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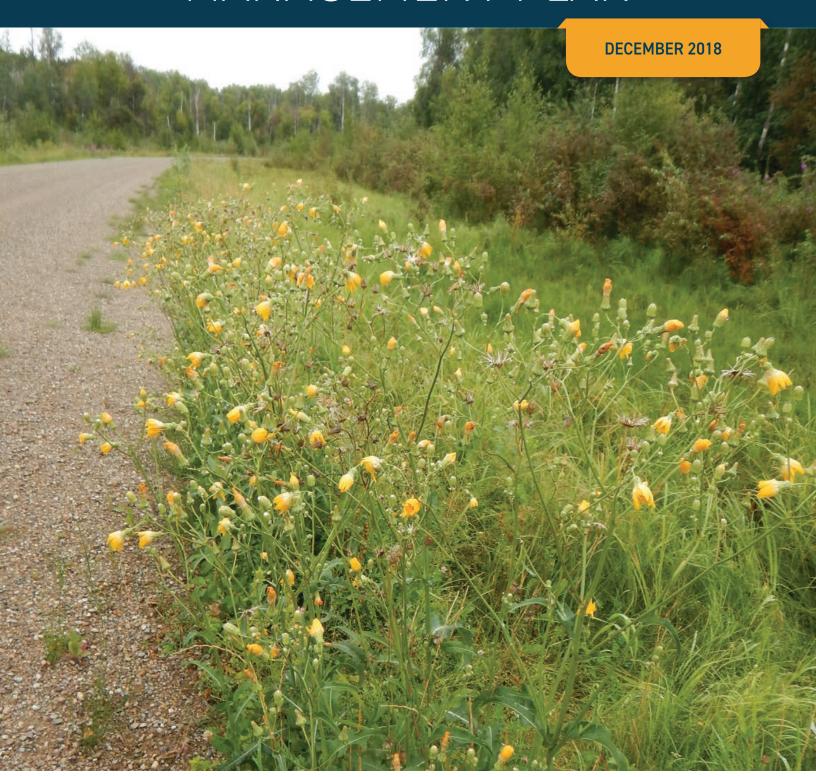
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PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

This Invasive Species Management Plan (ISMP) was prepared for Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) by Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech). The ISMP focuses on vascular plants and presents invasive species management practices to be employed during the construction and operation of the Prairie Creek All-Season Road (ASR) and associated infrastructure.

The Project is located in the south-west corner of the Northwest Territories, approximately 500 km southwest of Yellowknife in the Nahanni National Park Reserve area. The proposed Prairie Creek Access Road will span 170 kilometres through varying mountainous terrain. Some 85 km of the proposed route passes through the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

The purpose of the ISMP is to identify best management practices to identify, control, monitor, and prevent the spread and introduction of invasive species along the Prairie Creek ASR and the surrounding environment during the construction and operation phases of the Project. The ISMP has also been developed in direct response to the following measure presented in the Mackenzie Valley Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision – Canadian Zinc Corp. Prairie Creek All Season Road – Project EA1415-01 (2017):

In order to prevent significant adverse impacts to vegetation communities (which also serve as wildlife habitat), CZN will revise the invasive species management framework and create an Invasive Species Management Plan prior to construction, considering off-site as well as on-site prevention and control. CZN will include the adaptive management principles within the invasive species management framework, the Invasive Species Management Plan, and any individual weed control plans, if or as they are developed.

Roadways provide a vector for the establishment of invasive species. Many invasive plants have the ability to aggressively establish and quickly spread in new environments, altering natural habitats, displacing native species, and reducing habitat effectiveness for wildlife. Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017) detected 118 invasive plant species along highways and rest stops in the NWT, including the Liard Highway. In past surveys for rare plants near the Mine and through the NNPR along the ASR, no invasive species were detected. However, in August 2018, twenty-two (22) of the 118-invasive species listed, plus one species not documented by Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017) were found in high densities between KP 155 to KP 179.5 (south of the Liard River, see Section 6.0; Figures 3a - 3q) of the ASR. No invasive species were detected between KP 155 (just north of the Liard River) to KP 0. However, four invasive species were observed around the Mine site in small numbers. Detailed identification and control measures are provided for each of the 23 species.

The main land management goals and objectives with respect to invasive plant species are as follows:

- As much as possible, prevent invasive species from spreading into the area north of the Liard River and into the NNPR. Vehicle inspections will occur at the Liard River crossing, which will include a wheel wash during the open water season;
- Collaborate with the community of Nahanni Butte to prevent further spread through education, engagement, and involvement with prevention, detection, control, and restoration measures;
- Collaborate with the Government of the Northwest Territories Environment and Natural Resources' Invasive
 Alien Species Program to stay apprised of upcoming threats from adjacent districts and innovative treatment
 technologies; and
- Manage infestation levels so that the project does not result in an increase relative to local and regional background levels.



Four key principles (prevention, detection, control, and restoration) can be applied to any species detected throughout the lifetime of the Project to provide the most applicable mitigation for control. There are several mitigation measures suggested for each principle. Through monitoring, adaptive management can be applied to further refine prevention, detection, and control measures.

Monitoring provides the means to gather information to evaluate the success of prevention, detection, and control measures. Once control measures have been implemented, regular monitoring and follow-up reporting will occur to verify whether the eradication goal has been met and the site has been sufficiently restored to target conditions (e.g., pre-infestation conditions or some equivalent level of acceptability).

Adaptive management will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the ISMP; the Plan is effective if the goals are being met. The ISMP is a living document. As part of the adaptive management approach, this document will require revisions if and when new species are detected/introduced, control methods are added or removed (based on effectiveness), new vectors for spread/propagation are introduced (e.g., natural disturbances such as fire or flood), and/or invasive species legislation changes.

Regular evaluation and self-assessment of all stages of the management process provide information on the outcome of previous interventions and allow for ongoing improvement (Timko & Innes 2009). Consistent, long-term management and control of invasive species is required. Should follow-up operations cease, any advances achieved may be lost in a very short time.

Prior to construction, invasive species should be controlled along the Nahanni Butte community access road, the old logging road and areas proximal to the road cleared by the community, and around the Mine. These areas pose significant risk for spreading invasive species along the ASR.

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ACRONYMS

Acronyms	Definition
ALS	Acetolactate synthase
ASR	Prairie Creek All-Season Road
CZN	Canadian Zinc Corporation
DAR	Developer's Assessment Report
EA	Environmental Assessment
EM	Environmental Monitor
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
HPPD	Hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase
ISMP	Invasive Species Management Plan
NNPR	Nahanni National Park Reserve
NT	Northwest Territories
PCA	Parks Canada Agency
PPO	Protoporphyrinogen oxidase
ROMP	Road Operations and Management Plan

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Glossary of Terms	Definition
Achene	A small, dry, indehiscent fruit with a single locule and a single seed (ovule), and with the seed attached to the ovary wall at a single point, as in the sunflower
Annual	A plant that completes its lifecycle in one year
Auricles	A small, ear-shaped appendage
Biennial	A plant that completes its lifecycle in two years
Bipinnatifid	A pinnatifid leaf having its segments or divisions also pinnatifid
Calyx	The outter perianth whorl; collective term for all the sepals of a flower
Culms	A hollow or pithy stalk or stem, as in the grasses, sedges or rushes
Corolla	The collective name for all the petals of a flower; the inner perianth whorl
Cymes	A flat-topped or round-topped determinate inflorescence, paniculate, in which the terminal flower blooms first
Glabrous	Smooth; hairless
Indehiscent	Not opening at maturity along definite lines or by pores
Involucre	A whorl of bracts subtending a flower or flower cluster
Leaflet	A division of a compound leaf
Ligule	Strap-shaped organ. The flattened part of the ray corolla in the Compositae (Asteraceae) family
Panicle	A loose, branching cluster of flowers. A branched, racemose inflorescence with flowers maturing from the bottom upwards
Pappus	Th modified calyx of the Compositae (Asteraceae) family, consisting of awns, scales, or the bristles at the apex of the achene
Pedicel	The stalk of a single flower in an inflorescence, or of a grass spikelet
Perennial	A plant that lives more than two years
Perianth	The calyx and corolla of a flower, collectively, especially when they are similar in appearance
Petiole	A leaf stalk
Pinnatifid	Lobed half the distance or more to the midrib, but not reaching the midrib
Raceme	An unbranched, elongated inflorescence with pedicellate flowers maturing from the bottom upwards
Rachis	The main axis of a structure, such as a compound leaf or an inflorescence
Ray Flower	A ligulate flower of the Compositae (Asteraceae) family
Rhizome	A horizontal underground stem; rootstock
Sepals	A segment of the calyx of a flower, enclosing the petals and usually green and leaflike

Glossary of Terms	Definition
Sessile	Attached directly, without a supporting stalk, as a leave without a petiole.
Sheath	The portion of an organ which surrounds, at least partly, another organ, as the leaf base of a grass surrounds the stem.
Spike	An unbranched, elongated inflorescence with sessile or subsessile flowers or spikelet maturing from the bottom upward
Spikelets	A small spike or secondary spike; the ultimate flower cluster of grasses and sedges consisting of 1-many flowers subtended by two bracts (glumes)
Stamen	The male reproductive organ of a flower, consisting of an anther and a filament
Stipule	One pair of leaf-like appendages found at the base of a petiole in some leaves

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Invasive Species Management Plan (ISMP) was prepared for Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) by Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech). The ISMP focuses on vascular plants and presents invasive species management practices to be employed during the construction and operation of the Prairie Creek All-Season Road (ASR) and associated infrastructure.

This plan is at a conceptual stage as the mine has not yet been permitted.

1.1 Company Name, Location and Mailing Address

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1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Invasive Species Management Plan is to identify best management practices to identify, control, monitor, and prevent the spread and introduction of invasive species along the Prairie Creek ASR and the surrounding environment during the construction and operation phases of the Project.

1.3 Related Documents

The Invasive Species Management Plan is linked to a number of other CZN management plans including:

- Rare Plant Management Plan;
- Health, Safety and Emergency Response Plan;
- Spill Contingency Plan;
- Sediment and Erosion Control Plan;
- Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan;
- Road Operations and Maintenance Plan;
- Specific Borrow Pit Development Plans; and
- Road Closure and Reclamation Plan.



Details of the road, together with the schedule of road construction and operations/maintenance, are provided in CZN's Road Construction Plan (RCP) and Road Operations and Management Plan (ROMP). A map book of the road is provided in Appendix A.

