

PEACE REGION GRANDE PRAIRIE SOUTH GRMP SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME:		HIGHWAY & KM:		PREVIOUS			INSPECTION DATE:	
GP046 Smoky River West Valley		43:04, 32.004		INSPECTION DATE:		≣:	July 19, 2021	
EBL Backslope Slumps		!		May 27, 2020			-	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD 83 COORDINATES:			RISK ASSESSMENT:				
	UTM	Northing	Easting					
SW 16-72-02 W6M	11	6121397	417585	PF: 12	CF: 4	TC	OTAL: 48	
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT):				CONTRACT MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):				
5930 (west) & 6470 (east) (Reference No. 30720 & 70000114)				504				

SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:	INSPECTED BY:		
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There is no instrumentation at the GP046 site	Roger Skirrow (AT)		
There is no instrumentation at the GP040 site	Rocky Wang (AT)		
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LAST READING DATE: N/A	Max Shannon (AT)		
LAST READING DATE. N/A	Dwayne Lowen (AT MCI)		
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PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Four shallow slump failures have appeared in the backslope cut above the EBL of Hwy 43:04 along the midpoint of the descent along the west valley slope of the Smoky River valley about 4.5 kilometers east of Bezanson, Alberta. Three of the slides are now connected (Slide 1 to 3).

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Original slides 1 through 3 have merged into one large slide zone about 270 m long at the highway ditch. The accumulated slide debris in the toe roll has now extended into the EBL south ditch The backscarp near the fence line is maximum 2.5 m high.

Slide 4 (approximately 20 m further to the east) has increased in size and is about 115 m wide, extends 40 m up the backslope with a distinct toe roll in the ditch. The backscarp varies from 1.0 m to 2.0 m high

The overall angle of the intact backslope is about 15 to 20 degrees (approximately 3H:1V) near Slide 4.

DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: None

ITEM	COND		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO			NO
Pavement Distress		Χ	Backscarp instability is not affecting the pavement, but is partially blocking the ditch		Х
Slope Movement	Х		Area of backslope failure is getting bigger, with individual areas of instability coalescing. New area of instability to east of previous areas.	X	
Erosion	X		Some erosion on back scarps from surface water runoff		Х
Seepage		Х			
Culvert Distress		Χ			

COMMENTS

- Area of backslope instability has expended about 100 m to the east. Toe roll of slide is partially blocking
 ditch near west/north extent of the site. Approximately 1.2 m of freeboard between edge of pavement and
 top of toe roll. Toe roll will not result in surface water runoff flowing onto the highway, but continued
 movement will result in a blocked ditch.
- AT says that the site used to be four separate areas of instability that now have coalesced and enlarged.
 The GPS track shown on the accompanying figure was created by walking around the extents of original



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slides 1, 2, and 3 that have coalesced and enlarged. A quad trail is located to the east of the old zone of instability. The GPS track shown in Figure 1 shows the extent of Slides 1 to 3.

- Log cabin at crest of backslope appears to have historical value
- Scarp closest to private property fence line at WP 083, about 2.5 m between fence and head scarp. Maximum head scarp height of about 2.5 m, will likely retrogress towards fence this year. Alberta government survey monument at WP084.
- Short-term (summer 2021): Clean out ditch with as little failure material being removed as possible. Ditch will likely fill in again, will need ongoing attention and maintenance.
- Long-Term: Flatten slope to 5H:1V. KCB to submit proposal to AT for a preliminary engineering study. Installing a long ditch culvert will result in operational/maintenance problems for AT (not preferred)

