



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20059. Brumby Yards**

District of Cotter River, part Block 6 (Site 3) and part Block 18 (Site 4)

#### **District of COTTER RIVER**

District of Paddy's River, part Block 223 (Sites 7-9)

#### **District of PADDYS RIVER**

District of Tennent, part Block 71 (Site 10) and part Block 24 (Site 11)

#### **District of TENNENT**

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## IDENTIFICATION OF THE PLACE

### 59. Brumby Yard Sites, Namadgi National Park [V117]<sup>1</sup>

- H59a Brumby Yard Site 3**
- H59b Brumby Yard Site 4**
- H59c Brumby Yard Site 7**
- H59d Brumby Yard Site 8**
- H59e Brumby Yard Site 9**
- H59f Brumby Yard Site 10**
- H59g Brumby Yard Site 11**

#### **Location**

District of Cotter River, part Block 6 (Site 3) and part Block 18 (site 4); District of Paddys River, part Block 223 (Sites 7, 8 and 9); and District of Tennent, part Block 71 (Site 10) and part Block 24 (Site 11) as identified in Figure 59 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlays H59a-g.

#### **Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place**

Each place comprises:

- a) The brumby trap yard as shown in Figures 59a-g.

#### **Statement Of Significance**

Brumby running is a part of Australian folklore and bush culture and the yards represent a tangible link with this important historical and cultural activity. The sites provide evidence of what was once a widespread practice which is now far less common in the high country and no longer occurs in the ACT mountains.

There are two major types of yard: running and salt, extant in the Namadgi National Park. Running Yards (Sites 7, 9 and 11) were built to capture brumbies, which were chased by brumby runners. In Salt Yards (Sites 3, 4, 8 and 10) a bait, usually salt, was left to attract brumbies and a weighted door would drop shut when a trip rope was kicked.

Site 10 is the largest yard identified in the ACT and has a distinctive inner yard. Sites 3 and 4 show a major departure from traditional yards by the use of wire in their construction.

Sites 8 and 9 are the remains of yards, having been sawn down in about the 1970s to prevent future use. Site 4 was never finished or used.

The seven brumby trap yards identified in the ACT have associations with a number of local families and individuals who played an important part in the history of the area now known as Namadgi. Site 3 has a significant association with the Tom Gregory period of brumby running: 1956 to the early 1960s.

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<sup>1</sup> [V117: Added to Heritage Places Register Numbers 53 to 59 15/09/1999 (Variation Number 117)]

