

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

A G E N D A: County Council Meeting to be held for the
purpose of discussing the **Agricultural Service Board**
on

Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327743538?pwd=TzZzK3lxaEVhVkpPdTNyZi9zYWV3QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2774 3538 Passcode: 824994

1. Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order.

2. Agenda:

Acceptance of Agenda:
as presented or
subject to additions or deletions.

3. Minutes:

3.1 Adopt minutes of **June 17, 2022** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: June 17, 2022 – **Action List.** ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

5. Issues for Information:

5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©

5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©

5.3 2022 Mowing Progress Map. ©

5.4 2022 Spraying Progress Map. ©

5.5 2022 Weed Inspection Update. ©

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 Letter received from The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change, dated June 10, 2022 RE: the Government of Canada's Emissions Target for Synthetic Fertilizers. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.2 Letter received from Bruce Hamblin, Director Inspection and Investigation Section, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, dated June 14, 2022 RE: Agreement for the Implementation of Wild Boar Containment Standards under the Agricultural Pests Act. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.3 Letter received from Neil Woitas, ASB Chair, Lamont County, dated June 23, 2022 RE: Statement Related to the Impact of Veterinary Medicine Education Opportunities and Entrance Requirements – Specifically for Rural Students. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.4 Letter received from Beth Halford, Manager Strategic Partnerships, Ag for Life, dated June 29, 2022 RE: Connecting Kids to Agriculture Funding. ©

Recommendation: Councils Decision.

7. Delegation(s):

- 7.1 Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Program Manager, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) @1:30pm re: LARA Update

8. Executive Session:

9. Date and time of Next Meeting(s):

Adjournment

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Friday, **June 17, 2022**, at 9:06 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Dan Gawalko, in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Friday, June 17, 2022</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Absent
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Tori Stang	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present

Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present.

No Members of the Media were Present.
One Member of the Public was Present.

2. Agenda:

776-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

777-22: Serben That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

778-22: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Carole Dowhaniuk, GIS Operator, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:11 a.m.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:17 a.m.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairperson: Dan Gawalko, provided the following written Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's report:

- April 25 2022 attended the LARA meeting discussed buying a new truck to replace the one used for hauling equipment around and approved repairs to the 2006 chevy 2500 truck, and a motion was made to purchase dual meeting equipment. Alyssa gave the Farmrite report discussions focused on funding proposals following the meeting with the minister, RDAR has decided to work with the associations to create a future funding model. Alyssa gave the executive directors report discussed future partnerships with Lakeland college and also a strategic planning session in the future submitted 2 proposals to RDAR for possible funding, attended several meetings .and also gave the financial report. Amanda gave the research report April was busy preparing for seeding hosted a hemp workshop in Smoky Lake County prepping summer staff. Kellie gave the AESA report working on CAP grants for producers, EFP's and finishing up extension activities. LFA report increased pasture fee's same number of heifers as last year new dugout is full of water.
- On June 10 attended the Smoky Lake County farmer appreciation days with councillors Serben, Cere, and Halisky, a good turnout from local producers, there was a small trade show, our fire chief and deputy chief put on a PTO accident also, thank you to our ag department staff and fieldman for organizing and working on this event great job.
- June 13 attended the Bellis 4H beef club show and sale gave out the county sponsored buckles to the grand champion and reserve champion steers councillors Cere and Serben were also in attendance, the kids did a great job a lot of really good-looking animals this year.
- June 13, I attended the LARA meeting, Wanda gave the chair report had a meeting with RDAR still discussing funding formulas for research associations, HR meeting. Alyssa gave her report and the financials, updating the website, organizing summer events the office has had some new windows and doors installed, Amanda gave the research report busy seeding in May all plots are seeded and working on spraying all the plots. Kellie gave the AESA report took first aid and Canadian health training did some EFP's, RDAR meetings, walking with moose for grade 5 classes. the LFA reported June 3 the heifers came 392 head and the pasture received over an inch of rain.

Up Coming Events:

Summer field days Ft. Kent July 21, 2022, BBQ supper 5pm
Lac La Biche July 27, 2022, Craigend hall 10 – 2pm
St. Paul August 4, 2022, seed plant BBQ supper 5pm
Smoky Lake August 10, 2022, Agri plex 12pm lunch
July 26, 2022, increasing forage efficiency and reducing costs Mallaig hall
August 9, 2022, Discover Organics, Owl River Hall.
August 13, 2022, open farm days at Charlotte Lake farms

For more information or to discuss the minutes or financials please contact one of the LARA staff members.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

782-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: April 5 to June 13, 2022 in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

783-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of June 7, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map

784-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map as of June 10, 2022, for information.

Carried.

2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map

785-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map as of June 10, 2022, for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee Resolution Responses & Grading

786-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acting on behalf of County Council, acknowledge the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee (ASBPC) Year-2022 responses to the following resolutions and submit notice agreeable of same to the ASBPC, by the deadline of June 30, 2022:

RESOLUTION	ASBPC INITIAL GRADE	ASBPC COMMENTS
Resolution # 1-22: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways	Accept in Principle	All of the concerns from the resolution were addressed in the response. The Committee will follow up with the Ministry/Department of Transportation for updates to the program-level review taking place this fall. The grade of accept in principle ensures the Committee has the mandate to follow up with the Ministry of transport on this review.
Resolution # 2-22: Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Network of Experts,	Accept in Principle	The response from the government addresses the resolution and indicates that work is in progress to design a cooperative extension model. The ASBPC has discussed this process with RDAR executives and has asked for an update on this progress at the June 8, 2022 townhall. The grade of Accept in Principle ensures that the Committee has the mandate to continue to inquire about this progress and advocate for government support regionally based agriculture experts that are able to advise and collaborate with ASBs in their extension efforts.
Resolution # 3-22: Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools (February 22, 2022),	Accept the Response	The response from the minister addressed the ask in the resolution and redirected the ASBs to reach out to the individual schools and school authorities in their local areas, as they have the jurisdiction to decide which days the students celebrate in the school year.
Resolution # 4-22: Properly Managing Ungulate Populations,	Incomplete	The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The ASBPC sent a second letter requesting more detailed information to the ministry of AEP on April 25 with a response deadline of May 15, no further response was received.
Resolution # 5-22: Exemption of Natural Gas and Propane for Agriculture Under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.	Incomplete	The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The Committee sent the minister of AAFC a letter requesting further details by May 15; no response was received.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

787-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, accept the verbal report from Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), for information as presented on June 17, 2022.

Carried.

Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually left the meeting, time 9:58 a.m.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

Next Meeting
788-22: Cere

That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **Tuesday, August 16, 2022**, at **1:00 p.m.** to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

789-22: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 17, 2022, be adjourned, time 10:02 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD (ASB) ACTION LIST

2022/08/02

5
GOALS

88%
GOAL COMPLETION

● Draft ● Not started ● Behind ● On Track ● Overdue ● Complete → Direct Alignment --- Indirect Alignment

GOAL

Meeting...	Motio...	Goal	Details	Owner	Progress Update	Curr...
		2022 06 17 Agricultural Service Board				Overdue

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2022/06/1 7	779-22	→ Sale of Capital Equipment Unit 454	That Smoky Lake County advertise to sell the following County Surplus Equipment as is - where is, by Public Tender, stating "the highest nor any Bid shall not necessarily be accepted"; and the closing date for accepting bids be July 15, 2022, at 12:00 Noon: · Unit 454, Year-2012, 24', Enclosed Interstate Trailer.	Agricultural Fieldman	<p>Evonne Zukowski:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 454 has been advertised in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July Grapevine, published July 5 in the Redwater Review - Posted to the Smoky Lake County website on June 29, 2022 (found here: http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/equipment-for-sale) - Added as a website notice on the website home page- June 29, 2022 - Scheduled to appear on Smoky Lake County's Facebook and Twitter on June 29 , July 5 and July 11 - Posted on Smoky Lake Buy/Sell/Trade, Waskatenau and Area Buy,Sell and Trade, Vilna, AB & Area Buy & Sell! and St.Paul, Alberta, Buy, Sell & Trade Facebook groups - June 29, 2022 - Posted on Kijiji and Autotrader June 29, 2022 <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p>	Overdue
2022/06/1 7	780-22	→ Unbudgeted Capital Purchase: Replacement of Unit 454	That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted expenditure in the amount up to \$6,800 plus GST and Tire Levy, to replace Unit 454 Enclosed Interstate Trailer with a more appropriate trailer for the Agricultural Services Department's operation.	Agricultural Fieldman	<p>Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements: Trailer purchase info was submitted to Accounts Payable on July 13th, 2022 for a EFT to be sent to Capital Trailers for the purchase of 16ft Double A Excel Series Utility Trailer. Trailer was picked up on July 20th.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p>	Complete

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2022/06/1 7	781-22	→2022 Farm Family Awards – Division 5	That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board nominate Andy and Shawnalee Shwetz' family from Division 5, to receive the Year-2022 Farm Family award.	Agricultural Fieldman	<p>Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements: Farm Family Award Nomination for the Shwetz family from Division 5 was submitted June 17, 2022.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p>	Comple										
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LARA Board of Directors Meeting