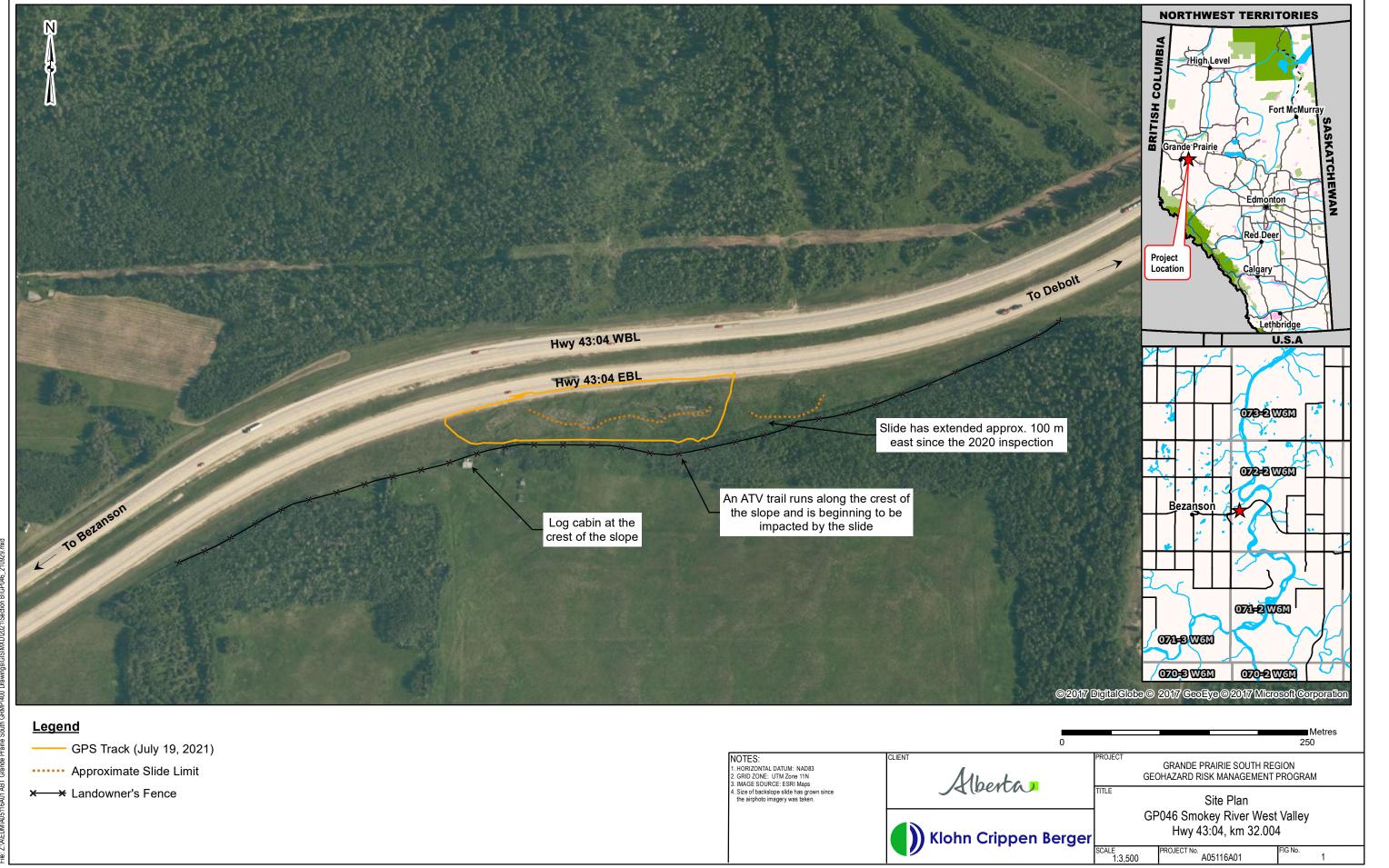
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Photo 1 The slides on the south (eastbound) side of Hwy 43 have worsened since the 2020 inspection and have combined into one slide approximately 300 m in length. Photo taken July 19, 2021 facing southeast.



Photo 2 The toe of the slide is blocking the south (eastbound) ditch. Photo taken July 19, 2021 facing east.



Photo 3 Backscarp of the original slide is impacting an ATV trail at the crest of the slope. Photo taken July 19, 2021 facing east.



Photo 4 A new slide approximately 100 m long, on the east side of the original slides. Photo taken July 19, 2021 facing east.