1.4 Regulatory and Permitting Context

Concerns over the establishment and spread of invasive plant species, along the ASR and into the Nahanni National Park Reserve (NNPR), were raised during the EA of the ASR. In response to information requests during the EA, Tetra Tech developed an Invasive Species Management Framework. In response to the Framework, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board, within the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision – Canadian Zinc Corp. Prairie Creek All Season Road – Project EA1415-01 (2017, the 'REA') included the following measures:

CZN will survey the entire right-of-way for the presence of invasive species, prior to ground disturbance during construction, focussing on areas with higher likelihood for the establishment of invasive species.

In order to prevent significant adverse impacts to vegetation communities (which also serve as wildlife habitat), CZN will revise the invasive species management framework and create an Invasive Species Management Plan prior to construction, considering off-site as well as on-site prevention and control. CZN will include the adaptive management principles within the invasive species management framework, the Invasive Species Management Plan, and any individual weed control plans, if or as they are developed.

Prior to the commencement of construction, the Invasive Species Management Plan will be reviewed and approved by Parks Canada and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, with input from the Government of Northwest Territories where appropriate, as conditions in their respective land use permits. The developer will implement the approved plan(s).

Tetra Tech previously undertook rare plant surveys (dates and road sections). While the focus of these surveys was rare plants, observations for the presence/absence of invasive species also occurred. A survey specific to the presence of invasive species, to complement the previous surveys and to fully address Measure 11-2, Part 2 of the REA, was completed in August 2018. The results of these surveys were used to inform mitigation measures and this ISMP, consistent with Measure 11-2, Parts 2-4.

1.5 Roles and Responsibilities

The ISMP is a living document which incorporates an adaptive management approach. This document will be reviewed every five (5) years and updated accordingly. More frequent revisions may be required if and when new species are detected/introduced, control methods are added or removed (based on effectiveness), and/or invasive species legislation changes. CZN's Environmental Monitor (EM), in collaboration with affected communities and regulatory agencies, will be responsible for implementing the ISMP. CZN will be responsible for appointing appropriate, qualified staff to identify and control invasive species.

CZN's EM will be properly certified and trained in the detection and management of invasive species and will be responsible for:

- Ensuring prevention measures for invasive species are followed;
- Monitoring current infestations of invasive species;
- Monitoring control measure success;



- Detecting new infestations and/or new invasive species;
- Reporting, maintaining a database, record keeping, and trend tracking; and
- Updating this management plan to reflect changes to legislation, new invasive species, changing control
 measures, etc.

All staff utilizing the road should be introduced to the concept and importance of invasive species during orientation and provided with contact to report suspicious plants.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

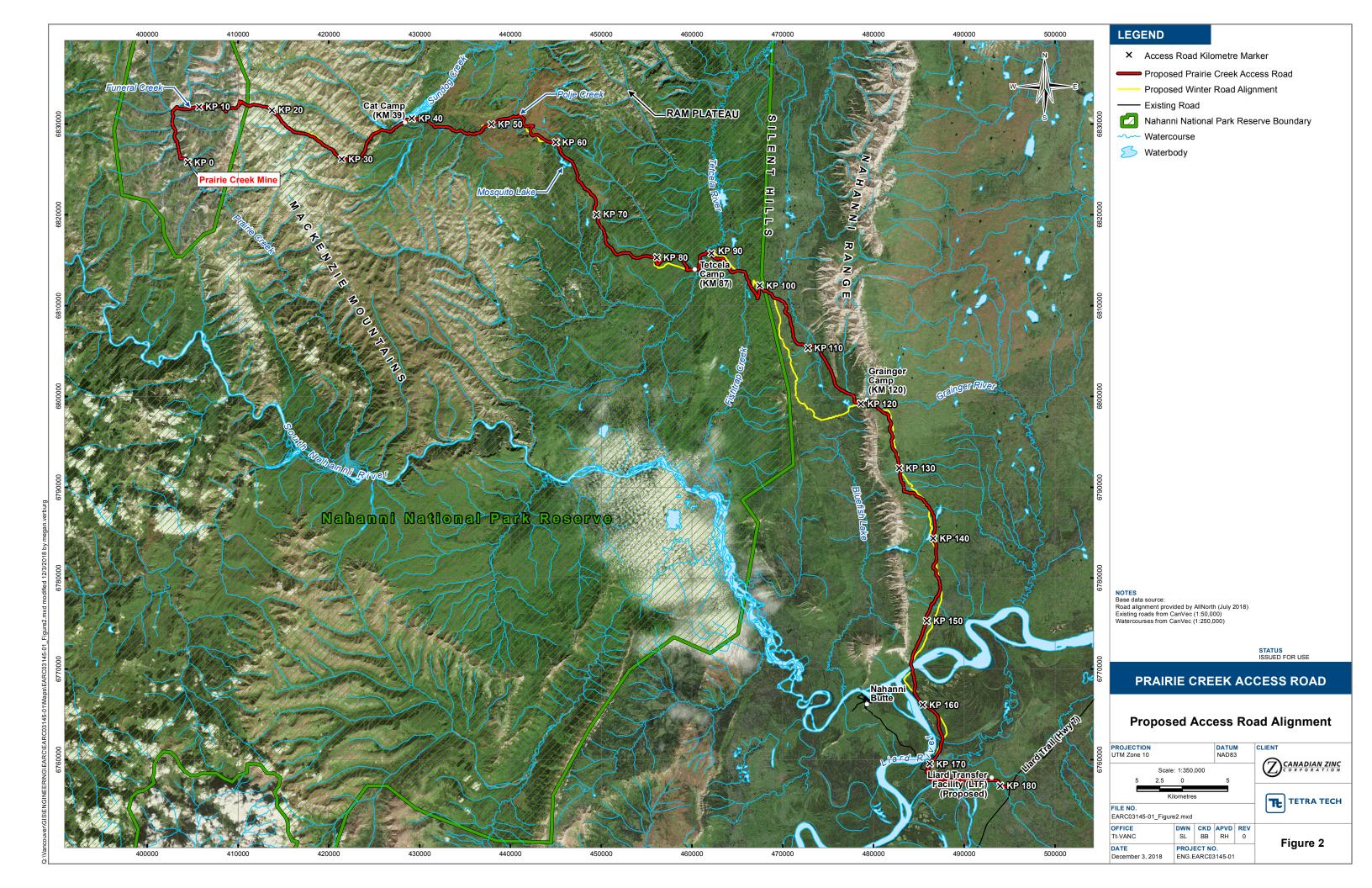
CZN is planning to operate the Prairie Creek Mine. The Mine is located at approximately 61° 33' north latitude and 124° 48' west longitude adjacent to Prairie Creek, a tributary of the South Nahanni River, south-west NWT (Figure 1).

A 179.5 km All Season Road (ASR) connecting the Mine (at Km 0) to the Liard Highway via the Nahanni Butte access road (Figure 2) will generally follow the alignment of a previously permitted Winter Road, while reflecting the terrain, site characteristics, and road specifications suitable and preferred for the ASR. Approximately half of the proposed ASR (85 km between Km 17-102)) is located within the NNPR. The NNPR, a world heritage site, is known for its globally-significant karst terrain, as well as the South Nahanni River, a Canadian Heritage River. Approximately half of the ASR alignment will directly overlap with the alignment of the permitted Winter Road.

Construction of the ASR will take approximately 3 years to complete. Initial winter roads will be built to gain access to the Mine, allow further investigation of the ASR alignment to complete detailed design, and to provide access for ASR construction. CZN's intent is to build the initial winter roads on the ASR alignment as much as possible to minimize the total extent of disturbance

The ASR will cross approximately 18 major streams with clear span bridges or large diameter culverts, and 85 minor streams with culvert diameters ranging from 800 mm to 2000 mm based on the size of the stream. Construction of the ASR will be supported by temporary camps at Km 23 (Sundog), Km 39 (Cat Camp), Km 65, Km 87, Km 121 (Grainger Gap), Km 151 or 158, and Km 177.5. The camps at Km 39, Km 87 and Km 121 will likely be retained in a reduced form to support on-going road maintenance.





3.0 BACKGROUND

Invasive alien plant species are those that have been introduced into areas beyond their natural range and are capable of causing significant harm to the environment, economy, or society (GNWT and NWT Biodiversity Team 2010). Generally, the Northwest Territories (NT) has fewer documented occurrences of invasive species despite its size compared to the rest of Canada. The NT does not have legislation pertaining specifically to weed control. Invasive species are likely to cause economic and environmental damage and should be controlled and/or prevented from dispersing. Increasing development, disturbance, and climate change may promote conditions favorable for the establishment of invasive species.

Roadways provide a vector for the establishment of invasive species. Invasive plants have the ability to aggressively establish and quickly spread in new environments, altering natural habitats, displacing native species, and reducing habitat effectiveness for wildlife. Once native species are displaced, conditions become favorable for the establishment of other invasive species, further compounding the issue. Invasive species can degrade riparian areas, destabilize slopes, increase fire hazards, reduce sightlines, and damage road infrastructure.

3.1 Invasive Plant Species within the Northwest Territories

Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017) detected 118 invasive plant species along highways and rest stops in the NWT, including the Liard Highway (Table1). Not including those that are already present along the existing portions of the ASR (see Section 3.2 below), the remaining species also have the potential to spread along the existing road network to the ASR. Not all of the species will require control as they are not aggressively invasive. Note that White Cockle (*Silene latifolia* ssp. *alba*) was found along the existing portions of the ASR but is not listed by Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017).