July 25 2022

Dan Gawalko councillor division one

- Wanda gave the chair report she attended the Ft.Kent field day on July 21 and will be meeting with RDAR on July 25.
- Still looking at purchasing a hauling truck some electrical issues with it this week.
- FARMRITE they are working on harmonized based funding,
- Kellie gave the executive director report she met with Brian Jean last week and told him about LARA Dave Hansen was out at our field day and will be meeting with him also.
- Amanda gave the research report maintaining plot sites and Megan will be starting silage trials soon.
- AESA report by Kellie doing CAP grant applications put out info on blue green algae for livestock.
- LFA report by Jay bulls are coming out on July 29 and lots of good grass so far.
- Financials were given and everything good maxing out on our fertilizer and chemical budgets because of cost increases.
- Discussed safety @ LARA purchased ratchet boomers not using old boomers with snipes no more inspecting fire extinguishers and will be placing 2 large ones in our trucks looking at working alone and updating other safety policies.
- All financials and meeting minutes can be viewed by contacting a staff member at the LARA office.
- Next meeting will be on Monday September 26/22 at Ashmont 9:00 am.
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GOALS

71%
GOAL COMPLETION

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PLAN

(ASB) PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Administrative Activity 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASB Meeting June 17th Departmental Meeting June 20th Trees, Pests and Weeds Workshop in Fort Kent June 23rd Submitted Farm Family Award nomination Enclosed trailer unit 454 was posted for sale on Kijiji and Autotrader June 29th Receive ratepayer complaints for mowing and weeds Northeast AAAF Meeting July 13th ASB Meeting prep August 2, 3, 4 Capital Budget discussion August 9th LARA Smoky Lake Summer Field Day August 10th <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/08/02</p>	<p>80%</p> <p>80 / 100%</p> <p>80% ahead</p>	2022/08/02	2022/12/31

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Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
ASB Environmental Services 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LARA Summer Field Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fort Kent: July 21 ◦ Lac La Biche: July 27 ◦ St. Paul: August 4 ◦ Smoky Lake: August 10 • Increasing Forage Efficiency and Reducing Costs While Improving Soil Health Using Annual and Perennial Forages workshop July 26th • Discover Organics workshop August 9th • Had a check-in call with Amanda on July 11th - discussed getting signage out at the Smoky Lake plot site. Tori hung Smoky Lake Field Day posters at all ag retailers in the county <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	75% 75 / 100% 24% behind	2017/12/31	2022/12/31
Council Member Inquiry 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request June 7th re: Beaver work done on White Earth Creek in 2021. Result: Amanda replied June 8th that 6 beavers were removed and 3 dams blasted east of RR164, dropping the water level aprox. 2 ft in 2021 at the problem location. • Request July 18th re: oxeye daisy in the Vilna area and weeds along the highways. Result: Tori spoke with landowner on July 19th to hear his concerns and let him know that highway weed locations were already submitted to AB Transportation and they would be spraying and mowing. • Request July 28th re: mowing complaint that the grass in the ditch is extremely long and is a visibility issue. Result: Amanda spoke with ratepayer on July 29th to explain the Counties mowing policy and give an estimate when the mower would be getting to his area. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	95% 95 / 100% 3% ahead	2017/12/31	2022/12/31

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Crop Surveying 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bertha Armyworm traps were set up in 3 canola locations across the county on June 7th and were taken down July 26th. Bertha numbers were very low throughout the monitoring period not reaching the 300 threshold 1 Swede Midge trap location continues to be monitored until harvest Will be completing grasshopper surveys on behalf of Alberta Agriculture mid August (pending grasshopper development). <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canola and wheat head survey for AB Ag Clubroot inspections <p>2022/08/02</p>	<p>60% 60 / 100% 32% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31
Mowing Activity 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-herbicide mower started June 13th with roadside prep prior to mowing for July 1st long weekend Zone 1 Mower began mowing in the North this year Zones 2 and 3 Mowers began mowing in the South this year Lakelots received 2 mowing passes prior to the July and August long weekend as per policy <p>Challenges: Mowing is very slow going come July as the grass is very long – becomes a sightline issue for the motoring traffic.</p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/08/02</p>	<p>70% 70 / 100% 22% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31
Pest Control 2022: 100%		<p>0% 0 / 100% 92% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31

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<p>↳ Problem Wildlife (Beaver Control) 2022</p>	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since June 17th report for council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 32 beavers ◦ 2 pond levelers installed <p>Challenges: DFO and AB Environment submissions to allow blasting continue to be an issue in getting work completed.</p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	<p>60% 60% ahead</p>	<p>2020/01/01</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
<p>Spraying 2022: 100%</p>	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush spraying has been completed for the season • Noxious weed spraying began July 18th – spraying noxious weeds in ditch missed by herbicide mowers as well as complaints throughout the county • Glyphosate was applied in 3 locations for shoulder pulls as directed by public works <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	<p>72% 72 / 100% 20% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
<p>Training Activity 2022: 100%</p>	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements: Amanda, Tori and Kierstin attended a Trees, Pests & Weeds Workshop hosted by the MD of Bonnyville on June 23rd.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	<p>84% 84 / 100% 8% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>

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Weed Control 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 515 Weed Inspections on private land completed as of August 4th • Black Henbane weed awareness visual went out in the June gas bills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ hand picked 8 garbage bags of henbane from ditch on RR153 • Lake lot weed awareness prior to July long weekend • Hand picked prohibited noxious Hoary Alyssum from ditch on TWP584 and sprayed along a fenceline • Weed Inspected all highways in the county for severe noxious weed patches on July 15th. Locations were submitted to AB Transportation on July 18th (weed notices were not required this year). Contractors were out spraying on July 20th as well as mowers have begun a shoulder mowing pass of HWY28 <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	<p>85% 85 / 100% 7% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31
Weed Inspections (Copy) 0 Inspection(s)		<p>101%</p>	2021/01/01	2021/12/31
Safety Activity 2022	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Weed Inspectors received orientation • New Temporary Assistant Agricultural Fieldman received orientation • Have been attending weekly toolbox meetings <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/05/10</p>	<p>76% 10% behind</p>	2020/01/01	2022/12/31

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Dog Catching 2022 → Dog Catching Phone Calls 2022 0 Call(s) → Dog Catching Success 2022 0 Dog(s)	NEW Amanda Kihn: Achievements: Since June 17th report for council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 dog calls • 11 dogs picked up and taken to pound Challenges: Dog call always pick up after the long weekends when people are shooting off fireworks at lake resorts. Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02	<div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 10px;">0%</div>	2021/10/05	2022/12/31
		<div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">101% 38 Call(s) ahead</div>	2021/01/01	2022/12/31
		<div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">101% 6 Dog(s) ahead</div>	2021/01/01	2022/12/31
ASB Environmental Services 2022: 100%		<div style="background-color: #ff8c00; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0% 0 / 100% 79% behind</div>	2021/01/01	2022/12/31

Amanda Kihn

From: Alan Efetha <Alan.Efetha@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: August 8, 2022 9:00 AM
To: Dale Chrapko; Doug Macaulay
Cc: Giselle Ulrich; Jennifer Lang
Subject: FW: Moisture Situation Update as of August 4, 2022
Attachments: Map 5 15-day temperature trends as of Aug 4 2022.png; Map 1 11-day precipitation as of Aug 4 2022.png; Map 2 July 2022 precipitation.png; Map 3 soil moisture reserves as of Aug 4 2022.png; Map 4 soil moisture reserves relative to normal as of Aug 4 2022.png

Good morning all,

Attached, find moisture infor (updates).

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From: Jennifer Lang <Jennifer.Lang@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2022 1:16 PM
To:
Subject: Moisture Situation Update as of August 4, 2022

Synopsis (map 1)

Precipitation amounts since the last report on July 25, 2022 have ranged greatly throughout the province over the last 11 days. North West Alberta stretching from Yellowhead and Clearwater County, crossing the province East towards Lloydminster have seen upwards of 60 mm, with the most received in Beaver county in excess of 120 mm. A band of precipitation is also seen ranging from 50 mm to 90 mm was recorded spanning from the South near Lethbridge, Northeast to Lloydminster. North East and Peace region have on average seen less than 50 mm over the past 11 days and the same can be said for the mountain and Central areas.

Precipitation for the month of July 2022 (map 2)

Alberta's precipitation recorded for the month of July amounted on average more than 75 mm. Fort McMurray and the Northeast corner of the province saw the least precipitation this past month and the Peace is not far behind with Peace River and Grande Prairie receiving less than 50 mm. The North West and Central regions received the most precipitation with the greatest concentration in South boarder of Clearwater County.

Soil Moisture Reserves as of August 4, 2022 (map 3 and 4)

Soil moisture reserves are continuing to report near normal across most of the province. Pockets in the North East have been experiencing one in 25 to 50 year lows, while areas North of Peace River are reporting one in 25 to 50 year highs.

15 day temperature as of August 4, 2022 (map 5)

Temperatures recorded throughout the province over the last 15 days are considered moderately warm on average. Wood Buffalo and Mackenzie County have experienced some of the warmest temperatures over the past 15 days with one in 25 to 50 year highs. Forecasts for warmer and sunnier days ahead can be see for most of the province in the coming week.