### Specific Requirements

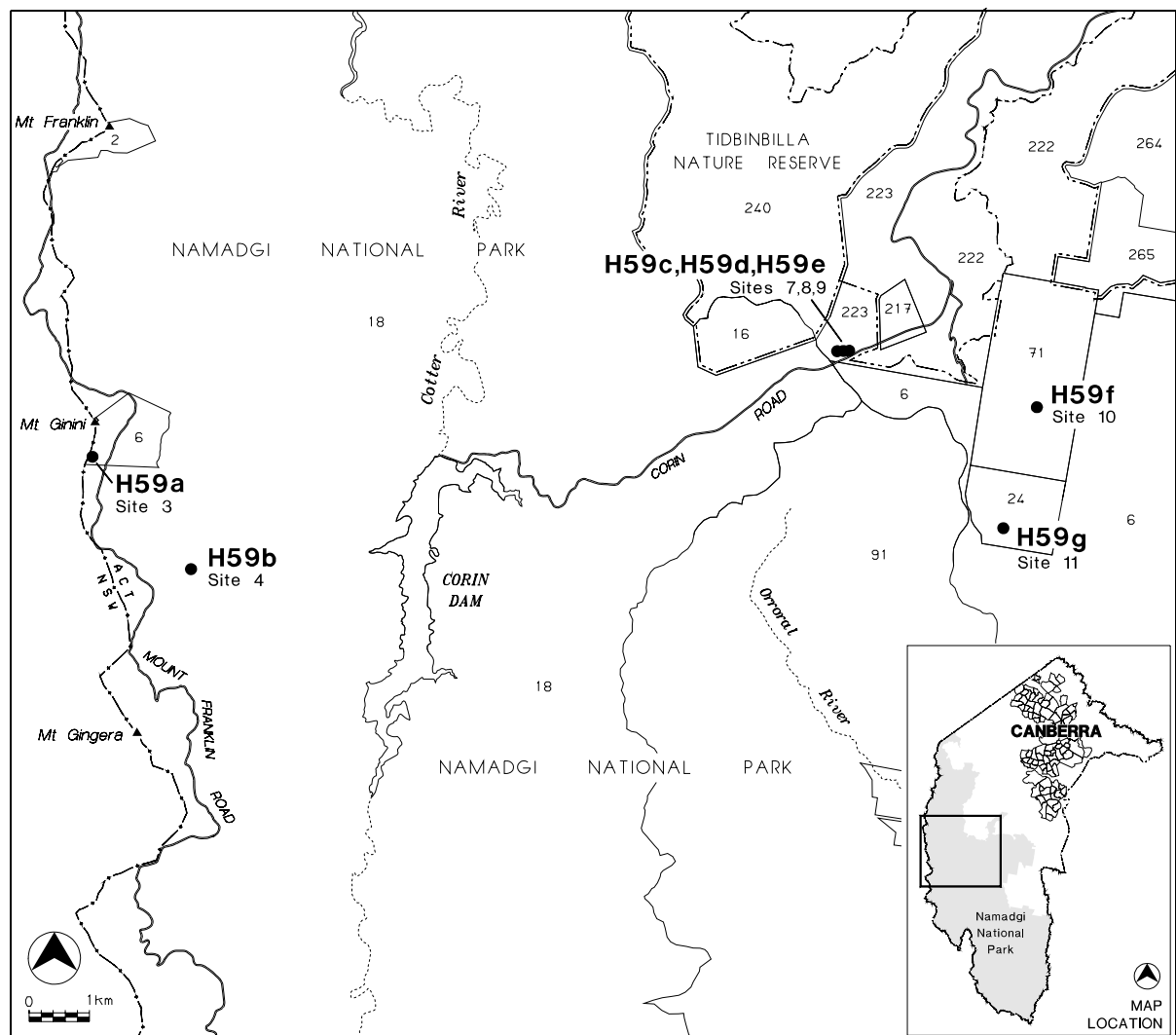
In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of the places. These requirements reflect the conservation policy for the seven places:

The salt yards and running yards shall be appropriately maintained and documented consistent with their significance.

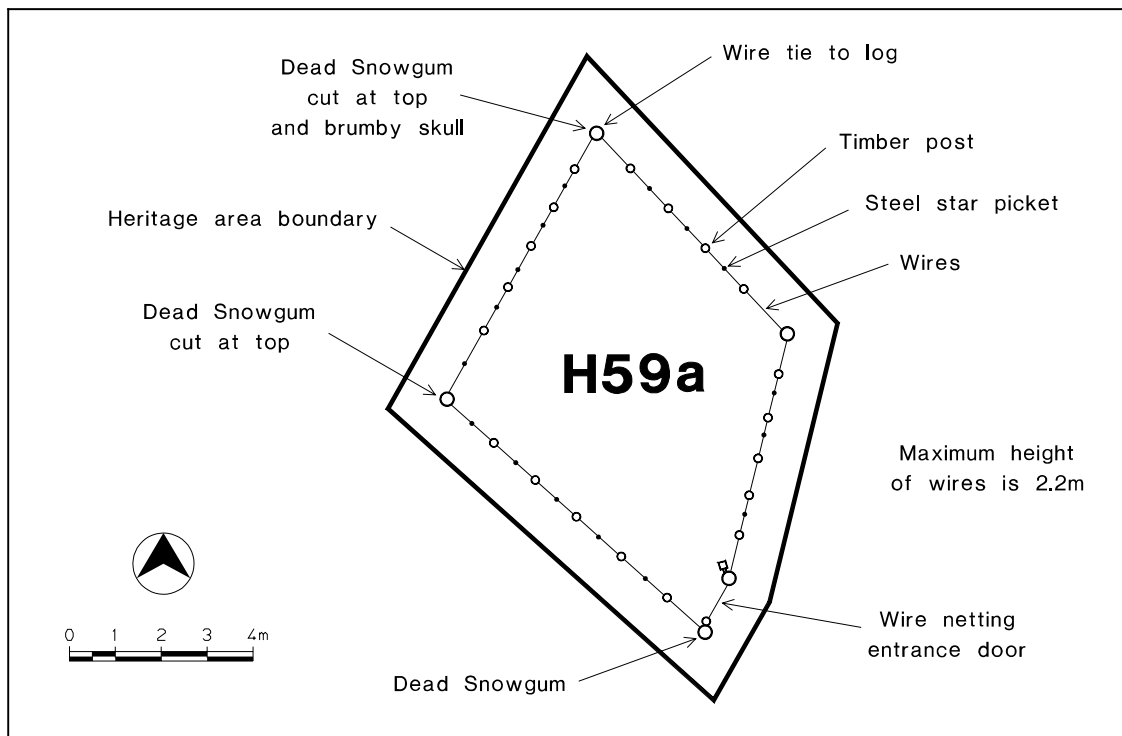
It should also be noted that the places are included in Public Land and subject to a Plan of Management.

