

Site Name:	Outpost Wetlands
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Conservation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	499
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	588/87
Site # (Parks Website):	514
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	72.44 ha. (179.00 ac.)
Total Area:	72.44 ha. (179.00 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	49.0022263439 N, -113.480426487 W
Natural Region:	Parkland
Natural Subregion(s):	Foothills Parkland
2nd Natural Region:	
2nd Natural Subregion(s):	
IUCN Classification:	II
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	403-382-4097
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Volunteer(s) 2
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Volunteer(s) 3
Steward(s) Dec2011:	yes
Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:	Conditional
Day Use Site(s):	Outpost Wetlands
Recreation Activities:	Birding, Cross-country skiing, Hiking - backcountry

Access:

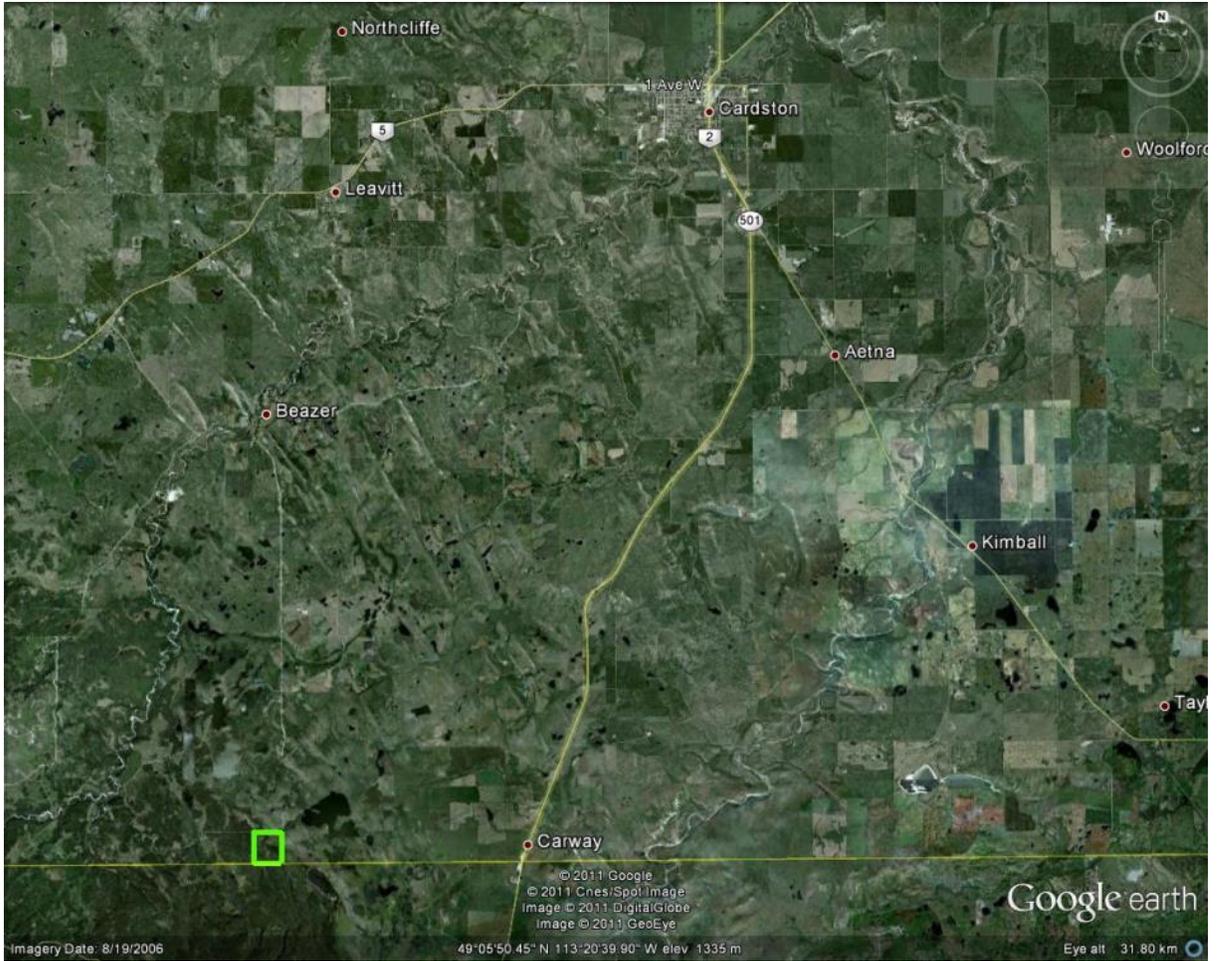
Notes: Outpost Wetlands Natural Area (72 ha), just west of Police Outpost Provincial Park adjacent to the Montana border, preserves a small creek and wetland complex. The Nature Conservancy of Canada, with the Alberta government, provided funding for acquisition of this important natural area. The Conservancy is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the preservation of ecologically significant areas, unique natural features and places of special beauty.

This natural area is bisected by a meltwater channel into which Boundary Creek flows, and is divided into 3 distinct areas: in the northeast portion has south-facing grasslands with bedrock outcrops and patches of horizontal juniper and other wildflowers; the southwest portion is comprised of the lower slope of Chief Mountain which, although covered mostly with aspen forest, contains several open meadows and ravines; the central portion is a large wetland, one of the few remaining in the region. The site supports a variety of birds, including mountain bluebird, common loon, eastern kingbird, American goldfinch and common snipe.

This site lies in the Parkland Natural Region, Foothills Parkland Sub-region. The Foothills Parkland is the most poorly represented sub-region in the parks and protected areas network, with only slightly more than 20% of the level 1 targets achieved to date. There is some representation of all but 1 of the 30 level 2 themes that have been identified (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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49°05'50.45" N 113°20'39.90" W elev 1335 m

Eye alt 31.80 km

