the borders of Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership are drawn. This map also gives the borders of Tron North-West Party of Outfields. The borders of Tyllidalen Party of Landowners are given by the Alvdal-Tynset municipal border. The borders of Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership were not disputed except for their closing in the south-east, where Tronsvangen would deny the Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership the right to own all the way up to the regulated peak. The court was of the opinion that all the bodies, here like everywhere else, should each have their own sector which goes to the peak. On the old map all of the "Peace Plateau" was under Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership, now it is under Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership.

Organizing

The borders will not be marked in the field. All the four bodies have chosen boards and each of these boards will elect a representative to a superior board which will take cases of mutual interest like cattle pastures, hunting, roads/paths, tourism, business development, environmental protection, etc.

The Mt. Tron Road

The Mt. Tron Road has never been divided between any of the bodies (it involves three of the four bodies of joint ownership but most of it is within Nysetra) so that the ground still is to be considered as private. However, the local authorities of Alvdal have made agreements which gives them the right to construct the road, to which, on the other side, Norkring, the Norwegian Air Traffic and Airport Management and the land owners have a permanent right.

Judicial registration

All settled parties, ownerships and boundary lines of the land consolidation court have been registered on the respective properties in the municipalities of Alvdal and Tynset. Case

27/1997 at the Nord-Østerdal land consolidation court has been concluded and come into force.

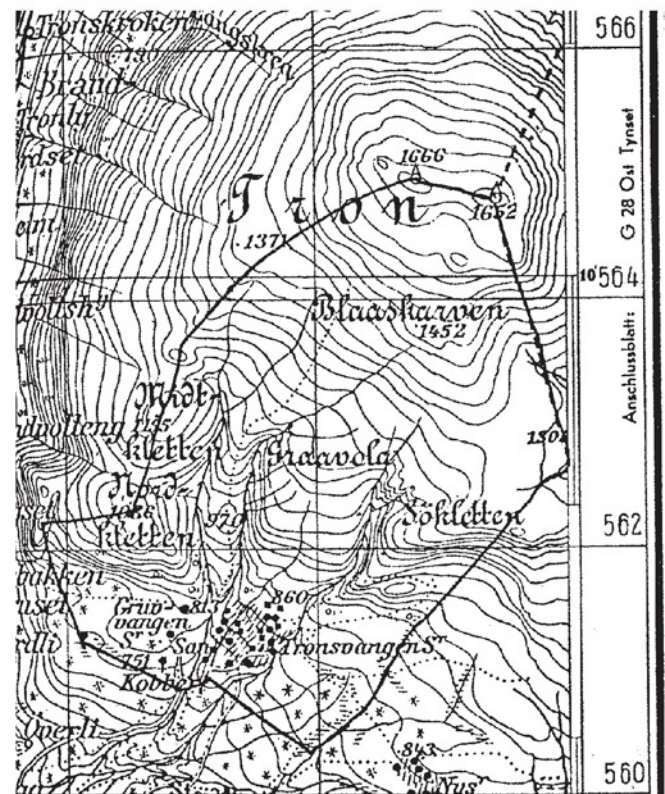
Good news for the University of Peace

In the very first edition of The Mt. Tron Mail which was issued in April 1998 we wrote about this case at the land consolidation court which had then started a few months earlier. After nearly seven years of work this court is now finally adjourned and the case concluded. And the result has really been worth waiting for.

The outcome of this case is undoubtedly to the advantage of the University of Peace project. It is now clear that at the starting point we only need to come to terms with the smallest of the four bodies of joint ownership on Mt. Tron, namely Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership with only eight parties. And the difference between having to come to terms with only 8 parties instead of 27, or 27+8, or 105 parties, is obvious.

Earlier it was uncertain whether we had to come to terms with both Tronsvangen and Nysetra bodies or even all the four bodies of joint ownership. In any case we believed we had to come to terms with Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership. During all the years since the Gjermundshaug Brothers Inc. built The Mt. Tron Road in 1959, great uncertainty has reigned as to the right ownerships on Mt. Tron.

The great advantage of this court case as regards the Foundation's project for the University of Peace on the Peace Plateau has been that it changed the borders of Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership for the benefit of Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership. By this principle of law, and Nysetra gaining access to the peak, it became clear that almost all of the Peace Plateau now lies within the sector of Nysetra Body of Joint Ownership. Therefore, to a considerable degree, there can be no doubt that this has eased the further work of both the municipality and the Foundation for the regulation of the University of Peace on the Peace Plateau.



The old map of the Tronsvangen Body of Joint Ownership on which most of the Peace Plateau lies within their border markings.

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Mt. Tron in morning sun, seen from Telneset, Tynset, March 1999. Photo: BP.

The editor

The editor regrets the none-appearance of the scheduled last issue of The Mt. Tron Mail (i.e. No. 4, 2004). This is owing to the fact that the Foundation felt forced to prioritise. The income from the subscriptions of the Mt. Tron Mail, which bears all the expenditures concerning publications and information from

the Foundation, was spent for the printing of the comprehensive presentation booklet **The Mt. Tron University of Peace. A humaniversity for universal harmony. Detailed project description** (at a cost of about NOK 250 each) and for printing posters for the exhibition at Tronsvangen Seterhotell.