

Site Name:	Milk River
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Conservation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	412
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	327/90
Site # (Parks Website):	505
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	5344.32 ha. (13205.81 ac.)
Total Area:	5344.32 ha. (13205.81 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	49.0424900962 N, -110.70263622 W
Natural Region:	Grassland
Natural Subregion(s):	Dry Mixedgrass
IUCN Classification:	IA
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	403-528-5228
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Volunteer(s) 2+
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Volunteer(s) 2+
Steward(s) Dec2011:	yes
Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:	No Surface Access
Day Use Site(s):	Milk River
Recreation Activities:	hiking - backcountry

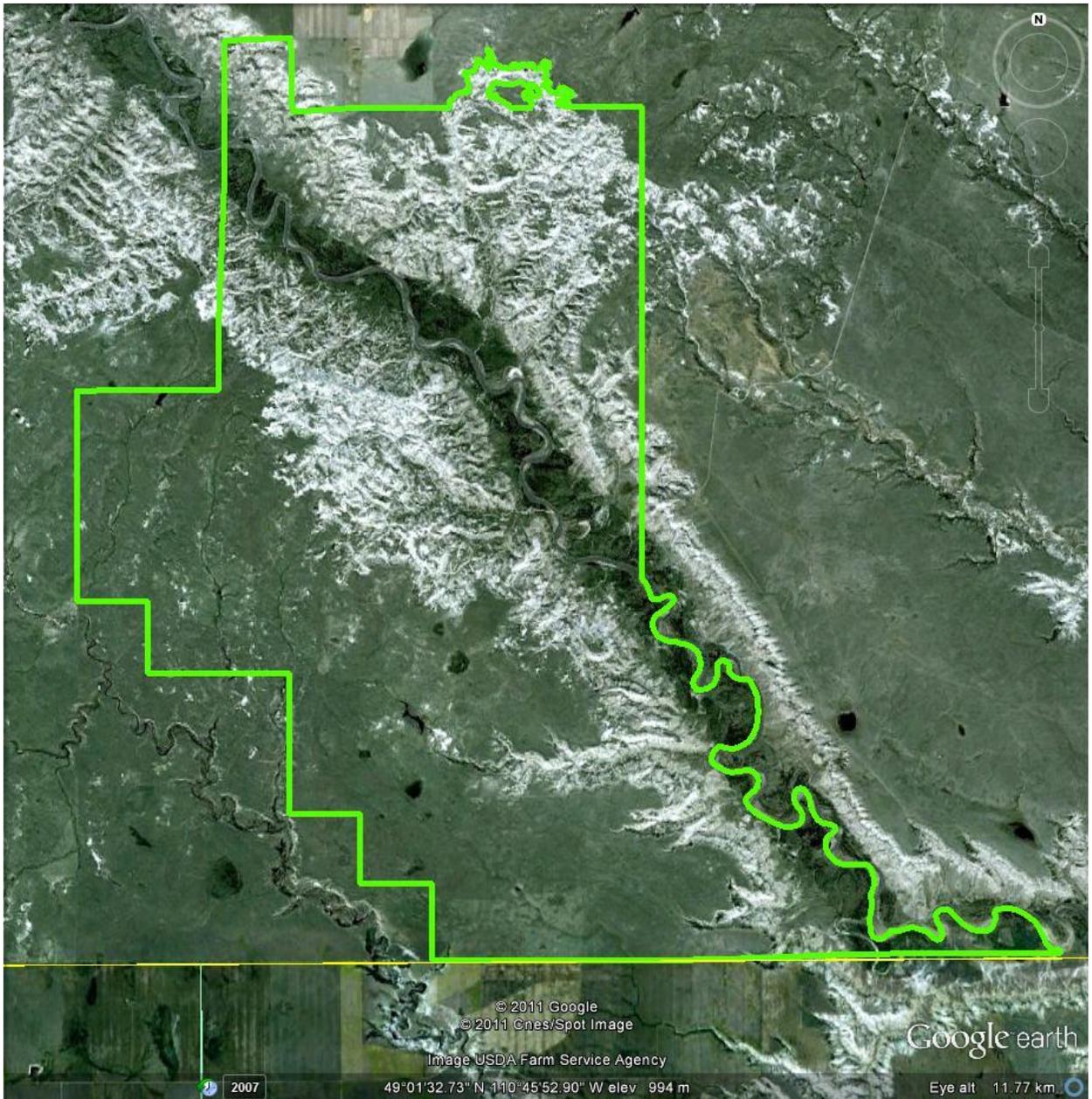
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Notes: Milk River Natural Area (53.44 km²) contains expanses of gently rolling grassland dissected by deeply-cut stream valleys, coulees and rugged badlands. Permanent streams, springs and oxbow lakes are found throughout the area. This array of habitats supports hundreds of species of native plants & animals, some of which are very rare in Canada. The site also contains many geological features, including one of only five igneous rock dykes known on the Canadian plains, as well as several fossil and archaeological sites