Table 1: Invasive Species Documented in the Northwest Territories

Common Name	Scientific Name
Manitoba Maple	Acer negundo
Pearl Yarrow	Achillea ptarmica
Crested Wheat Grass	Agropyron cristatum spp pectinatum (Agropyron pectiniforme)
Siberian Wheat Grass	Agropyron fragile (Agropyron sibiricum)
Black Bentgrass	Agrostis gigantean
Spreading Bentgrass	Agrostis stolonifera
Welsh Onion	Allium fistulosum
Creeping Meadow-foxtail	Alopecurus arundinaceus
Field Meadow-foxtail	Alopecurus pratensis
Green Amaranth	Amaranthus retroflexus
Annual ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia
Wooly Burdock	Arctium tomentosum
Biennial Sagebrush	Artemisia biennis
Garden Orache	Atriplex hortensis
Spreading Orache	Atriplex patula
Wild Oats	Avena fatua
Cultivated Oats	Avena sativa
Russian Pigweed	Axyris amaranthoides
Mexican Summer-cypress	Bassia scoparia
English Daisy	Bellis perennis

Table 1: Invasive Species Documented in the Northwest Territories

Common Name	Scientific Name
Hoary False-alyssum	Berteroa incana
Chinese Mustard	Brassica juncea
Turnip	Brassica napus
Bird Rape	Brassica rapa var. rapa (Brassica campestris)
Meadow Brome	Bromus commutatus
Soft Brome	Bromus hordeaceus (Bromus mollis)
^*Awnless Brome	Bromus inermis
Corn Brome	Bromus squarrosus
Downy Brome	Bromus tectorum
Large-seeded False Flax	Camelina sativa
Shepherd's Purse	Capsella bursa-pastoris
Siberian Pea-tree	Caragana arborescens
Wild Caraway	Carum carvi
Common chickweed	Cerastium fontanum (C. glomeratum, Cerastium vulgatum)
Nodding Chickweed	Cerastium nutans
Dwarf Snapdragon	Chaenorhinum minus
Lamb's Quarters	
	Chenopodium album
Maple-leaved Goosefoot	Chenopodium simplex (Chenopodium hybridum var igantospermum)
^Creeping Canada Thistle	Cirsium arvense
Golden Clematis	Clematis tangutica
Narrow-leaved Collomia	(Collomia linearis)
Hairy Bugseed	Corispermum villosum
*Narrow-leaf Hawksbeard	Crepis tectorum
Orchard Grass	Dactylis glomerata
Dwarf Delphinium	Delphinium elatum
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Table 1: Invasive Species Documented in the Northwest Territories

Common Name	Scientific Name
Mexican Summer-cypress (Burningbush)	Kochia scoparia
Prickly Lettuce	Lactuca serriola
Common Dead Nettle	Lamium amplexicaule
European Stickseed	Lappula squarrosa (Lappula echinata)
Dense-flower Peperwort	Lepidium densiflorum
Garden Pepperwort	Lepidium sativum
Poor-man's Peppergrass	Lepidium virginicum
*Ox-eye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum)
Great Basin Lymegrass	Leymus cinereus
Butter-and-Eggs	Linaria vulgaris
Common Yellow Flax	Linum usitatissimum
Tall Rye Grass	Lolium arundinaceum
Annual Rye Grass	Lolium multiflorum
Perennial Rye Grass	Lolium perenne
Tatarian Honeysuckle	Lonicera tatarica
Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus
Dwarf Mallow	Malva neglecta
Pineapple Weed	Matricaria discoidea (M. matricarioides; M. suaveolens)
*Yellow Alfalfa	Medicago falcata
Black Medick	Medicago Iupulina
*Alfalfa	Medicago sativa
^*White Sweet-clover	Melilotus albus
^*Yellow Sweet-clover	Melilotus officinalis
Yellow Ball Mustard	Neslia paniculata
Sainfoin	Onobrychis viciifolia
Wild Parsnip	Pastinaca sativa
Pale Smartweed	Persicaria lapathifolia
Common Canary Grass	Phalaris canariensis
Two-row Stonecrop	Phedimus spurius
Common Timothy	Phleum pretense
Nipple-seed Plantain	Plantago major
Annual Bluegrass	Poa annua
Flat-stem Bluegrass	Poa compressa
Striate Knotweed	Polygonum achoreum
Prostrate Knotweed	Polygonum aviculare (Polygonum buxiforme)
Speading Alkali Grass	Puccinellia distans
Common Buttercup	Ranunculus acris
Wild Radish	Raphanus raphanistrum
Garden Radish	Raphanus sativus
Rhubarb	Rheum rhabarbarum
Curly Dock (Yellow Dock)	Rumex crispus
Procumbent Pearlwort	Sagina procumbens
Autumn Hawkbit	Scorzoneroides autumnalis
Tall Rye Grass (Tall Fescue)	Schedonorus arundinaceum (Lolium arundinaceum; Festuca arundinacea)
Cultivated Rye	Secale cereale

Table 1: Invasive Species Documented in the Northwest Territories

Common Name	Scientific Name
Common Ragwort	Senecio vulgaris
Rough Bristlegrass	Setaria verticillata
Green Bristlegrass	Setaria viridis
Balkan Cathfly	Silene csereii
Corn Mustard	Sinapis arvensis
Tall Hedge Mustard	Sisymbrium altissimum
False London Rocket	Sisymbrium loeselii
*Field Sow Thistle	Sonchus arvensis
Common Sow-thistle	Sonchus oleraceus
False Spiraea	Sorbaria sorbifolia
Corn Spurrey	Spergula arvensis
Garden Spinach	Spinacia oleracea
Hispid Hedge-nettle	Stachys hispida
Common Starwort	Stellaria media
*Common Tansy	Tanacetum vulgare
Red-seeded Dandelion	Taraxacum erythrospermum (T. laevigatum; T. scanicum)
Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale
Intermediate Quackgrass	Thinopyrum intermedium
Field Pennycress / Stinkweed	Thlaspi arvense
Yellow Goatsbeard	Tragopogon dubius (major)
*Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum
*Red Clover	Trifolium pretense
White Clover	Trifolium repens
	Tripleurospermum inodorum (Tripleurospermum perforata, Atricaria
*Scentless Chamomile (False Mayweed)	perforata)
Bread Wheat	Triticum aestivum
Long-leaf Speedwell	Veronica longifolia
Tufted Vetch (Bird Vetch)	Vicia cracca
Johnny-jump-up	Viola tricolor
Brome Six-weeks Grass Notes:	Vulpia bromoides

3.2 Invasive Plant Surveys

Four rare plant surveys of the ASR alignment, 1980's winter road, and other areas of proposed development (e.g., borrow sources) have been completed to date (2009, 2010, 2016, and 2017) at various times in the summer (June to August) to capture a range of flowering periods. No invasive species were observed during any of these surveys.

^{*}Denotes priority species in the NWT according to Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017) (12 in total)

[^]Denotes species of concern listed in a pamphlet called Invaders in the Northwest Territories produced by the GNWT and the Government of Canada

Species highlighted in blue were found along the existing CZN access road corridor in 2018

Species highlighted in green were found along the existing CZN access road and Highway 7

Species highlighted in yellow were found along Highway 7

In August 2018, Tetra Tech conducted an invasive plant species survey. The survey generally followed the walking survey methodology as presented in Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017). The invasive plants listed in Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017) were the focus of the survey. The 2018 baseline invasive plant survey scope of work on and near the proposed access road alignment included:

- Survey areas of the access road that overlap with previous anthropogenic vehicular/machine disturbance, including the historic winter road and exploration cut-lines;
- Survey the Nahanni Butte community access road from the Liard Highway to the Liard River that overlaps with the CZN access road;
- Survey the old logging road from the Nahanni Butte access road to the Liard River that was cleared by the Nahanni Butte community previously, sections of which will be overlapped by the ASR;
- Survey the Prairie Creek Mine site;
- Survey/spot check pristine areas along the ASR that are currently undisturbed; and
- Provide a summary report of findings.

Twenty-three (23) invasive species were identified in high densities between KP 155 to KP 179.5 (south of the Liard River, see Section 6.0; Figures 3a - 3q). No invasive species were detected between KP 155 (just north of the Liard River) to KP 0. However, four invasive species were observed around the Mine site in small numbers. Previous vegetation surveys within the NNPR did not detect invasive species.

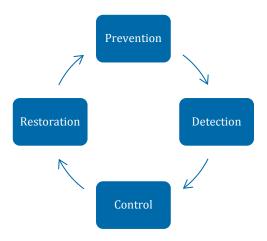
Bison may be a contributing factor to the spread of invasive species south of the Liard River. One year after the community of Nahanni Butte conducted additional clearing proximal to the old logging road, high densities of invasive species were found along the cut-line. These species may also have resulted from contaminated equipment. Community members do not use the cutline (it is relatively inaccessible due to terrain) however, it seems to be favored by bison to move between habitats, as evident from well-trodden trails and wallows.

The challenge for invasive plant management along the ASR will be keeping invasive species from spreading into the area north of the Liard River and into the NNPR.



4.0 INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Four key principles (prevention, detection, control, and restoration) can be applied to any species detected throughout the lifetime of the Project to provide the most applicable mitigation for control. Through monitoring, adaptive management can be applied to further refine prevention, detection, and control measures.



4.1 Land Management Goals and Objectives

The land management goals and objectives with respect to invasive plant species are as follows:

- As much as possible, prevent invasive species from spreading into the area north of the Liard River and into the NNPR;
- Collaborate with the community of Nahanni Butte to prevent further spread through education, engagement, and involvement with prevention, detection, control, and restoration measures;
- Collaborate with the Government of the Northwest Territories Environment and Natural Resources' Invasive
 Alien Species Program to stay apprised of upcoming threats from adjacent districts and innovative treatment
 technologies;
- Manage infestation levels so that the project does not result in an increase relative to local and regional background levels;
- Protect public health, environmental resources, and ecologically sensitive areas; and
- Prevent the establishment of new invasive species through early detection and rapid response.



4.2 Prevention

Preventative measures are controls used to stop the initial establishment or further spread of invasive species through construction and operation of the ASR. Examples of preventative measures include:

- Minimize the spread of invasive species through measures such as mowing. Where possible, mow in areas with native vegetation first and mow infested areas last. Invasive species should be mowed before seed set. Depending on the species and growth stage, ditch clippings may require collection and formal disposal (e.g., in a designated area). A mow height of 15 cm is recommended. Ensure equipment is properly cleaned after each use;
- At the planned Liard River vehicle inspection station, check for dirt and debris and wash if necessary. A wheel
 wash is planned for the open water season. The inspection station should be contained such that contaminated
 water may not flow into the surrounding environment;
- Road use monitoring to deter access and use of the road by unauthorized persons. Off-road vehicles have a
 high potential of introducing invasive species; road use monitoring (a checkpoint) is proposed on the ASR north
 of the Liard River;
- Recontour, seed, and/or plant with native species in disturbed areas as soon as possible to inhibit the
 establishment of invasive species. Ensure seed mixes consist of native species and free of weeds (request a
 certificate of seed analysis). See Canada's Seeds Act (2018a), Seeds Regulations (2018b) and Weed Seeds
 Order (2018c);
- Any fill or rock brought on site should be clean and free of debris. Avoid using sediment erosion control materials such as straw bales, unless they have been certified to be free of weeds;
- Limit vehicle traffic, staging areas, roadside parking (where possible) through areas with known weed infestations:
- Wildlife, especially bison, may contribute to the spread of invasive species. Consider using devices such as cattle guards to discourage wildlife from using the ASR; and
- Encourage the establishment of native vegetation in disturbed areas through natural encroachment. Native vegetation, once established, is often effective at keeping invasive species out.