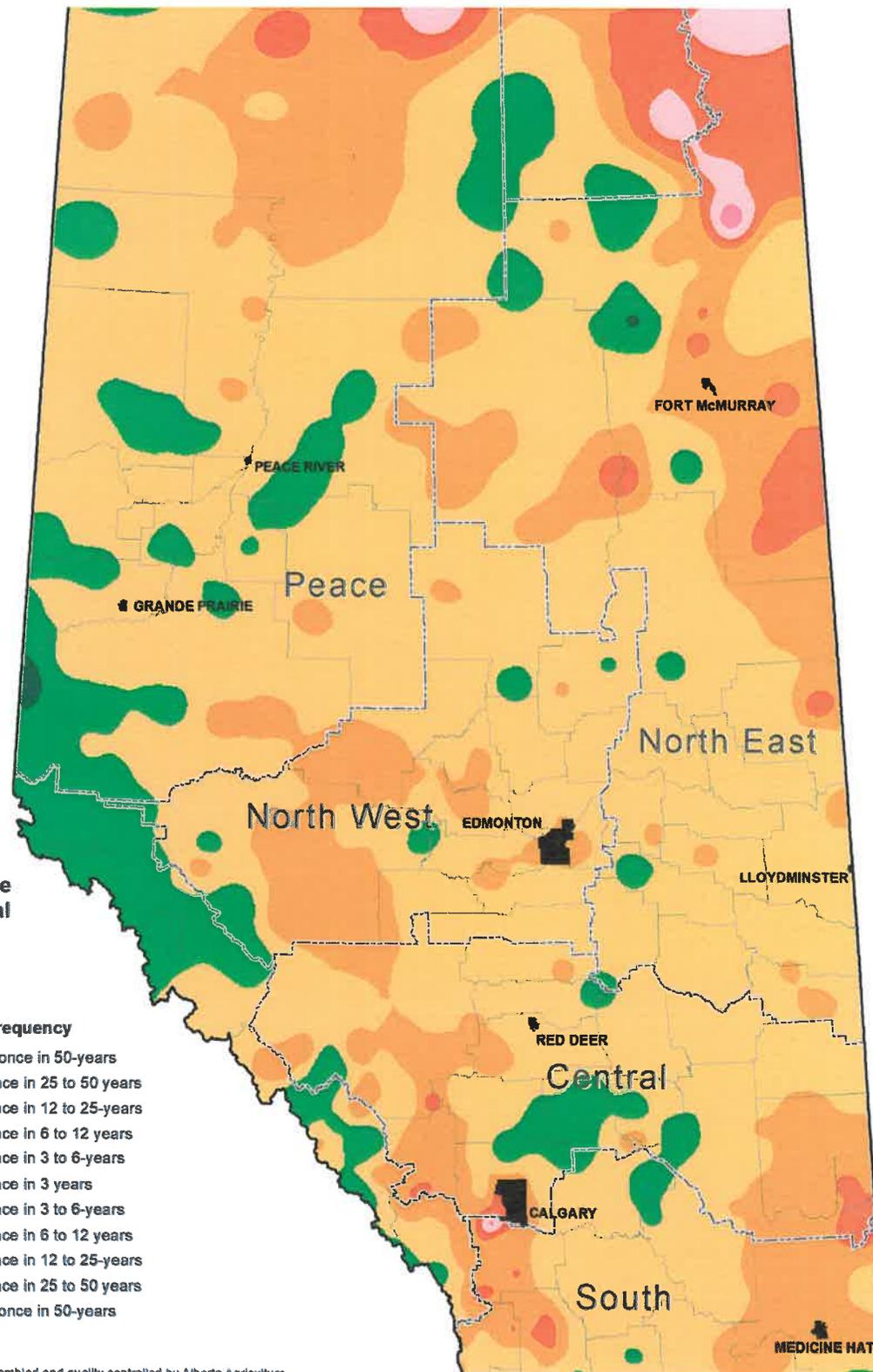
Jennifer Lang-Gorman (she/her)
Technical Operations Specialist
Natural Resource Management Branch

**15-Day
Average Daily Mean
Temperature Relative
to Long Term Normal**

July 21, 2022 to
August 04, 2022

Condition	Frequency
 warmest	< once in 50-years
 extremely warm	once in 25 to 50 years
 very warm	once in 12 to 25-years
 warm	once in 6 to 12 years
 moderately warm	once in 3 to 6-years
 near normal	once in 3 years
 moderately cool	once in 3 to 6-years
 cool	once in 6 to 12 years
 very cool	once in 12 to 25-years
 extremely cool	once in 25 to 50 years
 coldest	< once in 50-years
 no data	

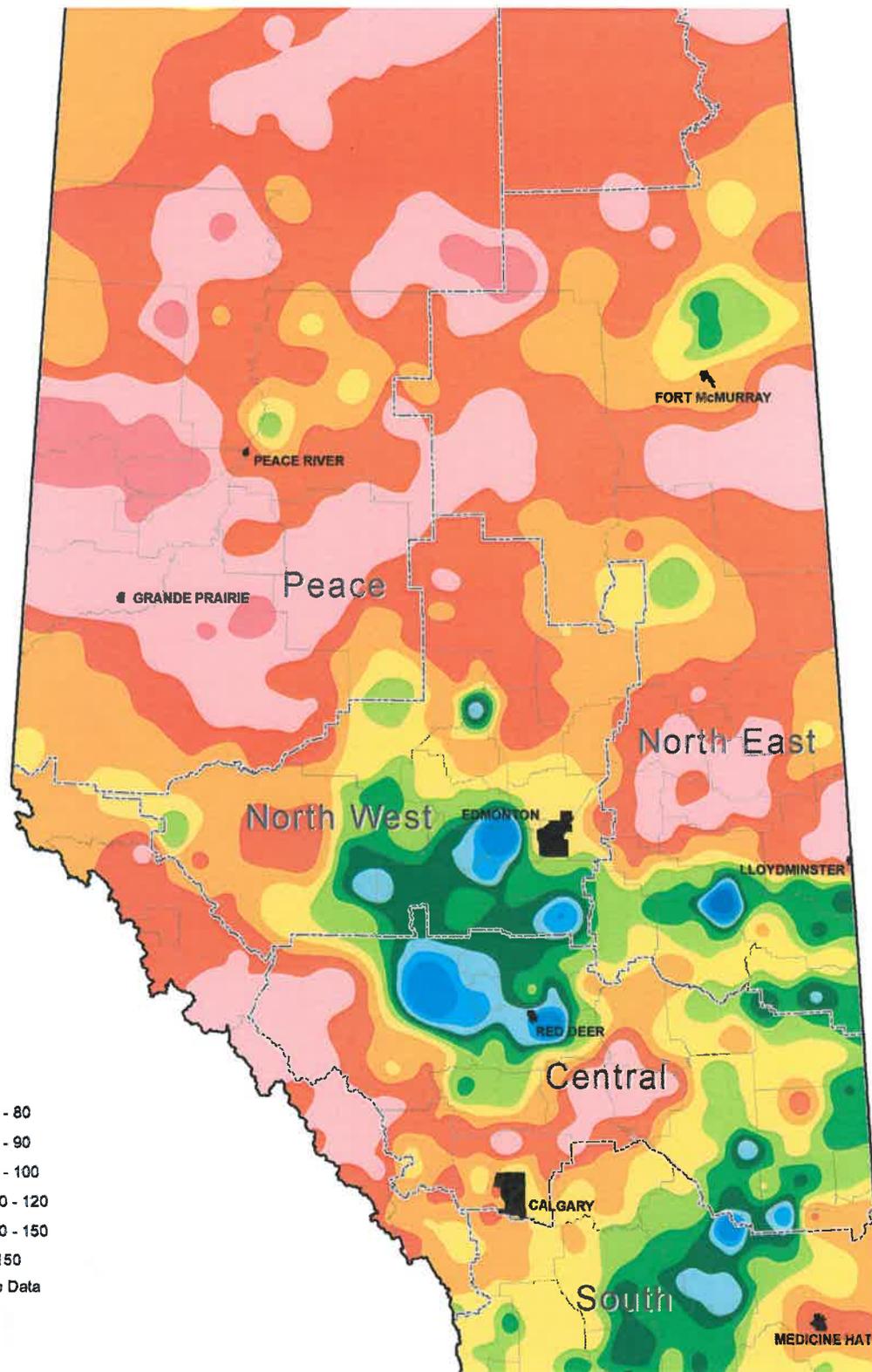
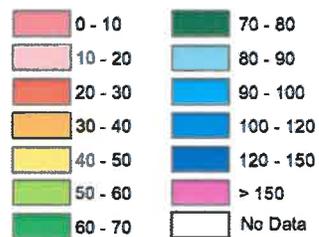
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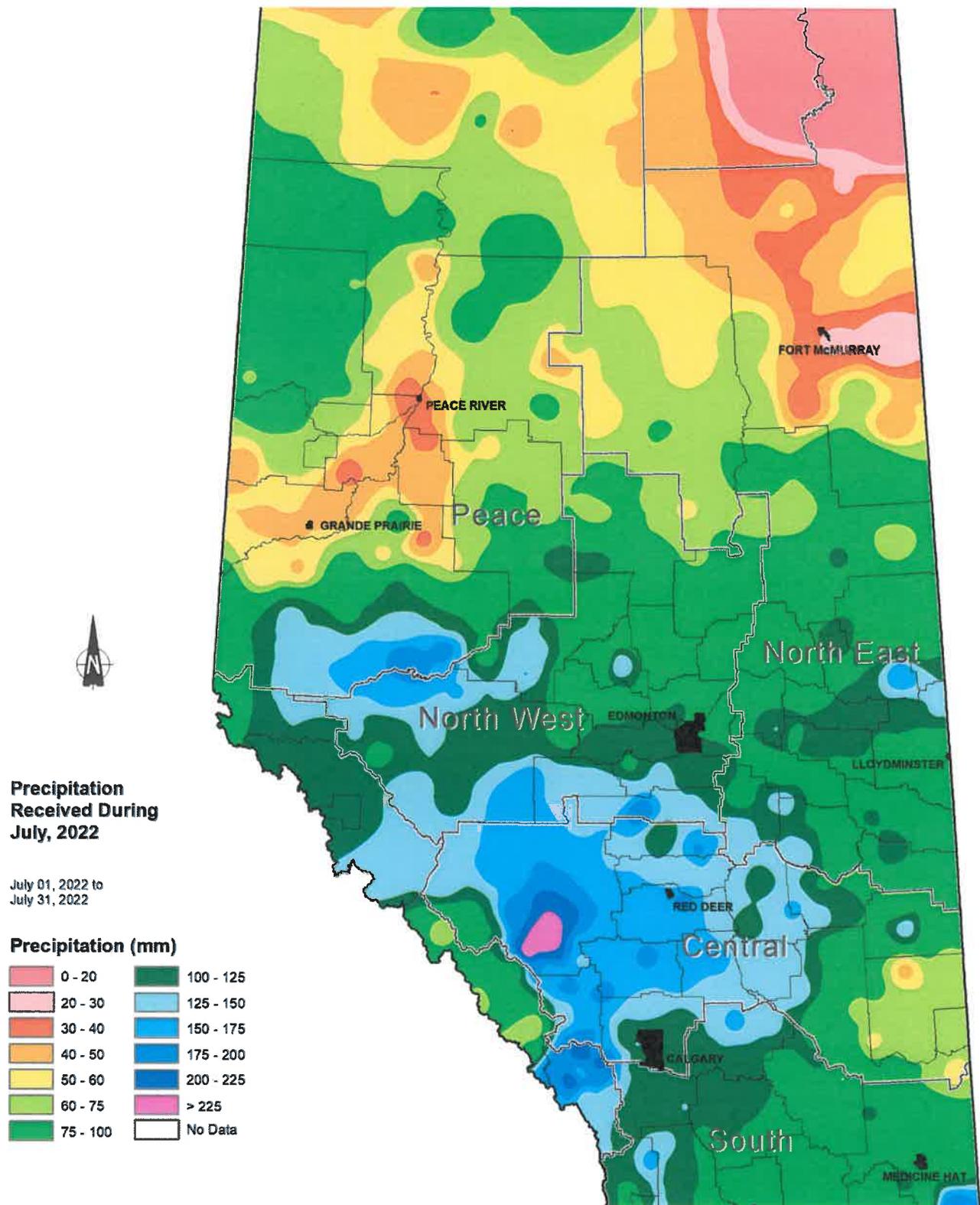


