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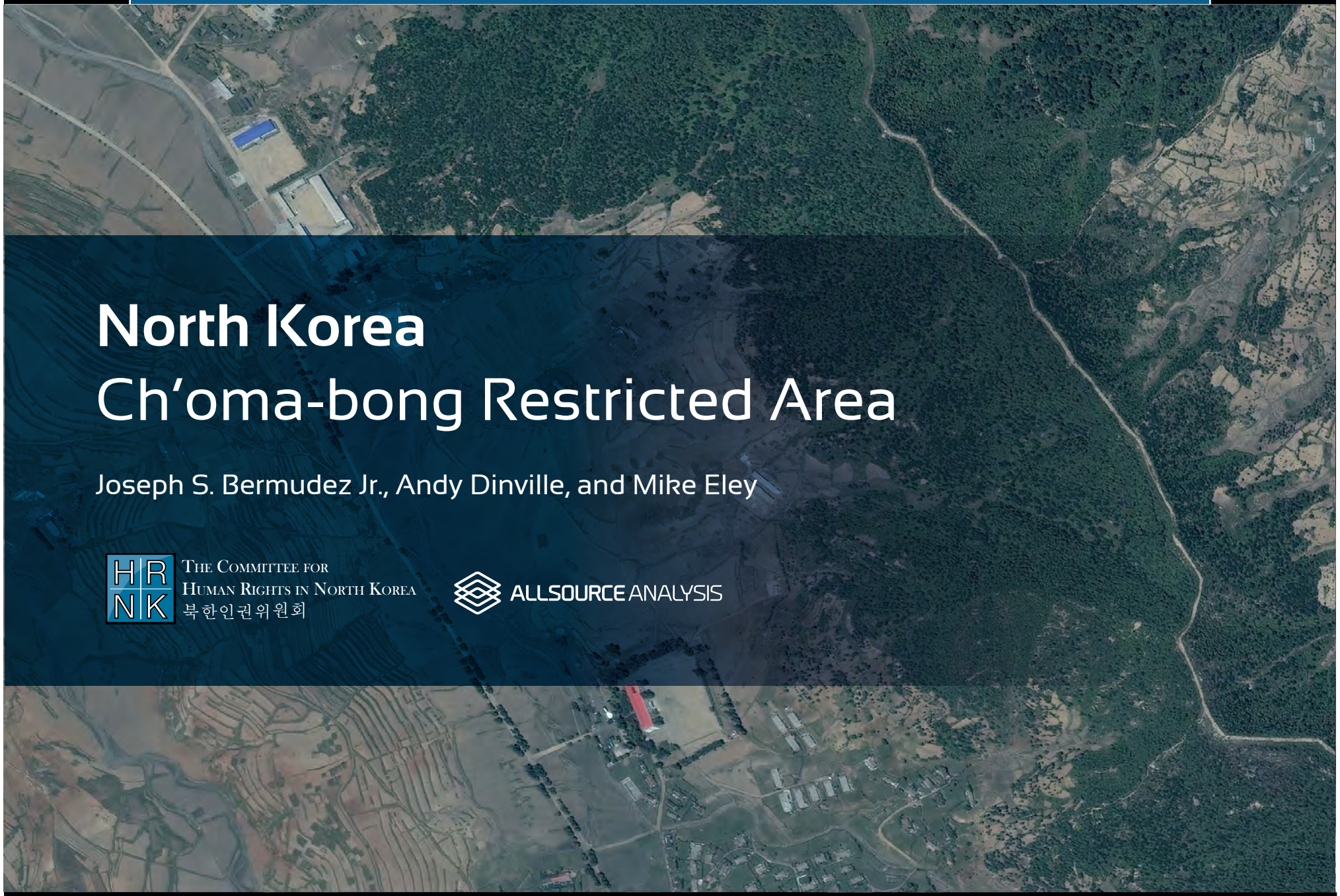

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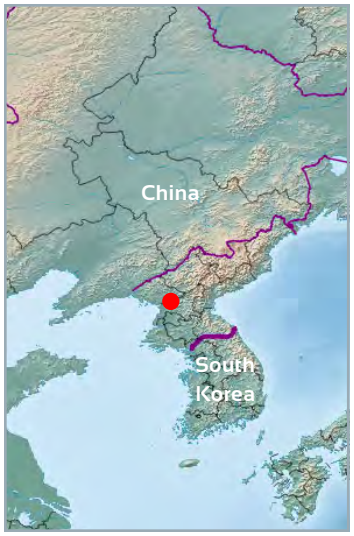

