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Dear Mr Cadenhead

OPENING OF THE GORDON WAY MIDDLE DISTANCE WALK.

You will be aware of the creation of a middle distance walk to be called The Gordon Way, which will extend from the east end of the Bennachie Range at Essons Car Park to Rhynie. This is a joint venture between the Forestry Commission and Gordon District Council with the co-operation of various landowners.

It is intended to hold the official opening at the top of the Suie Road Grid Reference 546232 on Monday 12 June shortly after 11am. Danny Gordon, a founder Bailie, and whose idea the Gordon Way was, is to officially open the walk. Prior to that we hope he would fly the length of the walk in a PLM helicopter which will then land him at the site for the opening ceremony. A TV crew will also be in the helicopter filming the route from a bird's-eye view.

The Forestry Commission and Gordon District Council cordially invite perhaps 3/4 of your representatives to come to the opening ceremony and join us in the Clatt Village Hall afterwards for some refreshment. The ceremony will not take a lot of time, but as there may be a delay due to the helicopter, and as it is an exposed site, some warmer clothing might be advisable.

This walk will be an outstanding contribution to the recreation available to people in the north east and to those who visit Gordon District. The walks in Bennachie are already well used and appreciated, and this new venture is a significant expansion of the walking facilities. You will realise the value of your contribution to this walk and I would like to record our appreciation of your co-operation in making this all possible.

I look forward to meeting you at the opening and hope that everything goes well on the day, and that the sun shines.

Yours sincerely

R A Sandilands
Forest District Manager (T)