**Precipitation
Received During
the Past 11-days**

July 25, 2022 to
August 04, 2022

Precipitation (mm)





**Spring Wheat
Soil Moisture
Reserves Relative to
Long Term Normal
to a Depth of 120 cm**

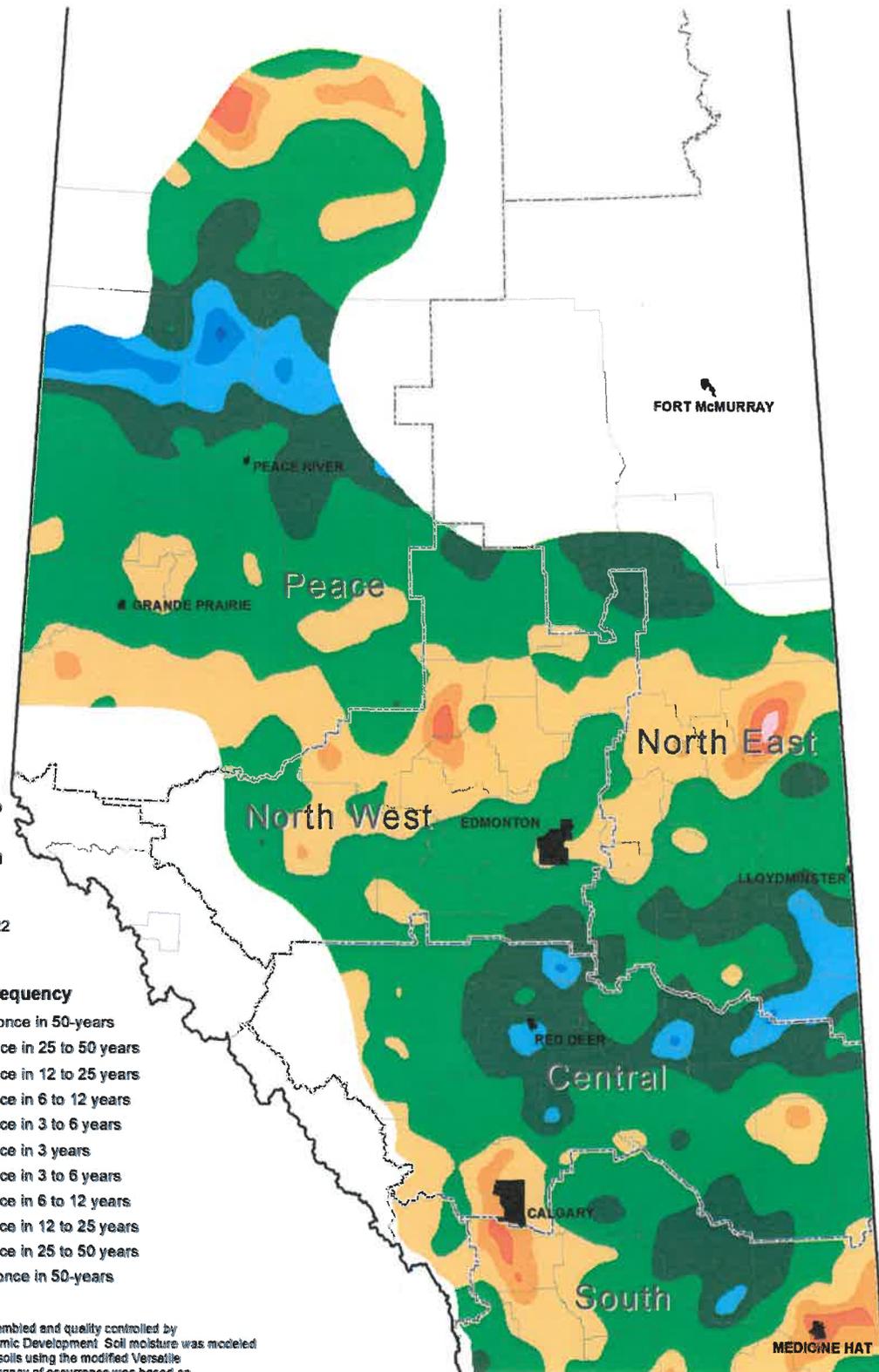
Estimated as of August 04, 2022

Condition

- driest
- extremely low
- very low
- low
- moderately low
- near normal
- moderately high
- high
- very high
- extremely high
- wettest
- no data

