

Site Name:	Rumsey
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Conservation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	576
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	390/96
Site # (Parks Website):	462
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	14922.20 ha. (36872.75 ac.)
Total Area:	14922.20 ha. (36872.75 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	see ER area
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	51.8569305442 N, -112.62035725 W
Natural Region:	Parkland
Natural Subregion(s):	Central Parkland
2nd Natural Region:	Grassland
2nd Natural Subregion(s):	Northern Fescue
IUCN Classification:	VI
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	403-340-7691
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Not Available
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Not Available
Steward(s) Dec2011:	no
Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:	No Surface Access
Day Use Site(s):	Rumsey
Recreation Activities:	none noted

Access:

Notes: Rumsey Natural Area (149 km²) and Rumsey Ecological Reserve (34 km²), located south of Stettler, protect the largest remaining undisturbed tract of aspen parkland in Canada. The area consists of hummocky moraine (knob & kettle) topography, so in wet years, the kettles fill with water; the resulting potholes become some of the most productive waterfowl habitat in North America. Spanning the transition between the Northern Fescue & Central Parkland sub-regions of the Parkland Natural Region, Rumsey protects plants, birds & mammals at both the southern and northern extents of their ranges.

This site is in the Grassland Natural Region, Northern Fescue Sub-region. There is good representation of six of the 14 level 1 natural history themes that define the Northern Fescue Sub-region, however there is poor representation of six other themes. Almost 40% of the level 1 natural history theme preservation targets have been achieved. The natural area was established or expanded as part of the Special Places program (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

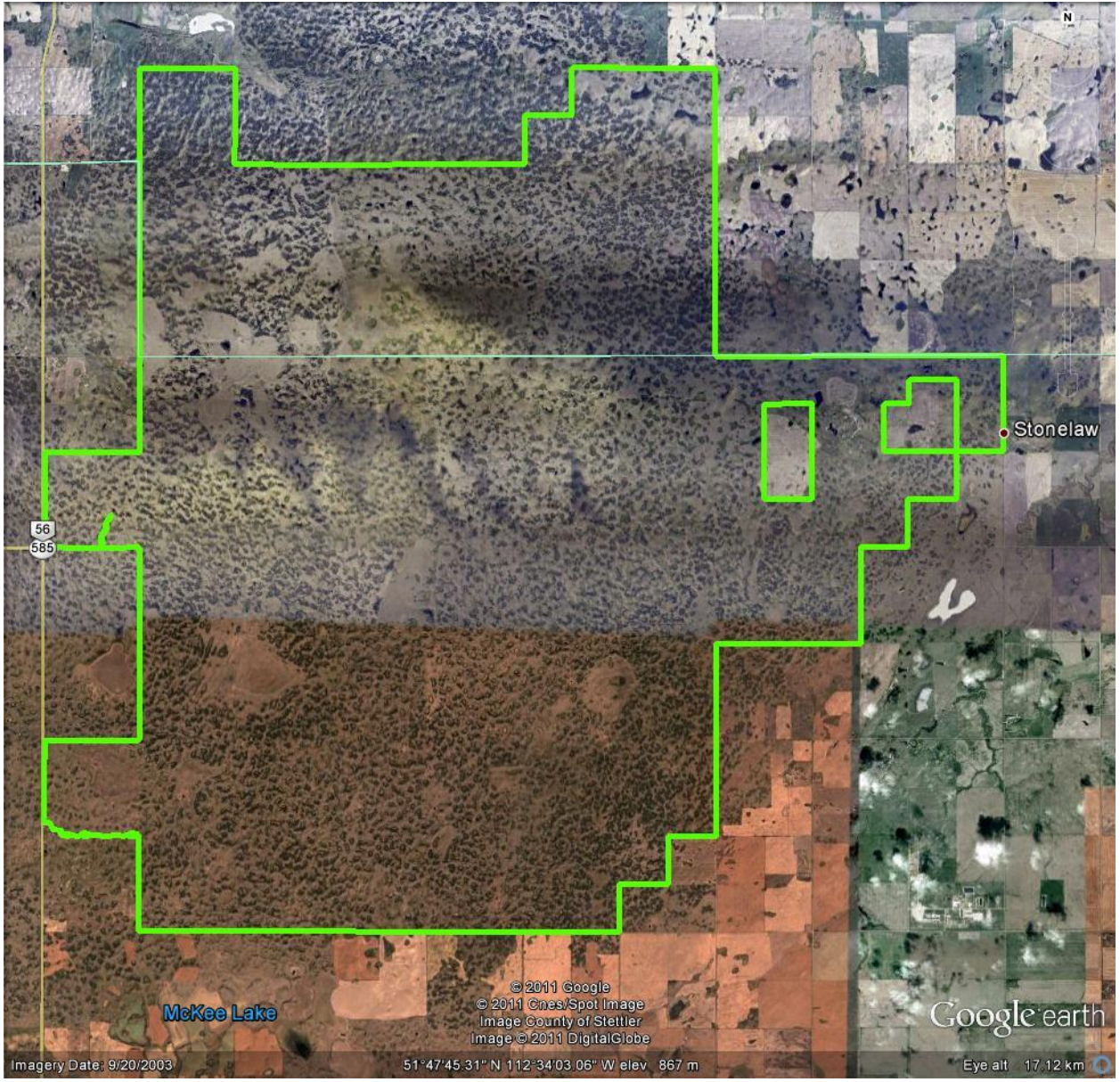
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Photo - Alberta Parks web site, 2012