The elements of the places identified in Figures 59a - g shall be maintained and appropriately conserved so far as is reasonably possible within available resources, recognising that natural processes of weathering and decay are at work and gradual deterioration is expected.

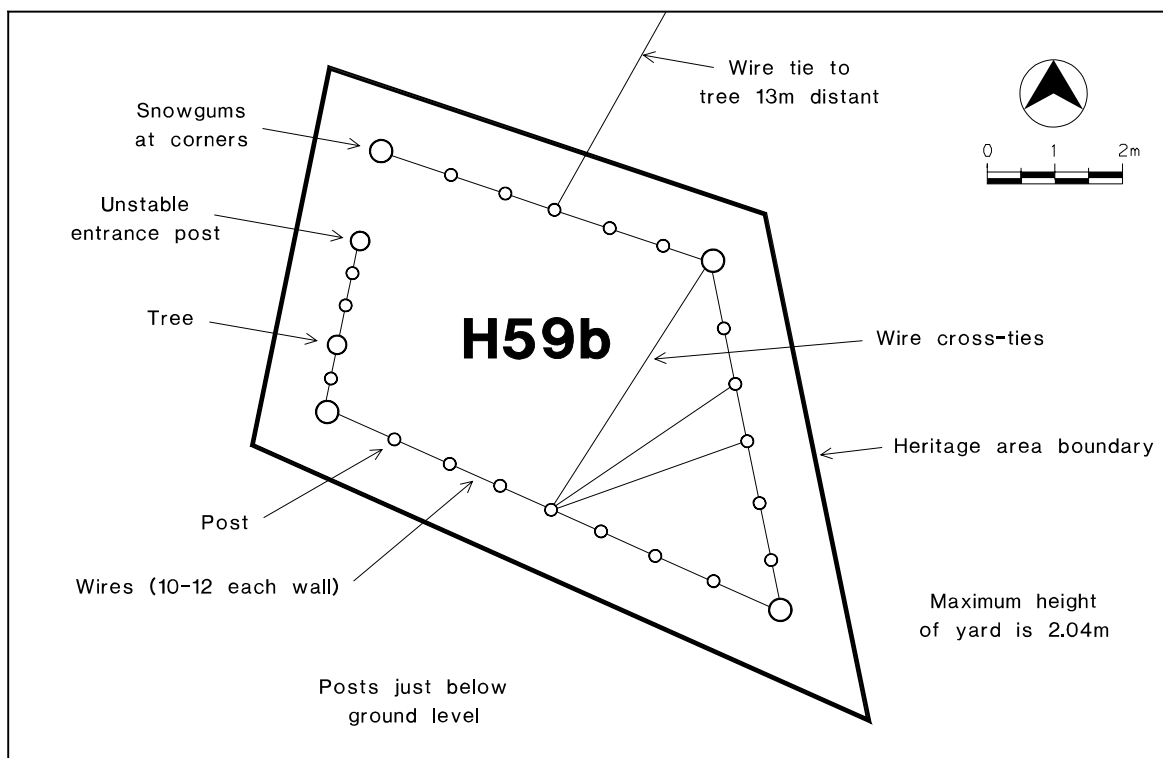
**Figure 59: Brumby Yards - Sites 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Namadgi National Park: Location**