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Overview of North Korea's Political Prison Camp System

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Executive Summary

The Ch'oma-bong Restricted Area is one of the largest restricted areas in North Korea. Imagery analysis of the area has revealed a number of facilities and activities that are not publicly known to exist. Among the most significant findings are a previously undocumented underground facility, extensive tunnel networks, and evidence of recent construction activity.

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Table 1

Perimeter			Internal		Total
Barracks	Guard Towers	Entrance Checkpoints	Barracks	Entrance Checkpoints	
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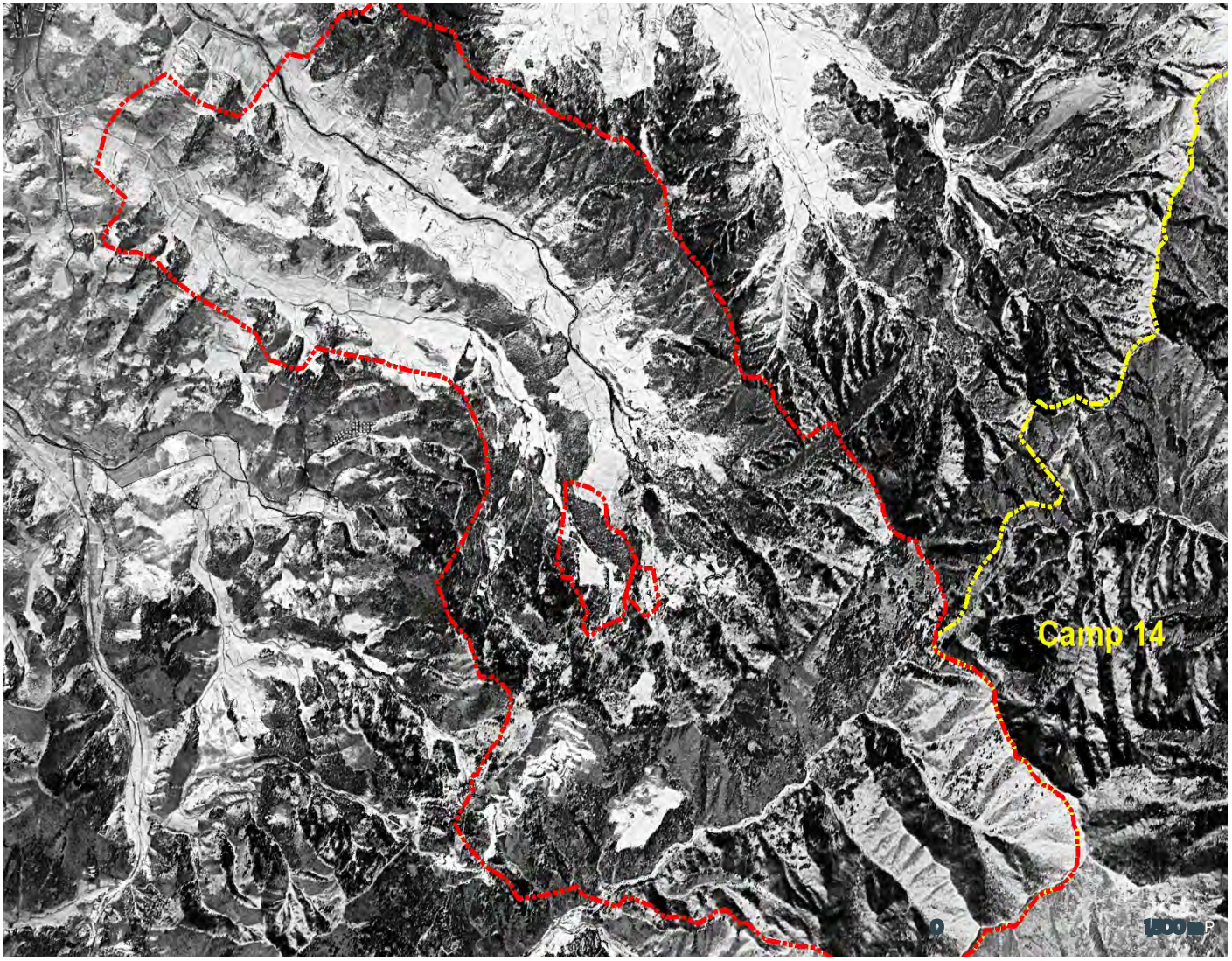