4.3 Detection

During the growing season, an invasive species survey will be completed once per month. Early detection and rapid response are the most effective ways to control the spread of invasive species. Accurate species identification and detection will help the EM to understand growth rates, mechanisms for spread, preferred environmental conditions, and the most suitable control method (if warranted). For consistency, survey methods will generally follow those described by Oldham and Delisle-Oldham (2017; Appendix A); when a detection is first made, the following information will be recorded:

- Geographic location;
- Percent cover;
- Other species present amongst the infestation; and
- Extent of infestation

Other considerations will include:

 Potential effects of the species (e.g., is it altering ecosystem processes? How competitive is it with native species?);



- By what means does the species spread (e.g., vegetatively vs. seed);
- How valuable and/or rare is the habitat with the infestation; and
- How difficult would it be to treat the infestation (and maintain it over time to limit re-infestations) and to reestablish with native species.

Once an invasive species is identified, control measures will begin promptly as this is the best method for reducing the risk of spread.

4.4 Management Strategies, Control Options, and Restoration

If prevention measures fail and an invasive species infestation is detected, mitigation measures may be required. First, the EM should determine and address the condition that caused the infestation (e.g., how invasive species were introduced to an area). Next, a control measure and eradication goal should be determined. For treatment, a combined approach between mechanical (e.g., mowing, pulling, etc.) and chemical practices often work best depending on the target species and adjacent landscape features. Invasive species should be removed prior to seed set.

The treatment type will be determined based on the following criteria:

- Species composition of native species and invasive species. Some areas will have several invasive species in one location;
- Percent bare ground;
- Accessibility (e.g., terrain);
- Safety issues to contractors, the community, and the environment;
- Short and long-term effects of the treatment options being considered;
- Effectiveness of the treatment options considered;
- Cost of the treatment;
- Benefits and limitations of each method:
- Weather conditions (e.g., wind, precipitation) for chemical application;
- Land use management practices of adjacent land, especially around the community of Nahanni Butte and waterbodies;
- Sensitive environmental features such as watercourses, wetlands, lakes, and habitat for species at risk (plants and wildlife);
- Herbicide properties such as toxicity, use around water, lag time before replanting/seeding, selectiveness, etc.;
- Revegetation strategies will consider soil type, moisture regime, compaction, growing season, etc.;
- Mulch from grass clippings can supress or stunt growth of invasive species; and
- Hand pulling is useful for annuals and tap-rooted plants where the infestation is small or in sensitive areas such
 as riparian zones. Weeds will be bagged, removed from site, and disposed of in a manner that will not result in
 an infestation in the disposal area.

Some control measures may require consultation with applicable stakeholders; existing regulations may also potentially limit the application of specific mitigation measures (e.g., the use of herbicides in National Parks or other treatment measures such as prescribed burns). Suggested treatments for the 23 species observed during the



baseline survey are detailed in Section 6.0. As new species are discovered, appropriate treatment plans will be developed.

4.5 Monitoring and Reporting

Monitoring provides the means to gather information to evaluate the success of prevention, detection, and control measures. Once control measures have been implemented, regular monitoring and follow-up reporting will occur to verify whether the eradication goal has been met and the site has been sufficiently restored to target conditions (e.g., pre-infestation conditions or some equivalent level of acceptability). Once an area has been treated, the EM should assess the effectiveness for all species treated, percent cover before and after treatment (of invasive and native species), and the overall condition of the treated area. If eradication goals are not met, alternative control measures may need to be deployed.

If control measures are effective, the site can enter back into regular monitoring with the rest of the ASR. The ultimate focus is to maintain native vegetation communities. Areas that are likely the most vulnerable to invasive species are areas disturbed by construction and road operation. In these areas, if invasive species are detected, additional techniques may warrant consideration to encourage native plant encroachment and limit pathways for the establishment of invasive species.

Monitoring for invasive species should occur at regular intervals (a minimum of once per month) during the growing season (June to August), during operation of the access road as recommended for appropriate detection (Section 4.3). Monitoring during construction should also occur once vehicle access from either the Mine or the Nahanni Butte access road is possible. Inventories of species and their infestation areas should be maintained. Depending on the time of year when treatment is applied, effectiveness will be monitored within two weeks of treatment. A database will be developed to track all activities and an annual report will be prepared summarizing yearly activities and progress.

4.6 Adaptive Management

Adaptive management will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the ISMP; the Plan is effective if the goals are being met. The ISMP is a living document. As part of the adaptive management approach, this document will require revisions if and when new species are detected/introduced, control methods are added or removed (based on effectiveness), new vectors for spread/propagation are introduced (e.g., natural disturbances such as fire or flood), and/or invasive species legislation changes.

Regular evaluation and self-assessment of all stages of the management process provide information on the outcome of previous interventions and allow for ongoing improvement (Timko & Innes 2009). Consistent, long-term management and control of invasive species is required. Should follow-up operations cease, any advances achieved may be lost in a very short time.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Prior to construction, invasive species should be controlled along the Nahanni Butte community access road, the old logging road and areas proximal to it cleared by the community (cut-line), and around the Mine. These areas pose significant risk for spreading invasive species along the ASR.

6.0 SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL PLANS

Lifecycles, physical descriptions, key identification features, avenues of disbursement, favorable habitats, and applicable control measures are listed for each invasive plant species observed during the 2018 baseline survey. Certain features are more obvious in some species (e.g., seeds) than others and therefore may not be described for each species.

6.1 Biennial Sagebrush (Artemisia biennis)

Synonyms

Biennial wormwood

Life Cycle

Annual or biennial

Leaves

Leaves are hairless, have toothed margins, and grow alternately. The lower leaves are bipinnatifid and the upper leaves are pinnatifid

Stems

Reddish-green stems about 5cm in diameter, growing 30-100 cm tall

Flowers

A rod of densely clustered greenish-yellow flower heads. Each globe-like flower is about 0.3 cm in diameter

Similar Species

Biennial Sagebrush plants can appear very similar to Common Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*). However, Common Ragweed have hairs on the leaves and stems while Biennial Sagebrush is hairless. Additionally, Biennial Sagebrush releases a carrot or sage-like odour when crushed while Common Ragweed does not.

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seed

Favourable Habitat

Moist riparian areas such as marshes and along banks and shorelines, and in areas with anthropogenic disturbance such as roadsides, railway embankments, quarries, ditches, field edges, and waste places.

Control Measures

One of the most effective control methods of Biennial Sagebrush is hand-pulling and/or mowing repeatedly before seed heads are mature (Kegode & Darbyshire 2013).

Chemical control is another option; however, Biennial Sagebrush is tolerant of several herbicides, including dinitroanalines and many acetolactate synthase (ALS), hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase (HPPD), and protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO) inhibitors, acetamides, and more (Kegode et al 2007). It also avoids most exposure to herbicides through late emergence in the spring/summer (Johnson et al. 2004). Post-emergence control of Biennial Sagebrush can be achieved at an 80% success rate by applying Atrazine, Bentazon, Clopyralid, Dicamba, Glufosinate, Glyphosate, MCPA, 2,4-D to seedlings under 8 cm (Kegode & Darbyshire 2013). When seedlings are taller, 90% control can be attained with Benzaton and Glyphosate (Kegode & Fronning 2005).



Biennal Sagebrush *Artemisia biennis*

Mature Plant



Flowers



Juvenile Plant



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Awnless Brome Bromus inermis

Mature Plant



Flowers



Seeds



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6.2 Awnless Brome (Bromus inermis)

Synonyms

Smooth Brome, Bromegrass, Austrian Brome, Hungarian Brome, Russian Brome

Life Cycle

Perennial

Leaves

Flat, nearly hairless blades growing 15-40 cm long and 5-15 mm wide. Sheath is closed, creating a V-shaped notch

Stems

Erect stems 20-150 cm tall

Flowers

The panicle is open and nodding, and 5-20 cm long. Several branches grow per node, each branch bearing purple to brown spikelets

Similar Species

Awnless Brome can be distinguished from Nodding Brome (*B. anomalus*) by the presence of an open panicle (not a drooping panicle) and a creeping rhizome

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction (tillers, rhizomes, stolons)

Favourable Habitat

Fields, pastures, roadsides, and sandy river banks and islands

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations. For larger infestations, the most effective control of Awnless Brome is through four repetitions of intensive mowing (Sather 1987). The timing of mowing is important: cutting should occur during the boot and/or short blade stages (Sather 1987) and not during stem elongation, which may actually accelerate growth.

Prescribed burns may also be effective control measures (Howard 1996), depending on the timing of the burn and the community composition, as native species must be able to re-establish the burned area (Otfinowski et al. 2006). One study found that peak reduction in tiller density and Awnless Brome biomass was achieved when fire was prescribed during tiller elongation (Willson & Stubbendieck 2000). Another study found that a springtime (May) prescribed fire in conjunction with a high watering regime to increase soil moisture decreased the percent Awnless Brome more than burning conducted with low soil moisture levels (Blankenspoor & Larson 1994). Having a high soil-moisture may give native grasses the competitive edge competitive edge necessary to outcompete the Awnless Brome post-fire.

Awnless Brome may also be effectively controlled using Glyphosate, Dalapon or Atrazine before flowering (Howard 1996, Otfinowski et al. 2006).



Shepherd's Purse Capsella bursa-pastoris

Mature Plant

Flowers



Triangular Seed Pods



Bubar et al. 2000

6.3 Shepherd's Purse (Capsella bursa-pastoris)

Synonyms

None

Life Cycle

Annual, Winter Annual

Leaves

Rosette of wavy to deeply lobed basal leaves. Small, stalkless stem leaves, decreasing in size toward the top of the plant, with smooth to lobed margins

Stems

Grow up to 80 cm tall

Flowers

Small white flowers with 4 sepals and petals

Seeds

Seeds are oblong, 1mm long, and orange to yellow in colour with a punctured surface. Seed pods are flattened and almost heart-shaped (triangular with a notch at the top). Each seed pod contains about 20 seeds

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding. Several stems can arise from the same root

Favourable Habitat

Cultivated areas, waste areas, meadows, roadways

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations (Government of Alberta 2009b)

Chemical control, however is the recommended means of control (Government of Alberta 2009b). Control of fall rosettes is most important, as over-winter rosettes overtake quickly in the spring (Government of Alberta 2009b, Government of Manitoba 2017g). Late fall applications of some Group 2 and 4 herbicides such as 2,4-D and MCPA are recommended (Government of Alberta 2009b, Government of Manitoba 2018). Alternatively, burndown herbicides may be applied in the spring when weeds are small and actively growing and fall rosettes have not bolted (Government of Alberta 2009b).

Tillage is not recommended as a form of control for this invasive species.