Frequency

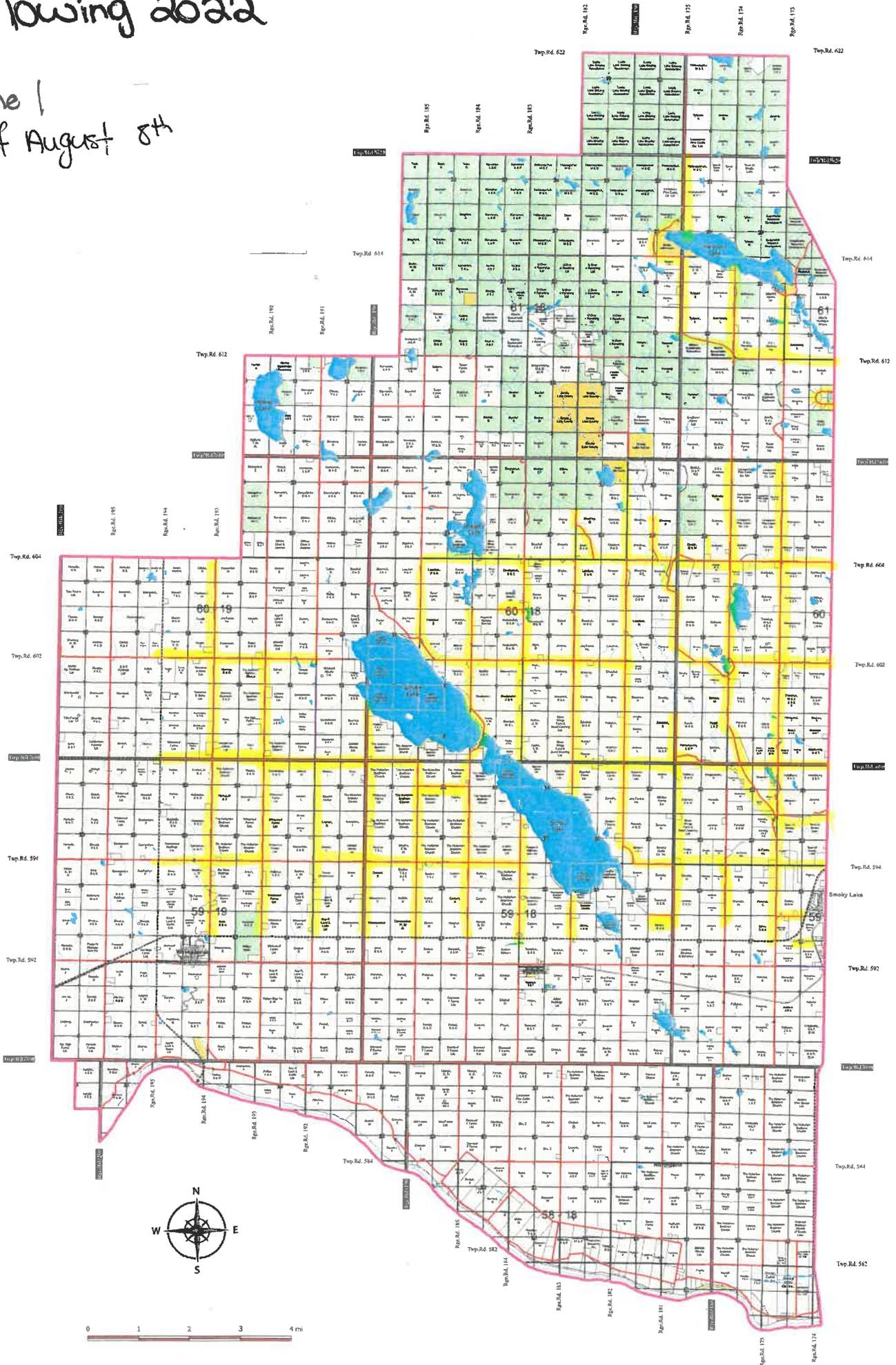
- < once in 50-years
- once in 25 to 50 years
- once in 12 to 25 years
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- < once in 50-years

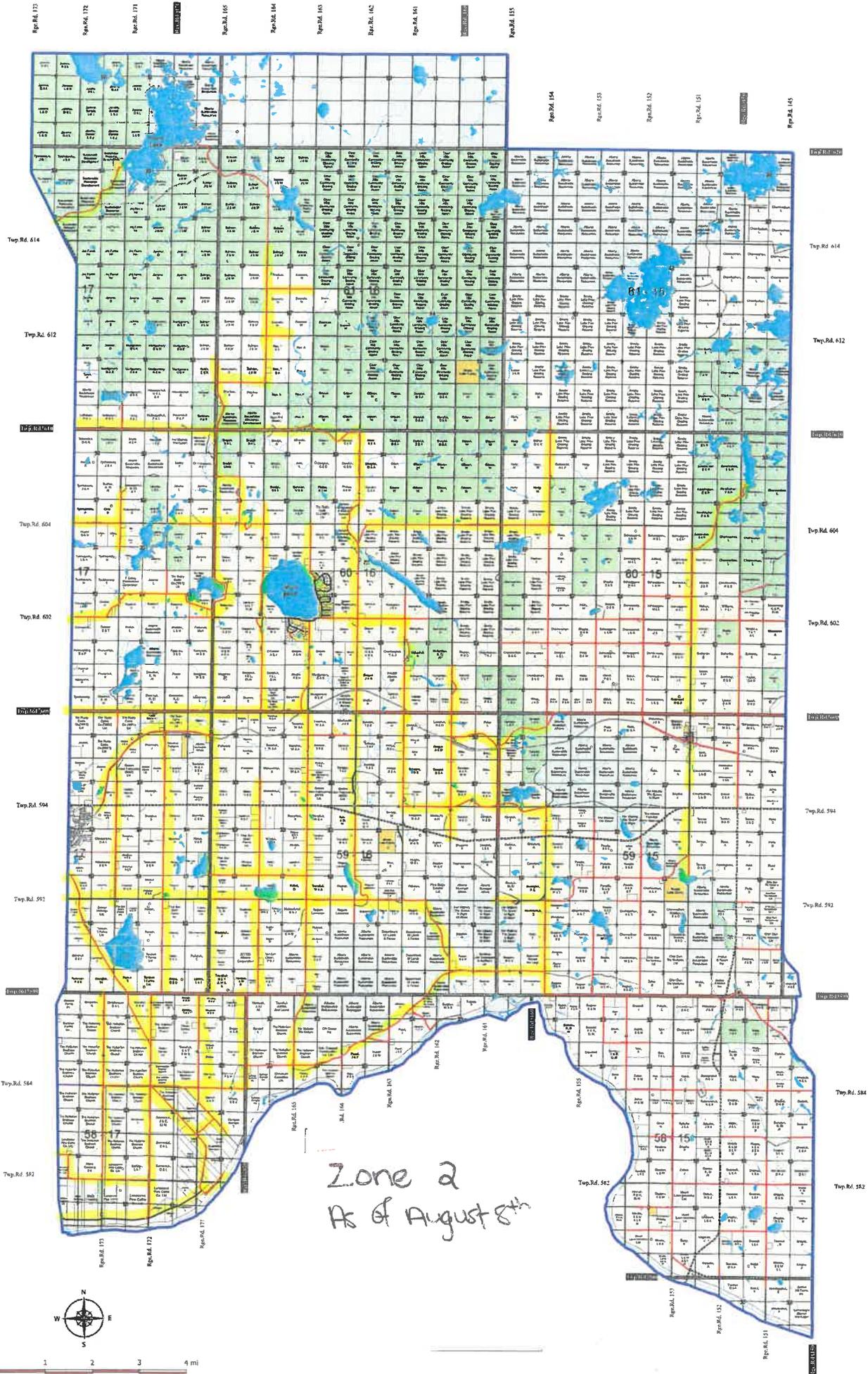


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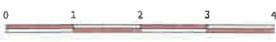
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Zone 1
As of August 8th