Milk River Natural Area includes part of Milk River Canyon, the deepest canyon on the Canadian prairies. Its grasslands are some of the most diverse and least disturbed in the country. Small, isolated populations of short-horned lizards, the only lizard native to Alberta, are found along the coulee rim where grassland meets exposed bedrock; sleeping beneath the sand at night and basking in the morning sun, this bizarre creature has adapted to life in the hot, dry environment of the area. This site lies in the Grassland Natural Region, Dry Mixedgrass Sub-region. With the exception of glacial lakebed and marshes, most of the landscapes that make up the Dry Mixedgrass Sub-region are moderately well represented in the parks and protected areas network, with about 50% of the preservation targets having been achieved to date (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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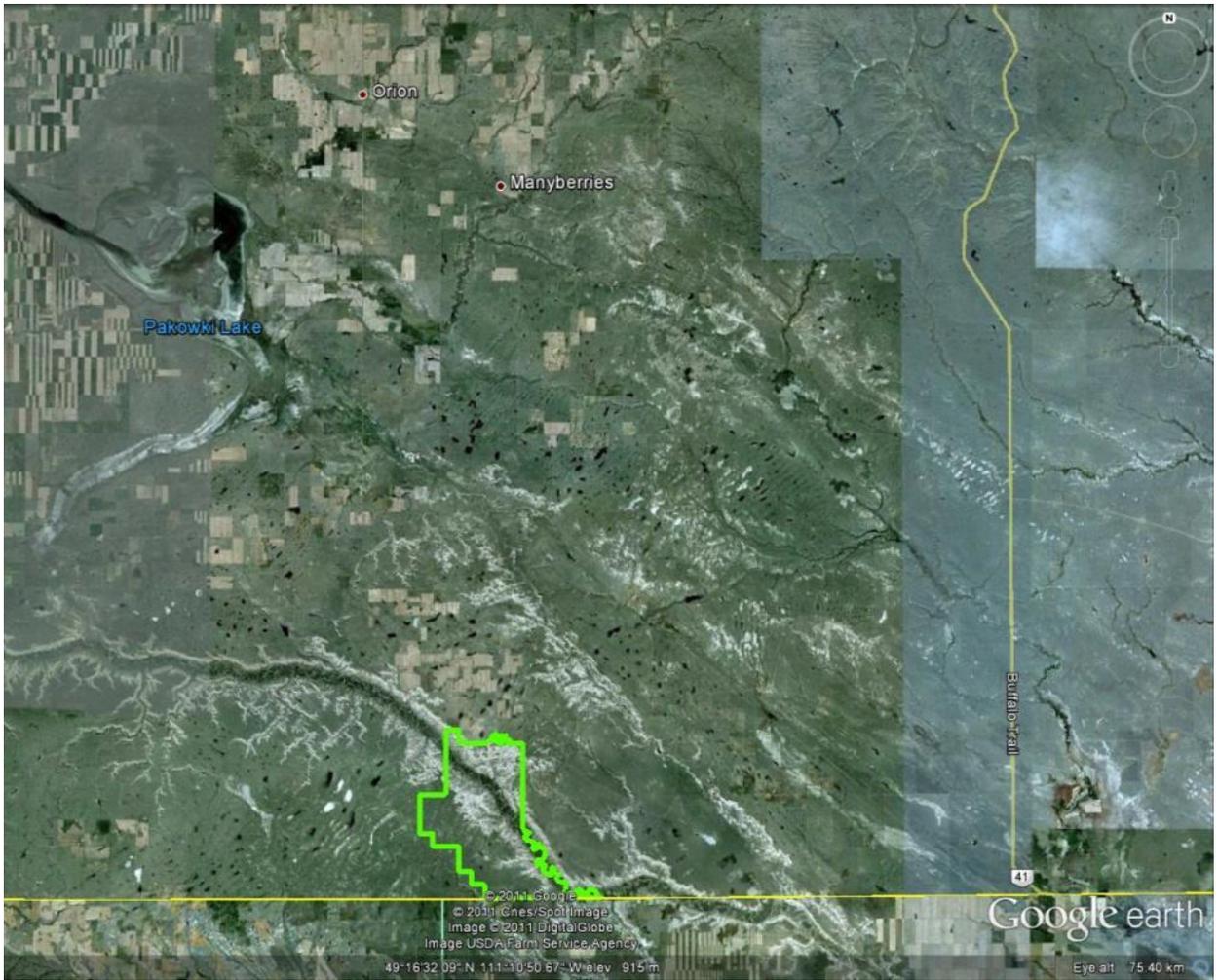
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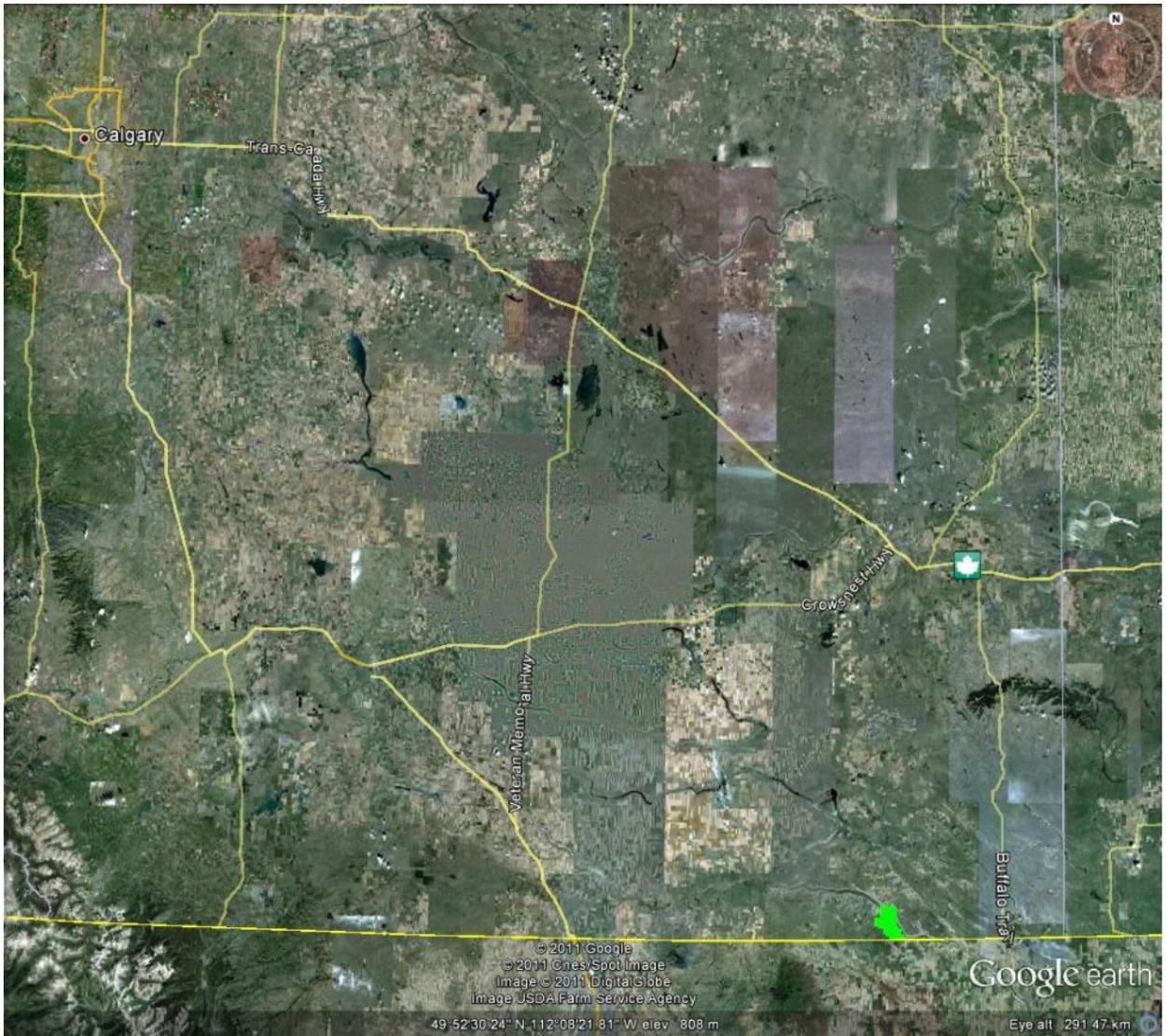
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49°01'32.73" N 110°45'52.90" W elev 994 m

Eye alt 11.77 km





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49° 52' 30.24" N, 112° 08' 21.81" W elev. 808 m

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Eye alt 291.47 km