Maple-leaved Goosefoot Chenopodium simplex

Mature Plant

Flowers



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Leaves



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6.4 Maple-leaved Goosefoot (Chenopodium simplex)

Synonyms

Giant Seed Goosefoot

Life Cycle

Annual

Roots

Has a taproot

Leaves

Alternate, bright green, oval to triangular in shape and resembling maple leaves, with 2-4 deep teeth or waves on the margins

Stems

Bright green, grooved, hairless stem growing 30-150 cm tall

Flowers

Small green flowers less than 2mm wide

Seeds

Shiny, black, disk-shaped seeds 1.5-2mm diameter

Similar Species

Maple-leaved Goosefoot is similar to several other species in the *Chenopodium* genus. Lamb's Quarters (*C. album*) has wider leaves with a mealy underside, Oak-leaved Goosefoot (*C. glaucum*) has leaves with white undersides, and Strawberry Blite (*C. capitatum*) has fleshy red flowers

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Waste areas, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

Chemical control may be effective using some Group 4 and 7 herbicides such as MCPA and Linuron (Government of Manitoba 2018)

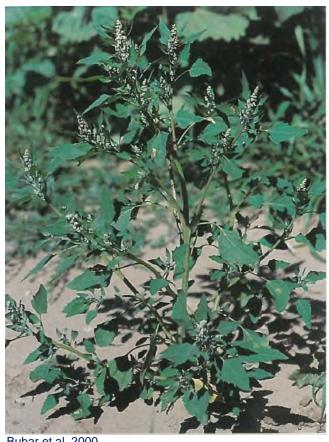


Lamb's Quarters Chenopodium album

Mature Plant







Bubar et al. 2000



Bubar et al. 2000

Striped Stem



Bubar et al. 2000

6.5 Lamb's Quarters (Chenopodium album)

Synonyms

Pigweed, Fat-hen, White Goosefoot

Life Cycle

Annual

Leaves

Alternate, stalked leaves of variable shape (often triangular) with toothed margins. The upper surface is green. The lower surface is greyish-green and often covered with white mealy particles

Stems

Erect, branched stems growing 60-250 cm tall. Stems are green and grooved, with purple or red vertical striping

Flowers

Small and inconspicuous green or blue-green flowers with no petals growing at the top of the stem and in the leaf axils

Seeds

Shiny, black, disk-shaped seeds about 1mm in diameter, often covered in a white papery envelope

Similar Species

Lamb's Quarters is similar to several other species in the *Chenopodium* genus. Maple-Leaved Goosefoot (*C. gigantospermum*) has thinner leaves and larger seeds, Oak-leaved Goosefoot (*C. glaucum*) has smaller leaves with white undersides and is a shorter plant, and Strawberry Blite (*C. capitatum*) has fleshy red flowers and triangular leaves with wavy or toothed margins

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Fields, waste places, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling may be an effective control measure for small, localized infestations. For larger infestations, tillage may be effective, as Lamb's Quarters cannot recover once uprooted

Chemical control may be effective using Group 1,2,4, and 5 herbicides such as Glyphosate, Bromoxynil, Dicamba, or Thifensulfron (Cowbrough 2017, Government of Manitoba 2018, Parks et al. 1995). Note that Lamb's Quarters resistant to some Group 2 and 5 herbicides have been found in Ontario and in some regions of the United States (Cowbrough 2017)



Narrow-leaved Collomia Collomia linearis

Mature Plant

Flowers





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Seeds



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6.6 Narrow-leaved Collomia (Collomia linearis)

Synonyms

Tiny Trumpet, Slenderleaf Collomia, Narrow-leaved Mountain-trumpet

Life Cycle

Annual

Leaves

Leaves are simple, alternate, linear to lance-shaped, hairy, and greyish-green, with smooth margins. Leaves grow 2-5 cm long and 10-15 mm wide

Stems

Stems are velvety, erect, simple or branched, and grow up to 40 cm tall

Flowers

Flowers are pink, trumpet-shaped, have five rounded petals, and are 10-15 mm long

Seeds

Seeds are sticky when wet

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Capsules explode at maturity and disperse seeds short distances

Favourable Habitat

Roadways, railroad right-of-ways, gravel pits, rocky outcrops

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

Herbicide is likely effective



Narrow-leaf Hawsbeard Crepis tectorum

Mature Plant

Flowers



Bubar et al. 2000

Juvenile Plant



Bubar et al. 2000

6.7 Narrow-leaf Hawksbeard (Crepis tectorum)

Synonyms

Narrow-leaved Hawksbeard, Narrow-leaved Hawk's-beard

Life Cycle

Annual, Winter Annual

Leaves

Lance-shaped, stalked basal leaves with a margin of backward-pointing teeth or lobes. Stem leaves are alternate, stalkless, and clasp the stem

Stems

Stems are hairless, leafy, contain a milky juice, and grow up to 100 cm tall

Flowers

Flower cluster is 10-15 mm in diameter with 30-70 yellow ray florets

Seeds

Dark brown to purple achene with a pappus of white bristles

Similar Species

Smooth Hawksbeard (*C. capillaris*) is similar but has head bracts are smooth (not hairy) and has pale brown (not purple) seeds

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Roadsides, fields, railway yards, waste places

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

For larger infestations, effective control methods include tillage in the spring or fall and applications of some Group 2 and 4 herbicides such as Reclaim II and 2,4-D in the fall (Government of Manitoba 2018, Nadja *et al.* 1982)



Brittle-stemmed Hemp-nettle Galeopsis tetrahit

Mature Plant

Flower





Bubar et al. 2000

Bubar et al. 2000

Bristly Hairs on Square Stem



Bubar et al. 2000

6.8 Brittle-stemmed Hemp-nettle (Galeopsis tetrahit)

Synonyms

Common Hemp-nettle

Life Cycle

Annual

Leaves

Opposite, elliptical, toothed, and hairy leaves 5-10 cm long with long stalks

Stems

Stems are square and hairy and grow 30-75 cm tall. Nodes appear swollen

Flowers

Clusters of white, pink, or purple flowers growing in the axils of the upper leaves

Seeds

Seeds are teardrop-shaped, with a mottled surface of brown, grey, and black

Similar Species

It is indistinguishable from Yellow-flowered Hemp-nettle (*G. speciosa*) when in the seedling stage. At the mature stage, the yellow flowers of the Yellow-flowered Hemp-nettle set the two species apart

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Open and wooded areas and cultivated fields

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

For larger infestations, the Government of Manitoba (2018) recommends chemical control using select herbicides in Groups 1,2,4,6,9,14 and 27, such as Ares (Imazamox and Imazapyr), Barricade II, Enforcer D (fluroxypyr, 2,4-D, and Bromoxynil), and Flexstar GT (Glyphosate and Fomesafen). Note that Brittle-stemmed Hemp-nettle is resistant to some Group 2 and 4 herbicides in Manitoba and Alberta (Government of Manitoba 2018).



Barley *Hordeum vulgare*

Mature Plant



Barley Spike



Bubar et al. 2000

Large Claw-like Auricles



Bubar et al. 2000

6.9 Barley (Hordeum vulgare)

Synonyms

Common Barley

Life Cycle

Annual

Roots

Fibrous root system

Leaves

Hairless leaf blades with large, white, claw-like auricles

Stems

Erect stems

Flowers

Inflorescence is a spike with two or six rows of kernels with three spikelets at each rachis node. The central spikelet has a floret that develops into a grain or seed

Similar Species

Common wheat

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Fields, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

Chemical control may be effective with some Group 1, 2,4,9, and 14 herbicides such as Quizalofop, Imazamox, Flucarbazone, Tribenuron, Glyphosate and Fomesafen and (Government of Manitoba 2018).



Dense-flower Pepperwort Lepidium densiflorum

Mature Plant

Seedpods





Bubar et al. 2000

Juvenile Plant



Bubar et al. 2000

6.10 Dense-flower Pepperwort (Lepidium densiflorum)

Synonyms

Common Peppergrass, Green-flowered Peppergrass

Life Cycle

Annual, Winter Annual

Leaves

Basal rosette of deeply lobed leaves. Stem leaves are alternate and linear to lanceolate, with toothed to deeply lobed or divided margins

Stems

Stems are erect, covered with short hairs, grow up to 60 cm tall, highly branched near the top. Stems are covered in short hairs

Flowers

Flowers grow in a raceme, and are small and white to pale pink, though the petals are shorter than the calyx or lacking altogether, so the flowers often appear green

Seeds

Seeds are bright red to yellow, flattened, oblong, and about 1.5 mm long. Seed pods are round and flattened and encase only one or two seeds each

Similar Species

Dense-flower Pepperwort is similar to Poor Man's Pepperwort (*L. virginicum*), Clasping-leaved Pepperwort (*L. perfoliatum*), and Field Peppergrass (*L. campestre*). However, Poor Man's Pepper has petals twice as long as the sepal, Clasping-leaved Peppergrass has yellow flowers, and Field Peppergrass has seed pods covered in scales

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Fields, waste places, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

Chemical control may be effective with applications of some Group 2 and 4 herbicides such as Metsulfron, 2,4-D and MCPA (Government of Manitoba 2018)



Pineapple Weed *Matricaria discoidea*

Mature Plant



Flowers



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Flowers - Detail



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6.11 Pineapple Weed (Matricaria discoidea)

Synonyms

Disc Mayweed, Pineapple Mayweed, Rayless Mayweed, Rayless Chamomile, Wild Chamomile

Life Cycle

Annual

Roots

Taproot

Leaves

Bright green, alternate, glabrous leaves divided into narrow segments growing from stem branches. Smell like pineapple when crushed

Stems

Hairless, branched stem, growing up to 50 cm tall

Flowers

Conical flowerheads with greenish-yellow corollas and lacking ray florets. About 1cm in diameter. Look somewhat like pineapples

Seeds

Become sticky when wet to aid in long-distance dispersal

Similar Species

None

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Roadsides, footpaths, fields, waste areas

Control Measures

Hand-pulling is recommended for small infestations, as well as mulching seedlings. Mowing is not an effective method of control for this species (North Dakota State University 2012)

Chemical control may be effective with applications of some Group 4 herbicides such as 2,4-D (Government of Manitoba 2018), pre-emergence applications of Devrinol (Napropamide) or post-emergence applications of Glyphosate (North Dakota State University 2012).



Narrow-leaf Hawsbeard Crepis tectorum

Mature Plant

Flowers



Bubar et al. 2000

Juvenile Plant



Bubar et al. 2000

6.12 Black Medick (Medicago Iupulina)

Synonyms

Nonesuch, Hop Clover

Life Cycle

Annual

Roots

Wiry taproot

Leaves

Alternate, hairy leaves consisting of three leaflets, with the middle leaflets on a longer stalk than the other two. Two sharply-pointed stipules at the base of each leaf

Stems

Prostrate, trailing, hairy stems growing 20-80 cm long. Often forming mats on the ground

Flowers

Spherical racemes with 20-50 irregular yellow flowers. Flowers are small and pea-like

Seeds

Black seed pods each containing one amber seed

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seed

Favourable Habitat

Waste areas, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

Chemical control may be effective using applications of some Group 4 herbicides such as mecoprop-p, 2,4-D, and dichlorprop (Government of Manitoba 2018).