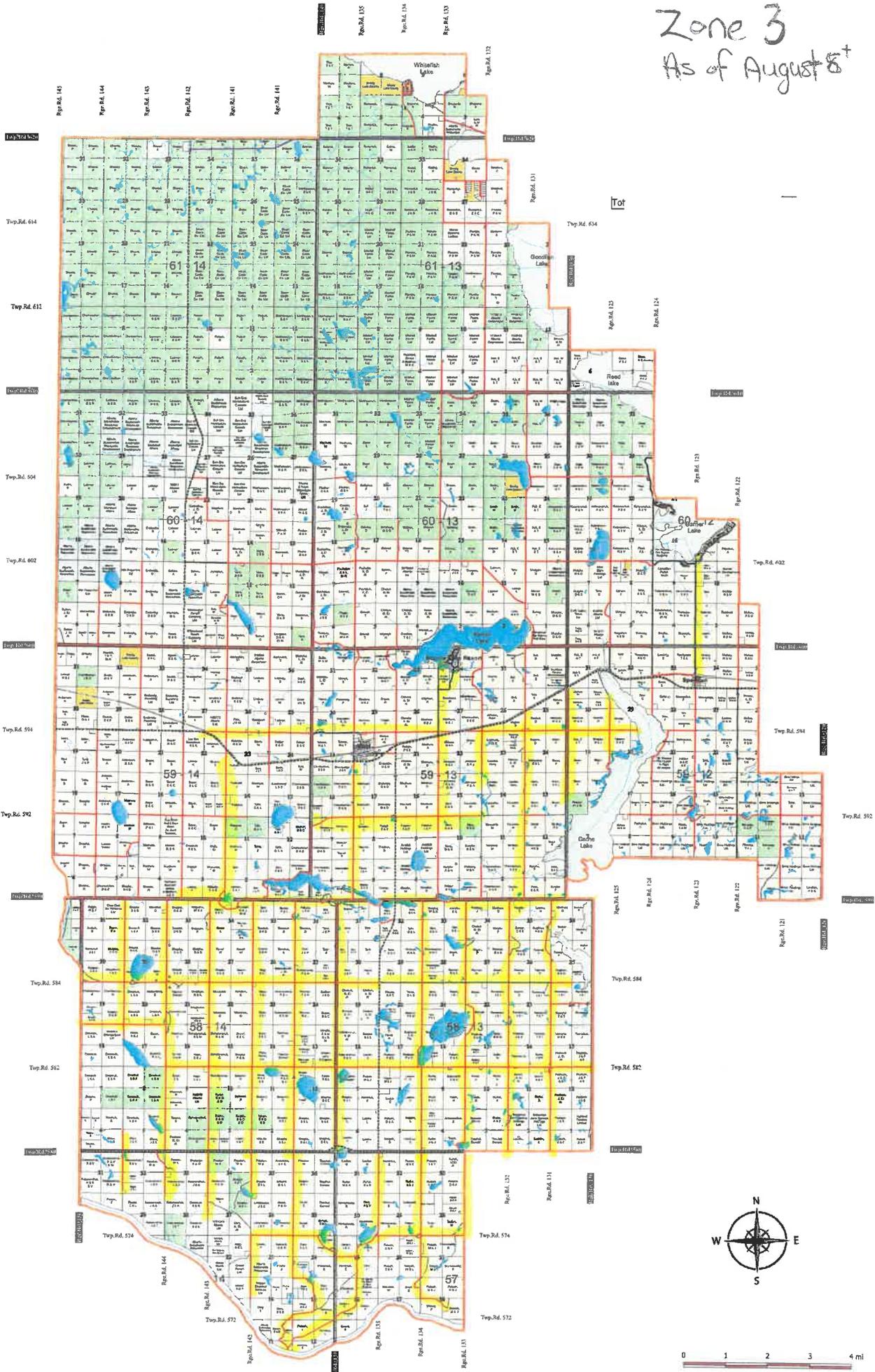




Zone 2
As of August 8th



Zone 3
As of August 8⁺



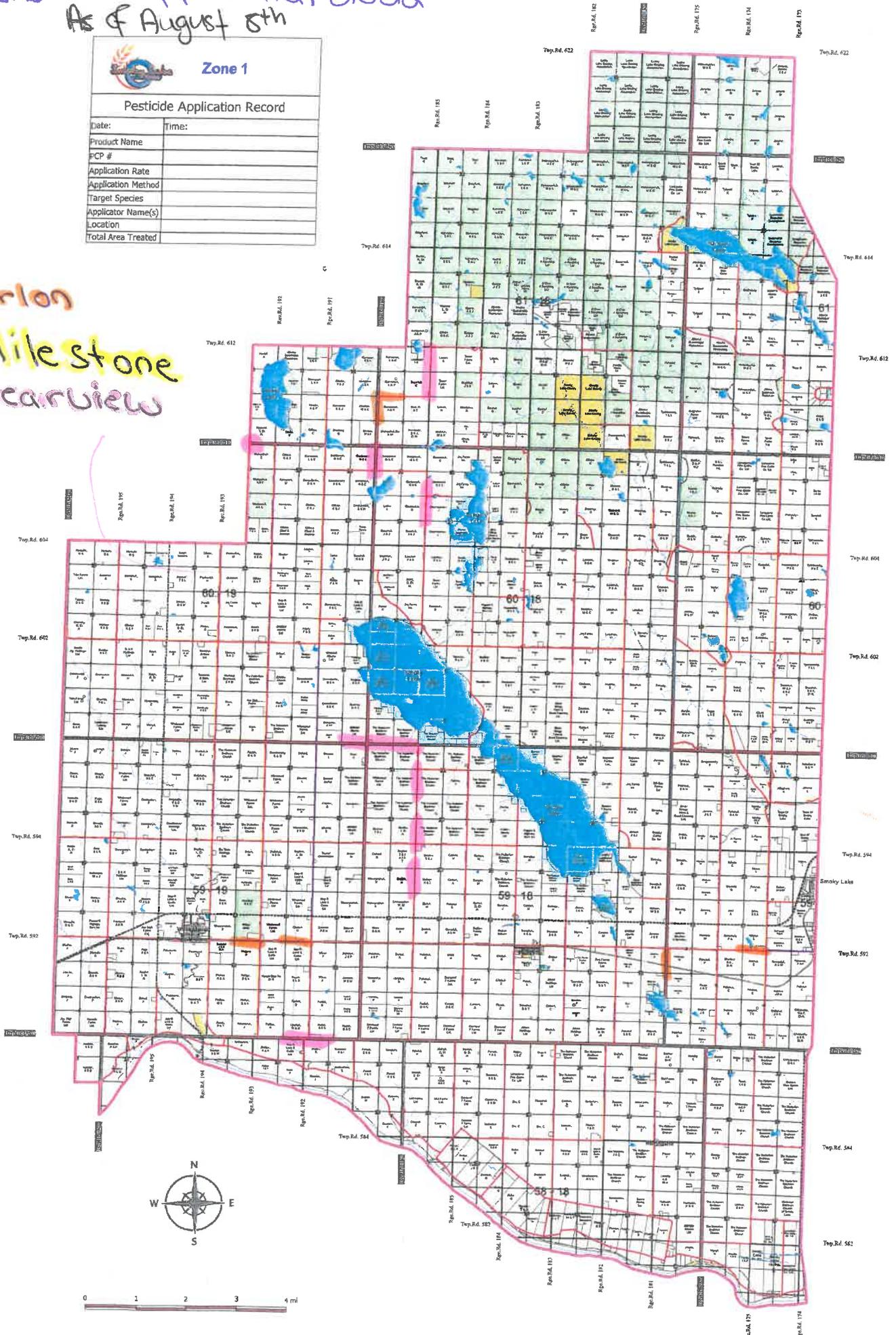
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As of August 5th

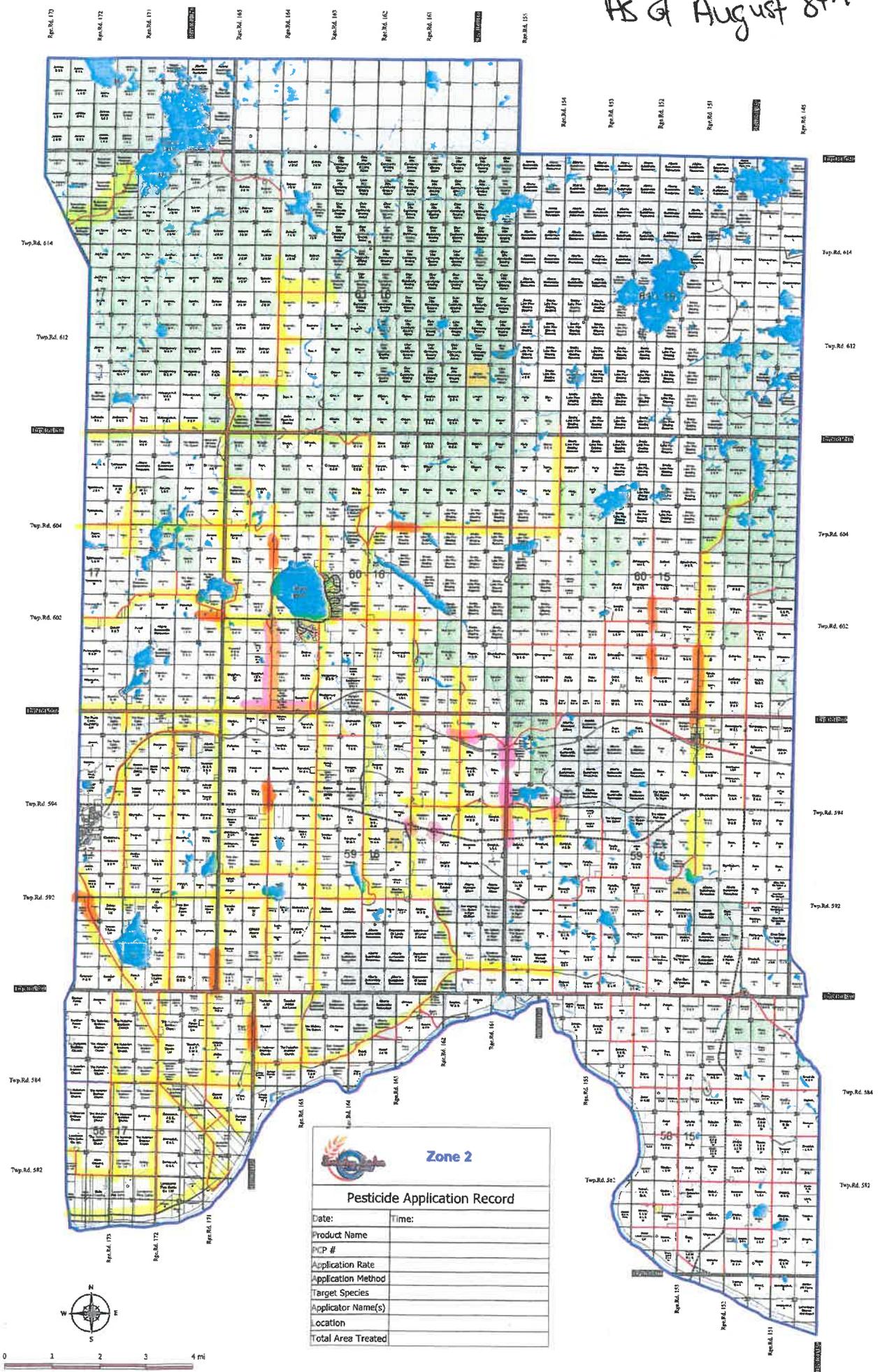
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Zone 1	
Pesticide Application Record	
Date:	Time:
Product Name	
PCP #	
Application Rate	
Application Method	
Target Species	
Applicator Name(s)	
Location	
Total Area Treated	

- garlon
- Mile Stone
- Clearview



As of August 8th



Zone 2

Pesticide Application Record

Date:	Time:
Product Name	
PCP #	
Application Rate	
Application Method	
Target Species	
Applicator Name(s)	
Location	
Total Area Treated	