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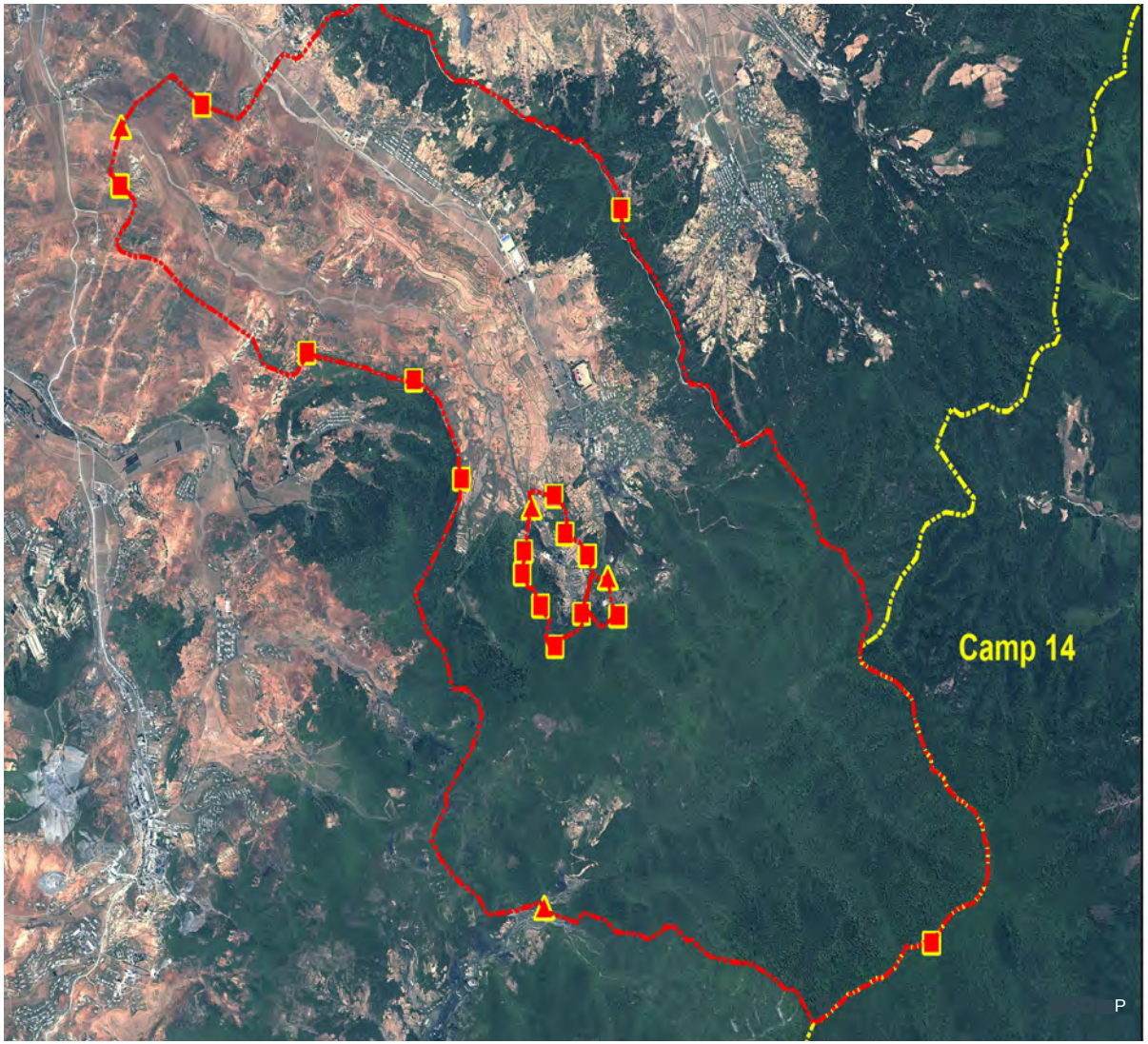