Alfalfa Medicago sativa







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Mature Plant



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6.13 Alfalfa (Medicago sativa)

Synonyms

Lucerne, Purple Medic

Life Cycle

Perennial

Roots

Deep taproot. Root system grows deep, usually 2-3m, but sometimes up to 15m deep

Leaves

Alternate, compound leaves with three oval leaflets

Stems

Erect stems growing up to 90 cm tall. Stems are branched and either glabrous or slightly hairy on the upper parts of the stems and branches

Flowers

Oval racemes with 1-30 purple or blue irregular flowers

Seeds

Seeds are kidney-shaped and range from yellow to brown in colour. Each seed pod contains 6-8 seeds

Similar Species

Yellow alfalfa

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding.

Favourable Habitat

Disturbed areas

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

Chemical control methods may be effective using Group 2,4,9 and 14 herbicides such as Florasulam, Halauxlfen, MCPA, Flurozypyr, Glyphosate, Fomesafen (Government of Manitoba 2018), picloram, 2,4,-D, and 2,4,5-T (Sullivan 1992).

Burning is not an effective control method, as root systems remain unaffected (Sullivan 1992).



White Sweetclover Melilotus albus

Mature Plant



Flowers



Leaves



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6.14 White Sweetclover (Melilotus albus)

Synonyms

Honey Clover, White Melilot, Bokhara Clover, Sweet Clover

Life Cycle

Annual or biennial

Roots

Roots form an extensive system with a semiwoody taproot and lateral roots and produce root crown buds

Leaves

Alternate, compound leaves with three leaflets

Stems

Sweet-smelling stem, grows up to 2.5m long

Flowers

Lots of white flowers, can be up to 350,000 flowers on one plant

Similar Species

Yellow sweetclover

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Flourishes in well-drained clay and clay loam soils as well as saline soils. Often found along roadsides, railways, grasslands, and riparian areas

Control Measures

Hand-pulling is a successful control method for small infestations if conducted when the ground is moist, to maximize the possibility of removing the entire root system (Gucker 2009). Mulching is also considered quite effective (Tu et al. 2001). Mulch may either be applied in a layer at least 10 cm prior to seed germination or over seedlings in a thicker layer, usually at least 15 cm or until no light may reach the plants (University of California 2017). Cutting and mowing may also be somewhat effective, though they primarily reduce seed generation in the plant, rather than reducing the abundance of the plants themselves (Gucker 2009).

Another potential method of control for White Sweetclover is to seed with native perennial plants, as an established cover of perennial species has been found to reduce White Sweetclover abundance within two years (Gucker 2009).

Burning may be used as a form of control, though controlled burns must be conducted two years in a row during late spring or summer, as fall and winter burns increase the plant's abundance (Gucker 2009, Tu et al. 2001).

White Sweetclover can be controlled using most herbicides designed for broad-leaved plants (Government of Manitoba 2017h), such as 2,4,-D, Quinclorac, and Dicamba, though Conn & Seefeldt (2009) found Chlorsulfron to be the most effective chemical control.



Common Timothy Phleum pratense

Mature Plant



Flowers



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Infestation



6.15 Common Timothy (Phleum pratense)

Synonyms

Timothy-grass, Meadow Cat's-tail, Common Cat's-tail, Herd Grass

Life Cycle

Perennial

Roots

The root system is shallow, fibrous, and non-rhizomatous

Leaves

Leaves are glabrous, flat, growing 7-40 cm long and 0.5-1.5 cm wide, tapering toward tip

Stems

Multiple culms grow in a bunch up to 1m tall from a bulblike base

Flowers

Flowering heads are 15 cm long, conical, and spiky, with pink stamens. Each spikelet has one flower and produces one seed

Seeds

Seeds are small and housed un urn-shaped glumes. Cured seeds are tan or buff in colour

Similar Species

Common Timothy resembles Alpine Timothy (*P. alpinum*), Meadow Foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensi*), and Creeping Foxtail (*A. arundinaceus*). Alpine Timothy is shorter overall and has shorter seed heads, while Meadow Foxtail and Creeping Foxtail have twisted awns, giving their inflorescences a more bushy or fuzzy look, and have darker (almost black) cured seeds.

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Moist grasslands, fields, deciduous and coniferous forest stands, roadsides, ditches

Control Measures

Hand-pulling may be an effective control method for small infestations

Effective chemical control methods include applications of some Group 15 herbicides such as Propyzamide (Government of Manitoba 2018)

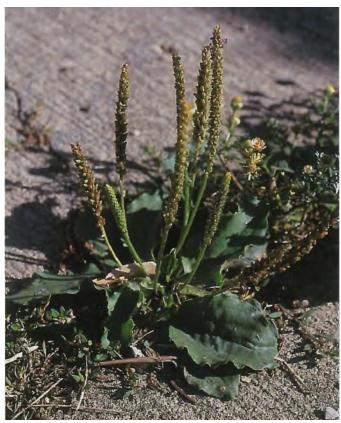
Tillage and burning are not recommended, as underground regenerative organs grow into new plants (Esser 1993).



Common Plantain Plantago major

Mature Plant

Flowering Spike





Bubar et al. 2000

Bubar et al. 2000

Seedling



Bubar et al. 2000

6.16 Common Plantain (Plantago major)

Synonyms

Broad-leaved Plantain, Dooryard Plantain, Whiteman's Foot

Life Cycle

Simple perennial

Roots

Short but thick rootstock with many lateral root strands

Leaves

Basal rosette of dark green, ribbed, slightly hairy oval leaves that are either entire or with coarse teeth. The leaves grow on thick stalks that are usually about as long as the leaf itself. Leaves are ribbed, with 3-7 main veins. No stem leaves

Stems

Stems are leafless and grow up to 60 cm tall

Flowers

Dense rods of small and inconspicuous green flowers growing from the stems

Seeds

Seeds are dark brown to black, marked with wavy ridges, and about 1mm long. Seed pods hold 5-16 seeds. Seed pods are brown, ovoid, and 3mm long

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Fields, meadows, waste places, and roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations.

For larger infestations, Common Plantain can be controlled using some Group 4,9, and 10 herbicides such as Aminopyralid, 2,4-D, Pyroxsulam, Lalauxlfen, Dicamba, and MCPA (Government of Manitoba 2017a).



Prostrate Knotweed Polygonum aviculare

Mature Plant

Plant Flowers



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Wiry Stems with Swollen Nodes



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6.17 Prostrate Knotweed (Polygonum aviculare)

Synonyms

Common Knotgrass, Birdweed, Pigweed, Lowgrass, Doorweed, Mat-grass

Life Cycle

Annual

Roots

Taproot

Leaves

Leaves are alternate, glabrous, either lanceolate, elliptic, or oblong, have smooth margins, and grow on short stalks. Upper leaves may be stalkless

Stems

The stem is prostrate to semi-erect, wiry, highly branched, with swollen nodes. Stems grow up to 2m long, often forming mats

Flowers

Flowers grow in axillary cymes of 2-4 green flowers with white or pink margins

Seeds

Small, brown, 3-sided achenes 1.5-4mm long

Similar Species

Prostrate Knotweed is similar to Prostrate Spurge (*Euphorbia supina*), Spotted Spurge (*E. maculata*), and Striate Knotweed (*Polygonum erectum*). Prostrate Spurge and spotted Spurge have opposite leaves, purple blotches on the leaves, and stems containing milky sap. Striate Knotweed has coarser, more erect stems, and more rounded leaves.

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Wetlands, riparian areas, floodplain forests, upland forests, grasslands, rocky outcrops, fields, waste places, roadsides, pathways, disturbed areas

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations. Improving soil aeration may allow native species to gain a competitive advantage over Prostrate Knotweed, which grows well in compact soils (University of California 2018).

In terms of chemical control, pre-emergence chemical control methods are generally considered more effect than post-emergence controls. Pre-emergence controls suitable for Prostrate Knotweed include applications of some Group 2,4,5,6,7,9,14 and 20 herbicides (Cowbrough 2017, Government of Manitoba 2018). Cowbrough (2017) reports that Metribuzin, Pinnacle SG (Thifensulfron), Classic (Chlorimuron Ethyl), and First Rate (Cloransulam-methyl) were effective controls.

For larger infestations, mowing, cutting, hand-pulling, mulching, flaming, and hot-steaming are not considered effective (Stone 2010).



White Cockle Silene latifolia ssp. alba

Mature Plant





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Flowers



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Flower - Detail



Royer & Dickinson 2007

6.18 White Cockle (Silene latifolia ssp. alba)

Synonyms

White Campion

Life Cycle

Perennial

Roots

Deep, persistent, thick, and fleshy roots

Leaves

Hairy, pointed, oblong, opposite leaves with a prominent center line

Stems

Hairy, sticky stem growing up to 100 cm tall

Flowers

Large, hairy white or pink flowers blooming from loose terminal clusters. Flowers are fragrant and open in the evening

Seeds

Kidney-shaped, greyish in colour, and bumpy

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Fields, waste places, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling is the most effective form of control for small infestations of this species (Wheatland County 2010)

Chemical control is possible for larger infestations, using some Group 4,5,9, and 10 such as Dicamba, 2,4-D, MCPA, Atrazine, Glyphosate, and Glufosinate-Ammonium (Government of Manitoba 2017i, Government of Manitoba 2018).



Field Sow-thistle Sonchus arvensis







Bubar et al. 2000

Bubar et al. 2000

Infestation



Bubar et al. 2000

6.19 Field Sow-thistle (Sonchus arvensis)

Synonyms

Perennial Sow-thistle, Creeping Sow-thistle, Field Milk-thistle

Life Cycle

Creeping perennial

Roots

Extensive, deep (up to 2m), creeping rhizomatous roots. Roots are pale, fleshy, and easily broken

Leaves

Basal rosette of prickly leaves, and alternate, toothed leaves growing from the stem

Stems

One or two stems growing up to 1.5m tall. Stems are hollow and erect, often containing a milky sap. Stems are branched toward the top where flower clusters are born

Flowers

Flowerheads are dandelion-like, with bright yellow ray flowers, growing from branches at the top of the stem. Involucral bracts are covered with dense orange hair

Seeds

Small, winged brown achene seeds with a wrinkled appearance

Similar Species

Field Sow-thistle is often confused with Annual Sow-thistle (S.uliginosus), which lacks hair on the involucral bracts

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Fields, woodlands, meadows, waste places, roadsides, sloughs, beaches, river and lake shores

Control Measures

Hand-pulling may be an effective control measure for smaller infestations

Auxin-type herbicides, clopyralid, and glyphosate are considered the most effective chemical control, though 2,4-D, 2,4-DB, and MCPA may have a moderate effect (Cowbrough 2017, McWilliams 2004). Additionally, chemical control has been shown to be more effective when applied to larger rosettes (with 9 or more leaves) and to plants approaching the beginning of the bud stage, rather than younger plants (Cowbrough 2017).