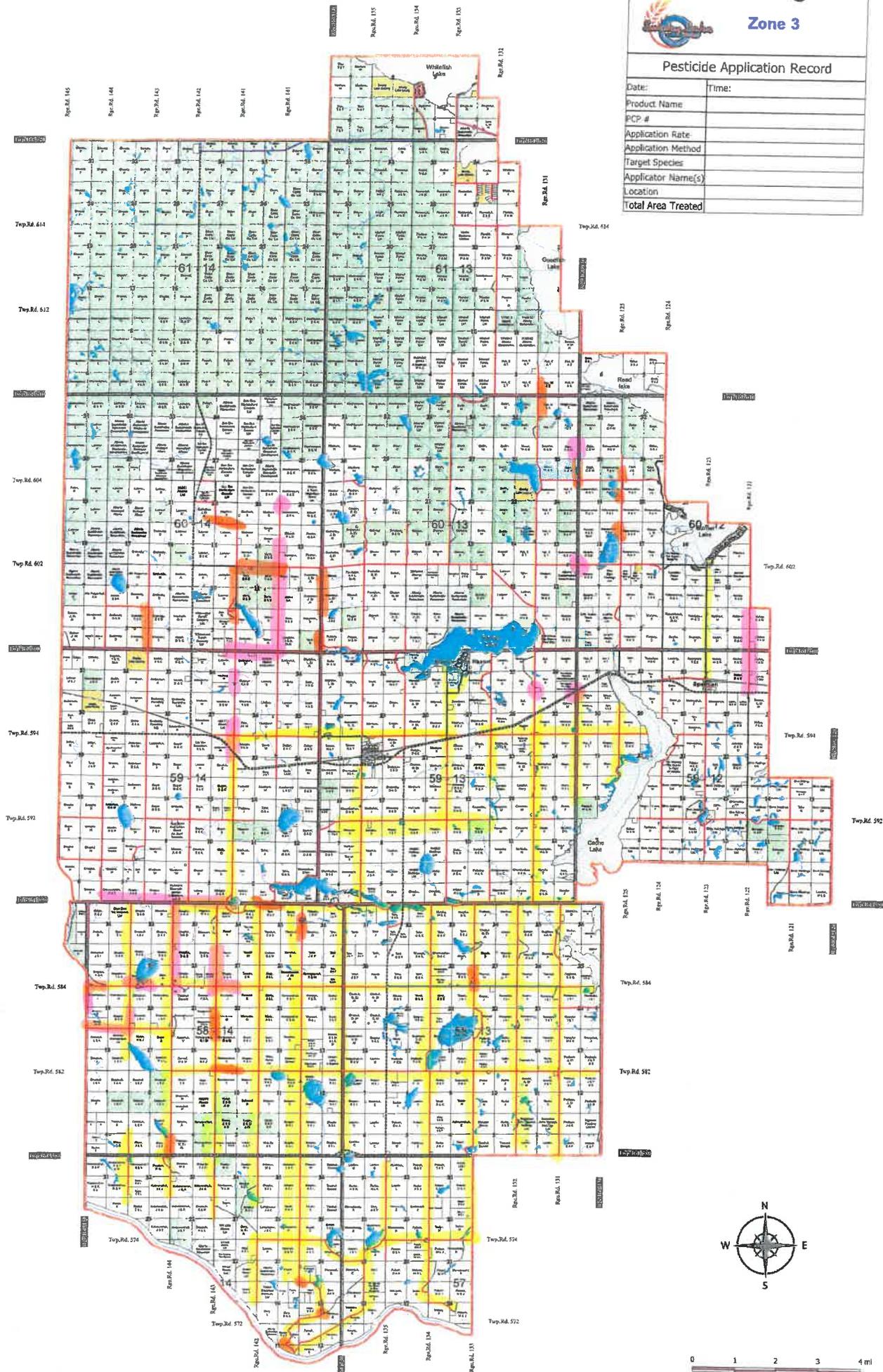
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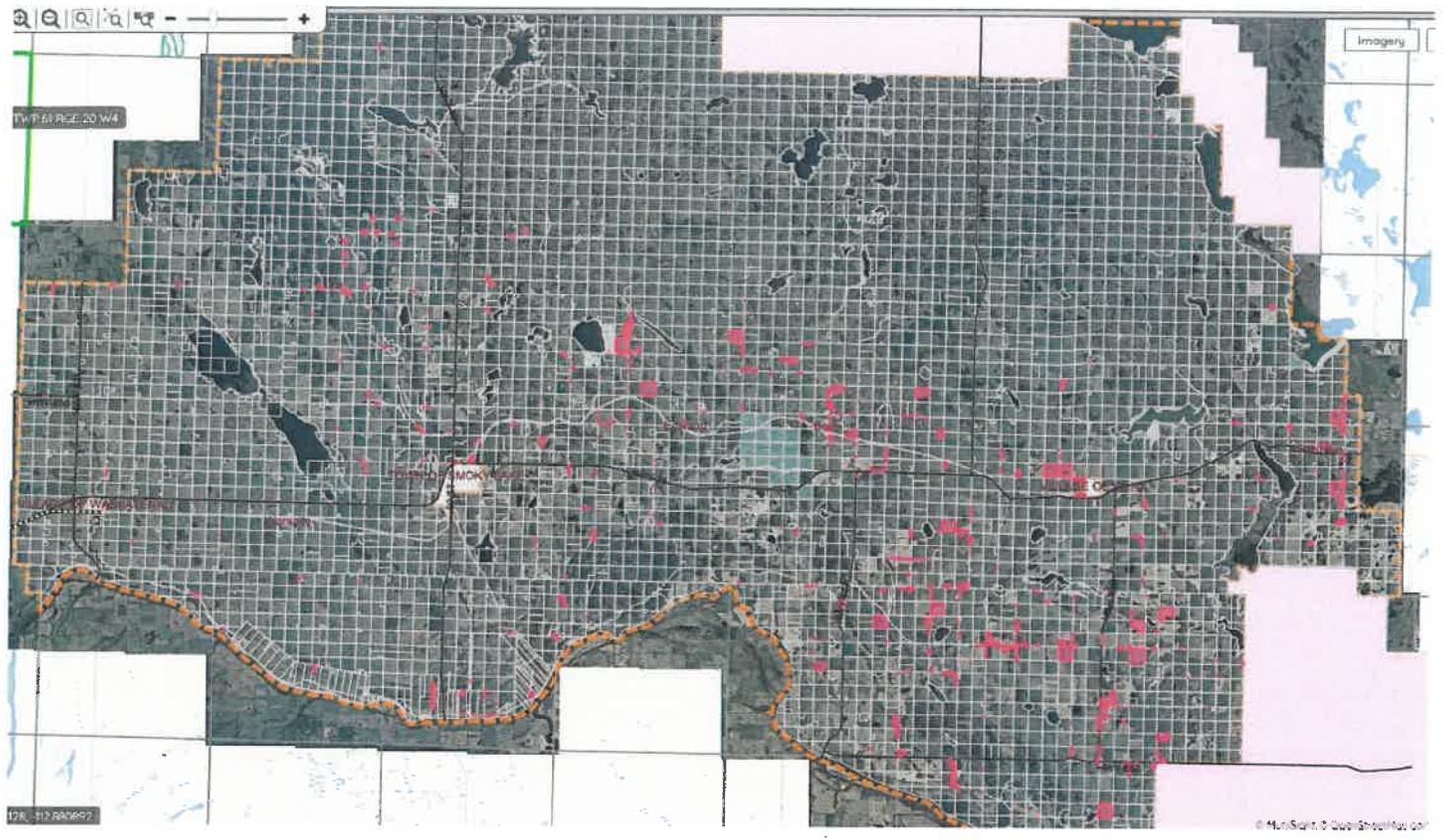
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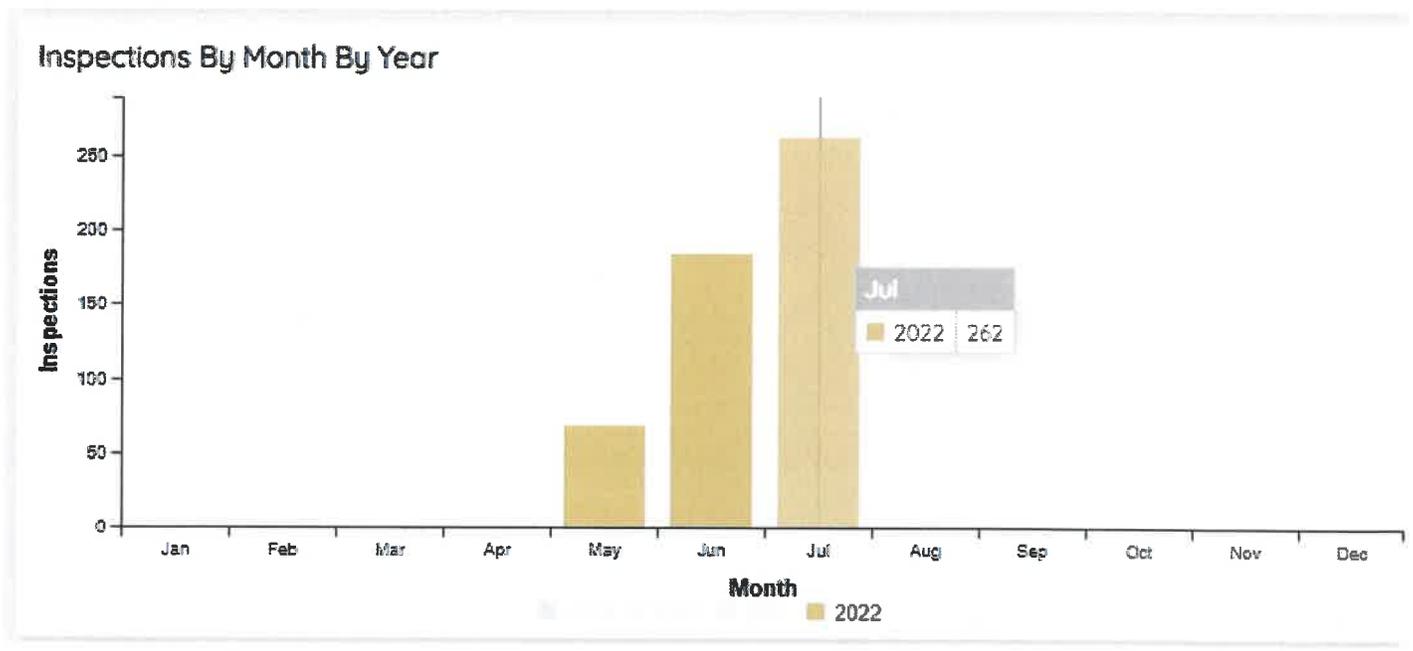
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Application Rate	
Application Method	
Target Species	
Applicator Name(s)	
Location	
Total Area Treated	