Botany Alberta outing to Rumsey in 2002 - photo L. Kershaw



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51°47'45.31" N 112°34'03.06" W elev. 867 m

Eye alt 17.12 km

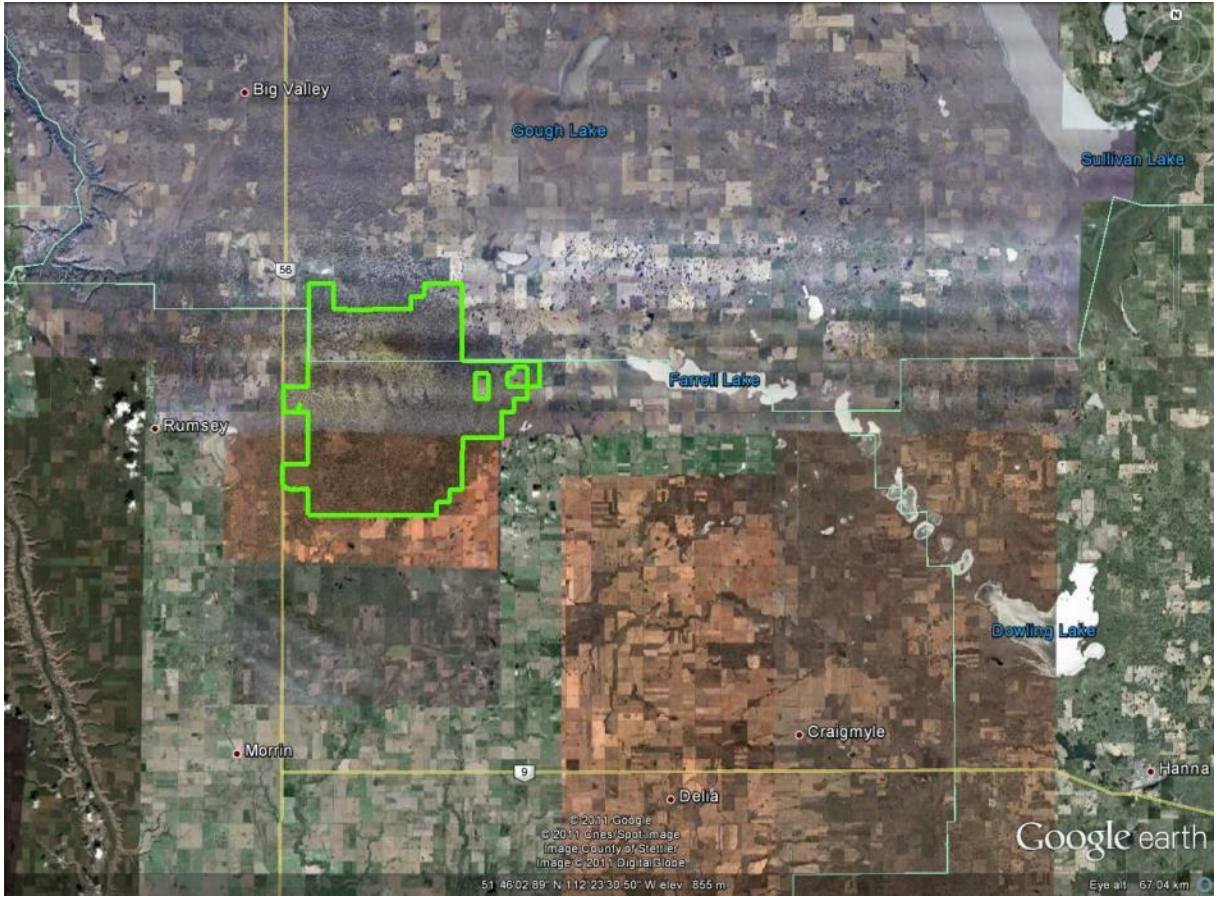
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51°46'02.89" N, 112°23'30.50" W elev: 855 m

Eye alt: 67.04 km