Tillage may sometimes be an effective control measure for Field Sow-thistle. However, tillage must be conducted to a depth of 30 cm when the plants have 7-9 leaves per rosette and must be repeated every 2-4 weeks during the summer to be effective (Cowbrough 2017, Government of Alberta 2011b). Any other tillage regime may result in fragmentation the creeping roots and budding from each root fragment, increasing the number and density of the plants (Government of Alberta 2011b, McWilliams 2004).

Mowing is found to be less effective than tillage, though grazing by sheep and cows may be an effective control measure if Field Sow-thistle is one of the preferred fodder species growing in the area (Government of Alberta 2011b).

Burning is not an effective form of control, as underground buds would likely remain viable (McWilliams 2004).

Common Dandelion Taraxacum officinale

Mature Plant



Seed Heads



Bubar et al. 2000

Juvenile Plant



Bubar et al. 2000

6.20 Common Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale)

Synonyms

Lion's Tooth, Blowball

Life Cycle

Simple perennial

Roots

Thick overwintering taproot growing up to 15 cm long

Leaves

A basal rosette of lobed or toothed leaves. No stem leaves

Stems

1-10 stems typically grow from the taproot. Stems may be upright or lax and are typically green but may be tinged with purple. Stems are hollow and usually glabrous, though sometimes sparsely hairy. Stems contain sticky, white latex

Flowers

Bright yellow flower head with 100-300 ligulate ray florets. Involucral bracts around each flower head are green and in two whorls, with the outer whorl having shorter bracts that are bent backward

Seeds

Achene seeds topped with a parachute of bristly pappus to aid windborne dissemination

Similar Species

Young Common Dandelion may resemble some Sow-thistles but can be distinguished by a lack of prickles on the leaf margins

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Waste areas, roadsides, railroad rights-of-way, lawns, fields, shorelines, and disturbed areas such as avalanche chutes, burned forests, and overgrazed areas

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations. An effective method to control larger infestations of Common Dandelion is tilling to a depth of 10 cm. The Government of Alberta (2009a) suggests tilling before seed set occurs, which will sever taproots and kill seedlings, while the Government of Manitoba (2017b) recommends tilling in the fall (Government of Alberta, 2009a). A mouldboard plough is the most effective tillage tool for reducing dandelion populations, followed by the tandem disc (Cowbrough 2017). Use of a chisel plough is not effective as it tends to sever the tap roots instead of completely uprooting the plant (Cowbrough 2017).

Common Dandelion may also be controlled using systemic herbicides such as Glyphosate, PrePass, 2,4-D, and MCPA (Esser 1993, Government of Alberta, 2009a). The most effective time of year to apply herbicides for Common Dandelion is in the fall, when both perennial plants and new seedlings can be affected by the herbicide (Cowbrough 2017, Government of Alberta, 2009a; Government of Manitoba 2017b). The Government of Manitoba (2017b) recommends 1.5L/acre of Glyphosate or Amitrol, while Cowbrough (2017) recommends Infinity.



Field Pennycress *Thlaspi arvense*

Mature Plant

Flowers





Bubar et al. 2000

Notched Seedpods



Bubar et al. 2000

6.21 Field Pennycress (Thlaspi arvense)

Synonyms

Stinkweed, Fanflower, Fanweed, Frenchweed, Mithridate Mustard

Life Cycle

Annual, winter annual

Leaves

Stalked, oblong basal leaves, and alternate, stalkless and smaller, glabrous stem leaves with arrow-shaped bases. Leaves release an unpleasant garlic or turnip odor when crushed

Stems

Stems are erect, green to yellow in colour, hairless, 2-80 cm tall, with upright branches

Flowers

Small white flowers with four petals 3-4 mm long

Seeds

Seeds are ovoid in shape, brown to black in colour, and 1.5-2 mm long. Seed pods contain 4-16 seeds

Similar Species

Field Pennycress can be distinguished from Peppergrasses (*Lepidium sp.*) by checking the pods. Field Pennycress has 4-16 seeds per pod while Peppergrasses have only two

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding

Favourable Habitat

Fields, grasslands, waste areas, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

For larger infestations, chemical control may be effective using some Group 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 14, and 15 herbicides such as Imazamox, Fluroxypyr, 2,4-D, Glyphosate, Carfentrazone, and Pyroxasulfone (Government of Manitoba 2018).



Alsike Clover Trifolium hybridum

Mature Plant



Flowers



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Infestation



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6.22 Alsike Clover (Trifolium hybridum)

Synonyms

None

Life Cycle

Perennial

Roots

A taproot and secondary roots

Leaves

Alternate, stalked, trifolate leaves with small stipulates and toothed margins

Stems

Grooved, semi-erect, sparsely-branched stem

Flowers

Pink flowers growing in rounded flowerheads on flowering stalks

Similar Species

Alsike Clover can be distinguished from White Clover (*Trifolium repens*) and Red Clover (*Trifolium pretense*) by a lack of white chevron-like markings on the leaves

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, vegetative reproduction

Favourable Habitat

Waste areas, roadsides

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations

In terms of chemical control, application of some Group 4 and 5 herbicides such as Clopyralid and simazine may be effective (Government of Manitoba 2018).



Tufted Vetch Vicia Cracca

Mature Plant



Flowers



Flowers and Seedpods



Royer & Dickinson 2007

6.23 Tufted Vetch (Vicia cracca)

Synonyms

Cow Vetch, Bird Vetch, Blue Vetch, Boreal Vetch

Life Cycle

Perennial

Roots

White taproot, capable of growing 1m long

Leaves

Alternate and pinnately compound with 10-24 linear to oblong leaflets

Stems

The stem is week, often climbing on other vegetation for support. Can grow up to 150 cm long

Flowers

Blue and/or purple flowers growing from one-sided racemes

Seeds

Seeds are reddish-brown, velvety, and scarred along the length by a white to brown scar. Seeds range from rounded to oval in shape and from 2.5-3mm long. Tufted Vetch has seed pods resembling pea pods

Similar Species

Tufted Vetch is similar to Hairy Vetch (V. villosa) but can be distinguished by it's smooth (not hairy) stem

Dispersal and Reproductive Mechanisms

Seeding, "wiry rootstocks"

Favourable Habitat

Waste areas, roadsides, fields

Control Measures

Hand-pulling can be an effective control measure for small infestations. For larger infestations, tilling with a mouldboard plough may reduce abundance of Tufted Vetch (Cowbrough 2017)

In terms of chemical control, post-emergence application of some Group 2,4, and 9 herbicides such as Glyphosate, Dicamba, Fluroxypyr, MCPA, and 2,4-D are recommended (Cowbrough 2017, Government of Manitoba 2018)