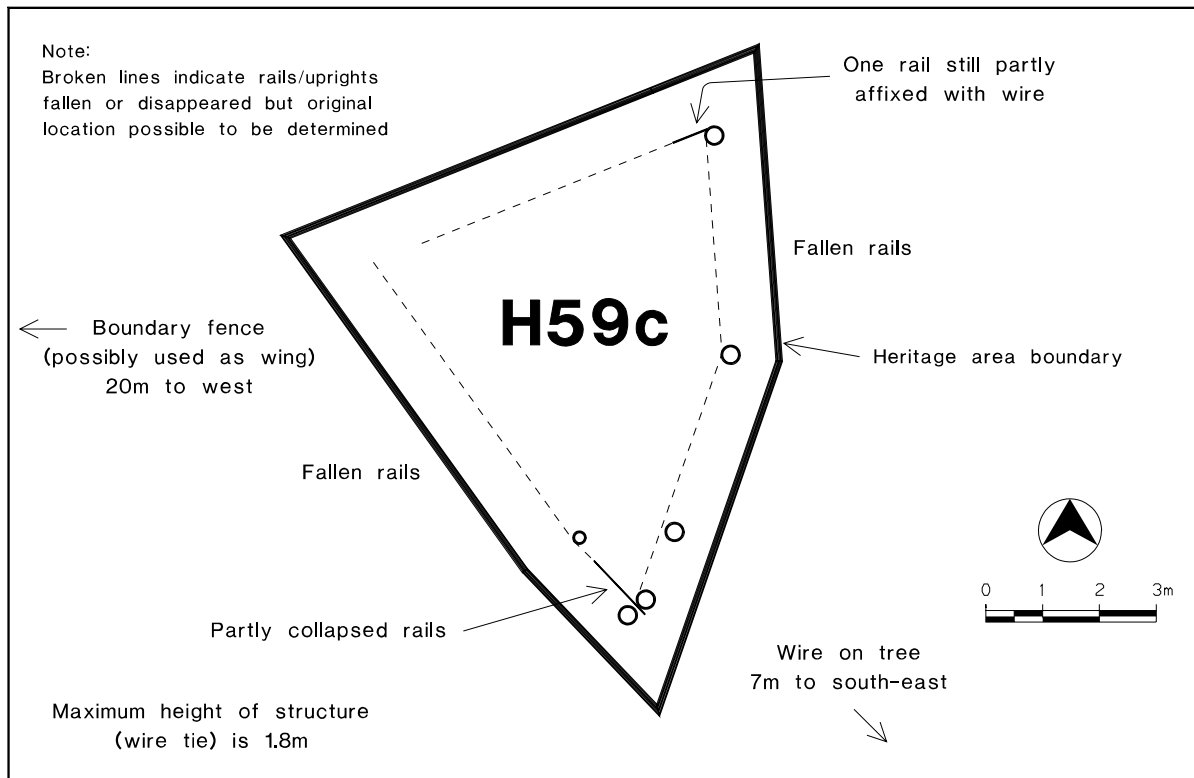
**Figure 59a: Brumby Yard - Site 3, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**