2022 Weed Inspection Update



515 Weed Inspections completed as of August 4th



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Minister of Environment
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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H3

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Mr. Dan Gawalko
Chairman, Agriculture Service Board
Smoky Lake County
P.O. Box 310
Smoky Lake AB T0A 3C0

Dear Mr. Gawalko:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2022, regarding the Government of Canada's emissions target for synthetic fertilizers. I regret the delay in responding.

As stated in Canada's strengthened climate plan, *A Healthy Climate and a Healthy Economy* (www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/climate-plan-overview/healthy-environment-healthy-economy.html), the Government of Canada has set a national reduction target for greenhouse gas emissions from fertilizers of 30 percent below 2020 levels. The Government will work with fertilizer manufacturers, farmers, and provinces and territories to develop an approach to meet this target.

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, recently announced the launch of additional consultations to help guide the development of an approach for achieving Canada's national target to reduce absolute greenhouse gas emissions associated with fertilizers by 30 percent below 2020 levels by 2030 (www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/03/government-seeks-guidance-on-path-towards-reducing-emissions-associated-with-fertilizer.html). A discussion document, which is available for comment until August 31, 2022, is a key part of these consultations with industry to help reach this goal.

Direct emissions associated with synthetic nitrogen fertilizer application have increased by approximately 60 percent since 2005, and these emissions are projected to keep increasing. Improving how fertilizers are used through better products and practices will save farmers time and money, and help protect Canada's land and water.

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To ensure agriculture remains a leading part of the solution to climate change, the strengthened climate plan will invest \$165.7 million over seven years to support the agriculture industry in developing transformative clean technologies and help farmers adopt commercially available clean technology.

Investing in a climate-smart agriculture sector will result in more resilient production systems; more diversified landscapes; more vibrant rural communities; and products and commodities that can better meet the current expectations of global markets and domestic consumers with respect to sustainability, climate action and responsible production processes.

I appreciate your bringing the views of the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board to my attention. Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Guilbeault", written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)

c.c.: Ms. Shannon Stubbs, M.P.

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June 14, 2022

Smoky Lake County
PO Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0



Dear Smoky Lake County:

This letter is in reference to our Agreement for the Implementation of Wild Boar Containment Standards under the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA) made effective on February 7, 2019 and expires on December 23, 2023.

As per Section 6 of this Agreement, our Minister shall submit a written status report to the county or municipality annually, for the proceeding twelve month period ending June 30, during the term of this Agreement to the date of the termination indicating activities undertaken by the Minister pursuant to the responsibilities of the Minister under this Agreement.

As you are aware, our Inspection and Investigation Section staff have been working closely with your Agricultural Fieldman in an attempt to locate and identify any wild boar producers within your county. The administration of the *Agricultural Pests Act* is a combined responsibility of the province and counties/municipalities required under Section 6 of the *Agricultural Pests Act* (duty of local authority to take active measures to prevent the establishment of pests).

The risks associated with wild boar escaping containment and establishing a new "at-large" population are considerable. In order to manage these risks, inspections of wild boar production farms will be conducted at least once per year, or more if there are any compliance issues. Our inspectors will contact your Agricultural Fieldman in order to plan for joint inspections.

Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development will continue with active wild boar at-large eradication that involves surveillance, trapping and euthanizing wild boars in order to eliminate the at-large population. If there is a report of wild boar at-large in your county, please call 310-FARM (3276) so we may work together towards a solution. Wild boar reports can also be sent to AF.WildBoar@gov.ab.ca. More information about wild boar in Alberta can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/wild-boar-in-alberta.aspx>.

To date, our Inspection Unit in conjunction with your Agricultural Fieldman have identified one wild boar farm in Smoky Lake County. On November 27, 2019 the producer advised he has no animals at his farm, and has left the industry. Please advise if you hear of anyone else who might be in possession of wild boar in Smoky Lake County.

If you have any questions regarding the agreement, please do not hesitate to contact me at 403-948-8510 or bruce.hamblin@gov.ab.ca. I look forward to your continued cooperation with the implementation of the wild boar minimum containment standards.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamblin
Director, Inspection and Investigation Section



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June 23, 2022

The Honourable Nate Horner
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development
131 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6

Re: Statement Related to the Impact of Veterinary Medicine Education Opportunities and Entrance Requirement—Specifically for Rural Students

Dear Minister Horner,

There is a desperate shortage of rural veterinarians in Alberta, particularly vets specializing in large animals—it leads to many producers travelling an hour or more to take livestock to a clinic (and is less than ideal for emergency situations). This, combined with many veterinarians leaving the profession for a multitude of reasons, has created a problematic situation for safety of animal products (marketed on the world stage), outbreak management, and other emergent issues related to veterinary medicine.

One of the many challenges is maintaining a workforce at the replenishment rate equal or higher to those leaving the profession. Currently, post-secondary programs have a significant restriction related to entry requirements, as well as regional qualification (where students can only attend the school in their region). This has a significant impact on rural student opportunities.

Government needs to step in to address the shortage in veterinary medicine practitioners by considering adjustments to the steep entry requirements (for example, the University of Calgary requires scoring a minimum 495 on the Medical College Admission Test as well as completion of 10 required courses, minimum Grade Point Average, and a rigorous interview process that may disqualify many qualified and interested students; a compromise is necessary). Unfortunately, rural students can be at a significant disadvantage because they do not always have access to the same courses and education programs that are available in larger communities. However, rural students make up for this with hands-on experience and knowledge related to livestock because of their involvement in the community and on farms—and can demonstrate this in an interview process or learning assessment.

Lamont County, along with other Agricultural Service Boards across the province, request pressure be applied to the applicable bodies to adjust entrance requirements for prospective veterinary students with rural backgrounds – this may include applying hands-on experience vs. specific education requirements (if the level of knowledge is relevant), and potential consideration to attend veterinary programs outside the region to be able to practice rurally. We recognize the challenge universities and post-secondary institutions have when admitting students to its programs, but we also would like to explore options so rural students are not at a disadvantage, and there is a crucial need to have more students in veterinary programs across Canada to address rural practitioner shortages.

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The veterinary industry in Canada is one with incredible growth potential and there is a need to increase the number of veterinary school graduates in Alberta – this growth is more critical than ever because our livestock is world-renowned and needs appropriate protection.

Sincerely



Neil Woitas

ASB Chair, Lamont County

CC: Lamont County Council

The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education

Ms. Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

The Honourable Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development

Shannon, Stubbs, MP for Lakeland Alberta

Alberta Agricultural Service Boards





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June 29, 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Connecting Kids to Agriculture

Food connects us all to agriculture. Now more than ever, our youth are disconnected from the story of their food. At Agriculture for Life (Ag for Life) we envision a province where all Albertans understand and appreciate the agriculture industry and the impact it has on their lives. We believe education is key.

Ag for Life is the go-to source for agriculture education resources and programs in the province. We are Agriculture in the Classroom – Alberta and are a known and trusted source in the sector, supported by the agriculture industry, teachers, parents, and most importantly, the students. Since 2011, we have been helping kids across the province discover themselves in agriculture through hands-on, immersive learning experiences.

Whether we are speaking with students about the depth and importance of the sector in our province or exposing them to the vast career opportunities, we are delivering positive messages and building agriculture trust with Albertans.

Supporting agriculture education today means informed customers tomorrow; consumers who care about the food they eat, where it was grown, and the farmers who grew it.

We hope you will consider being an annual supporter of Ag for Life and agriculture education in Alberta. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Beth Halford'.

Beth Halford
Manager, Strategic Partnerships

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