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Area 1 - Main Facility Entrance (125.973966, 39.649419)

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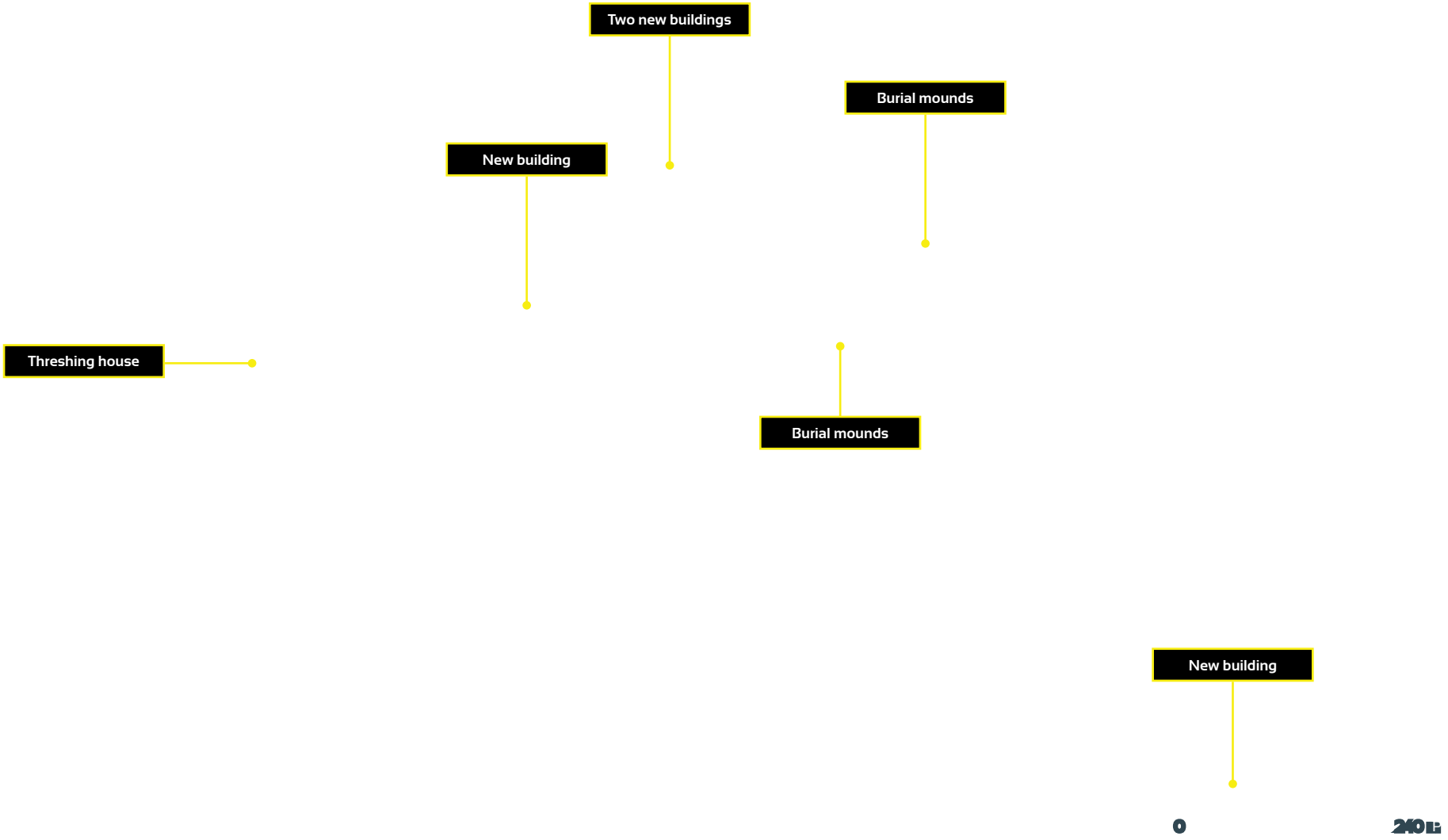

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