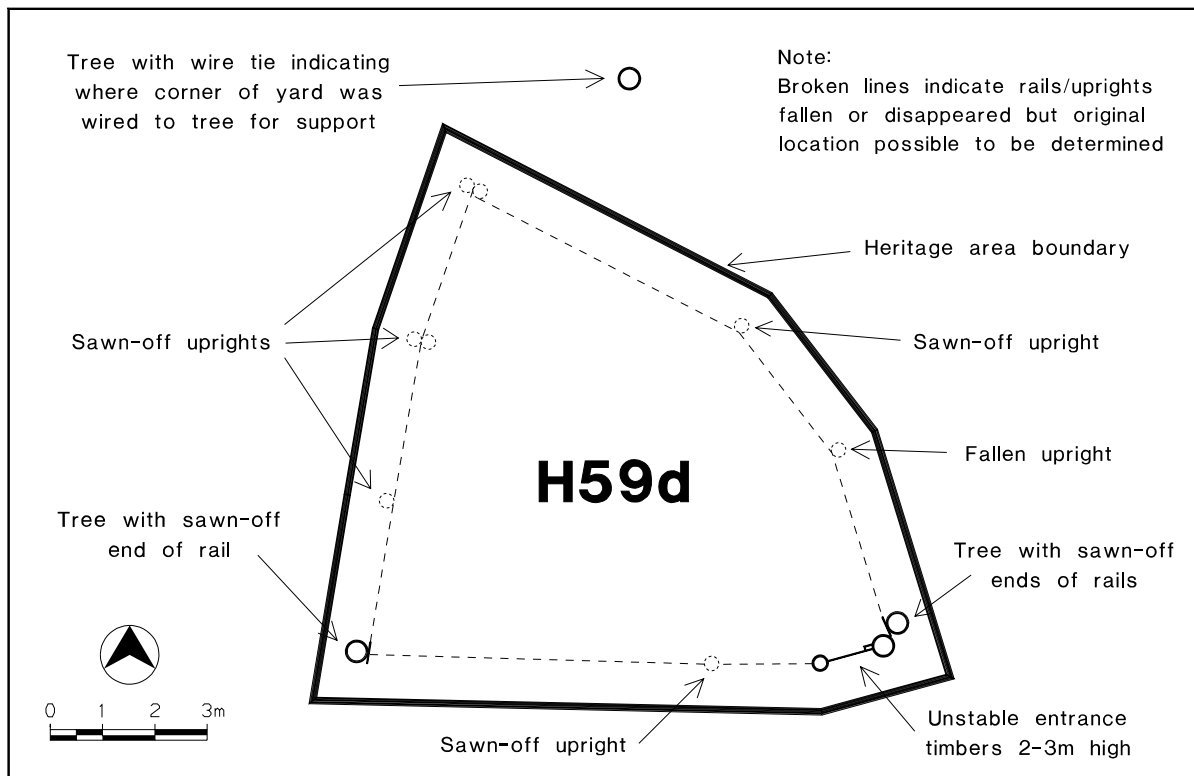
**Figure 59b: Brumby Yard - Site 4, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**



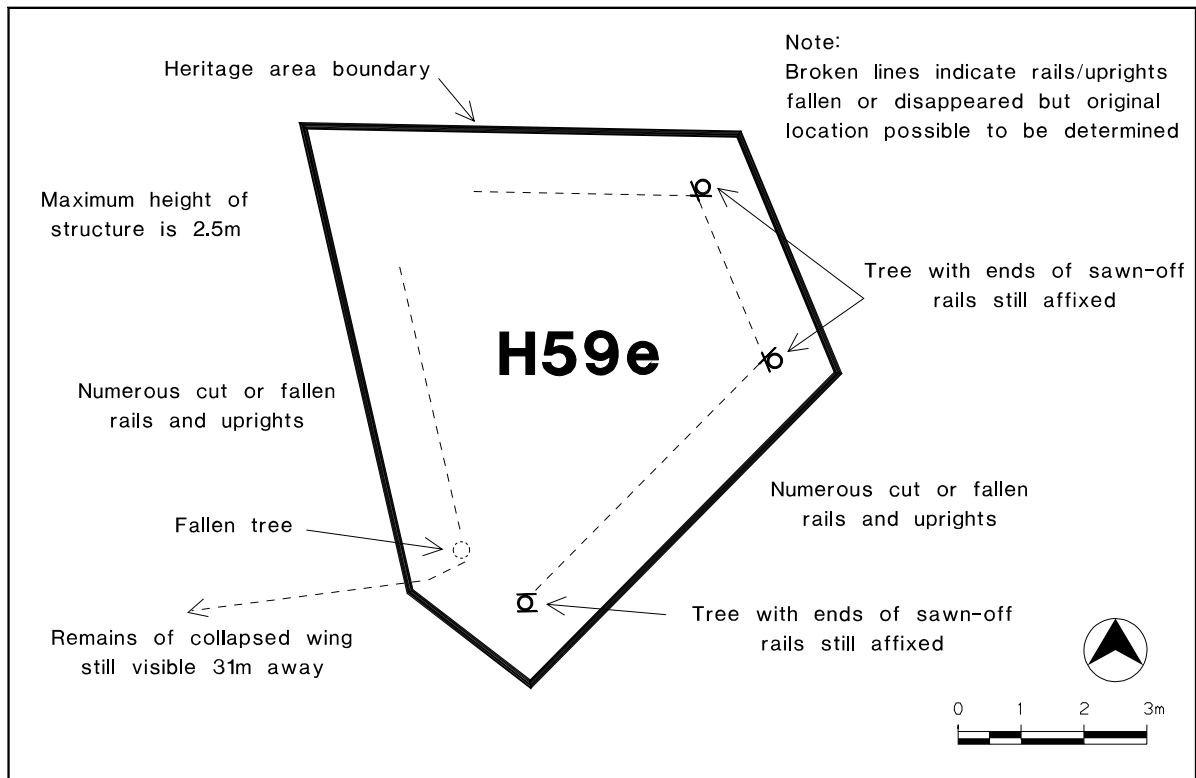
**Figure 59c: Brumby Yard - Site 7, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**



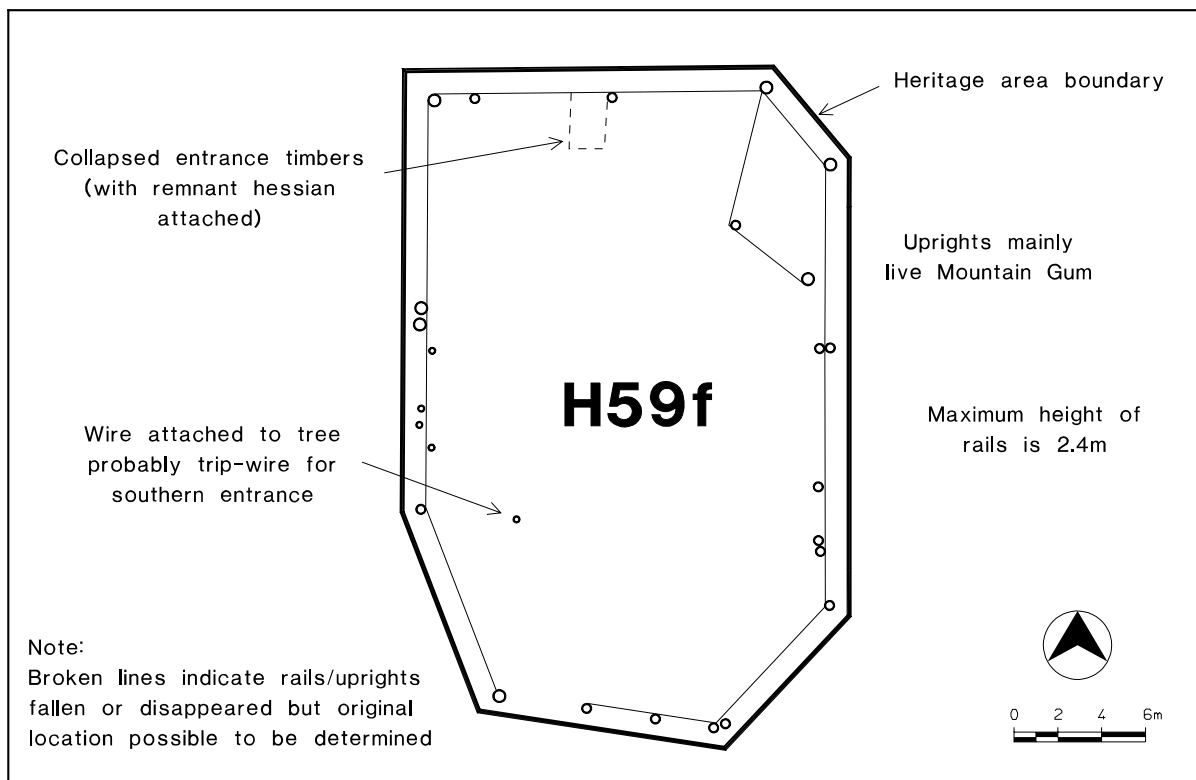
**Figure 59d: Brumby Yard - Site 8, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**



**Figure 59e: Brumby Yard - Site 9, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**



**Figure 59f: Brumby Yard - Site 10, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**



**Figure 59g: Brumby Yard - Site 11, Namadgi National Park: Significant Features**