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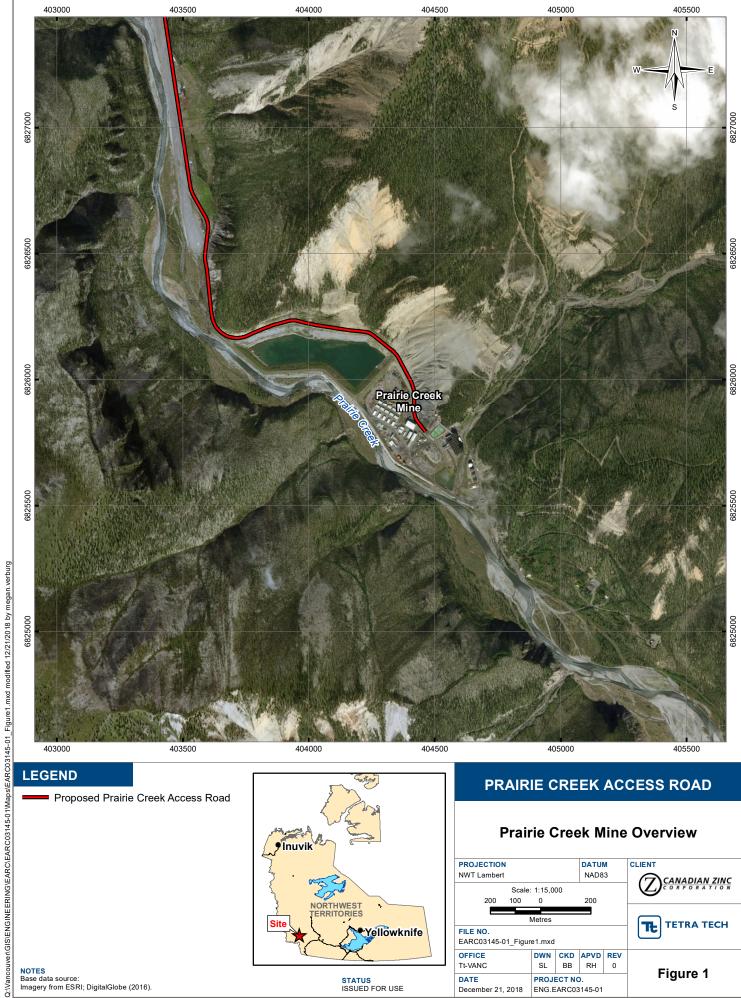
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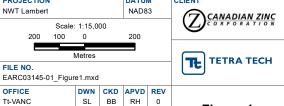
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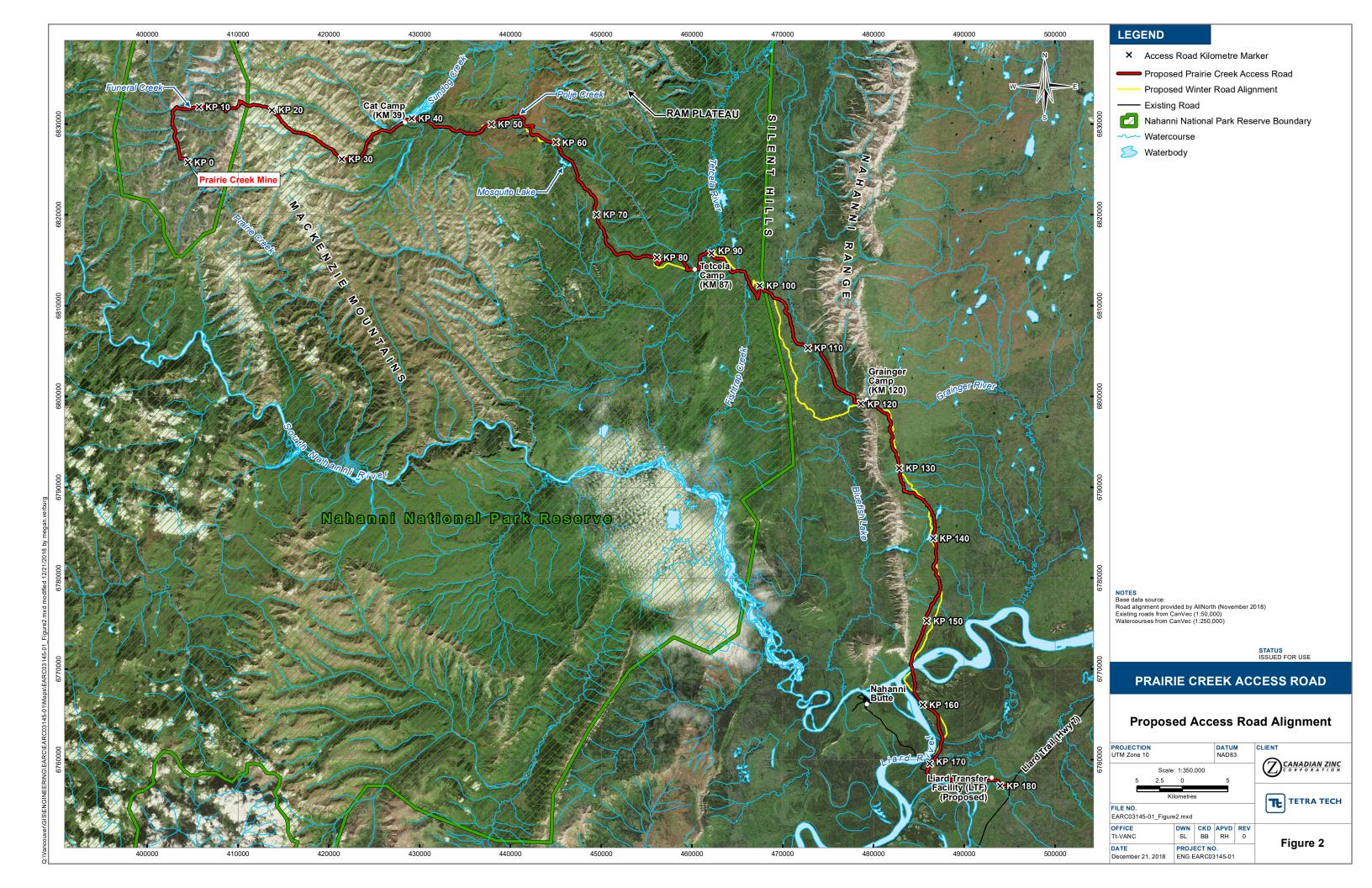
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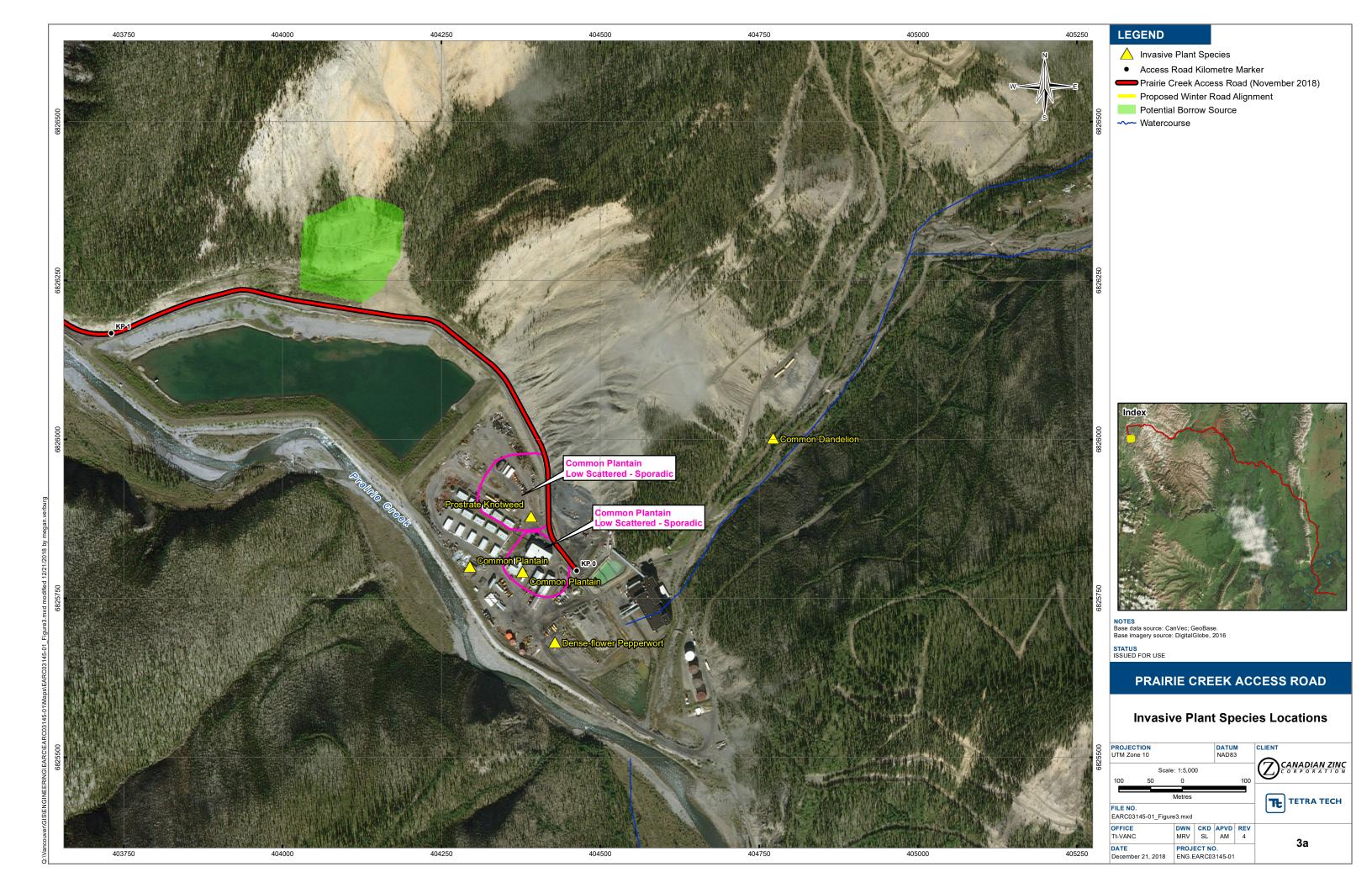
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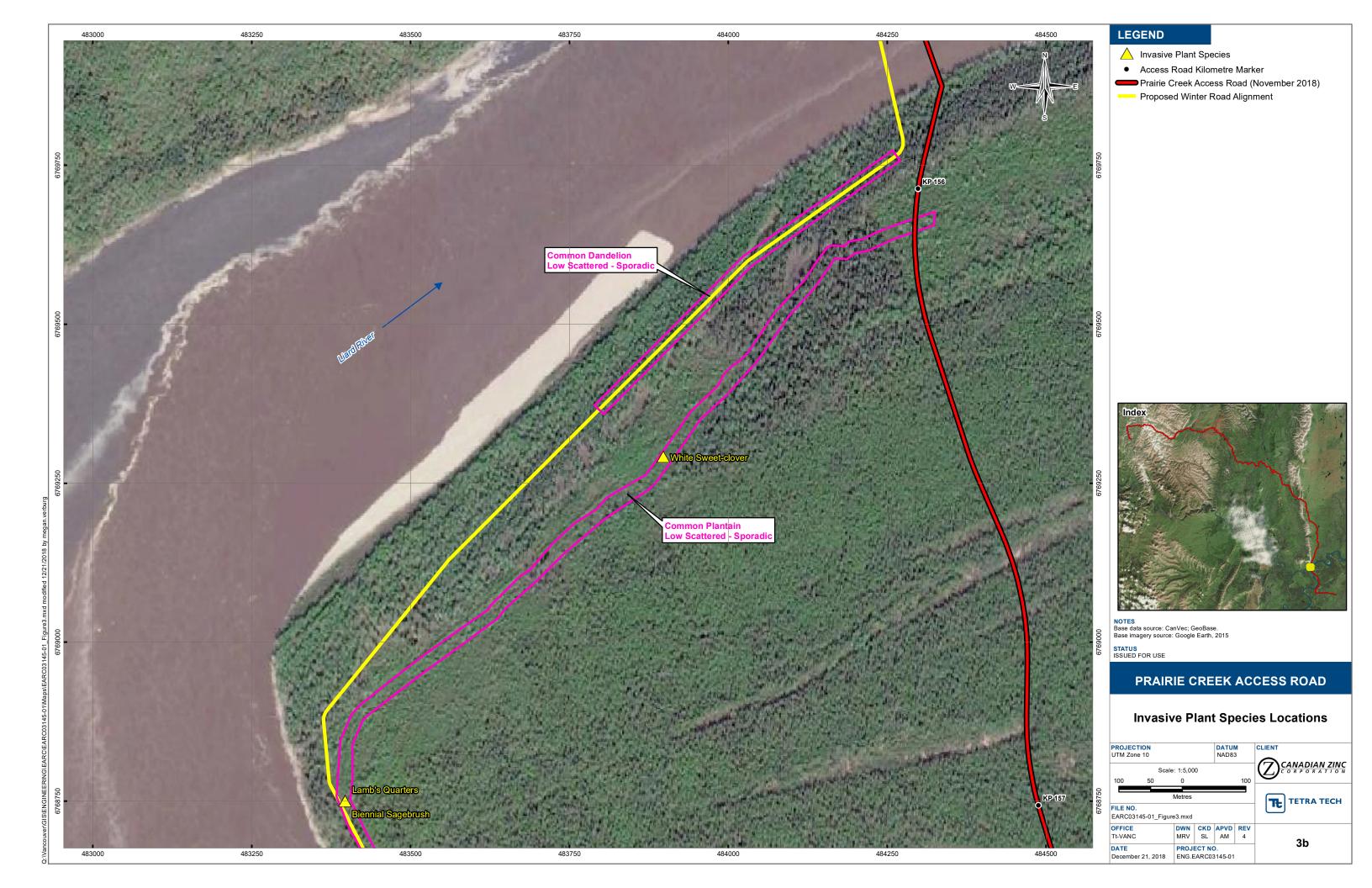
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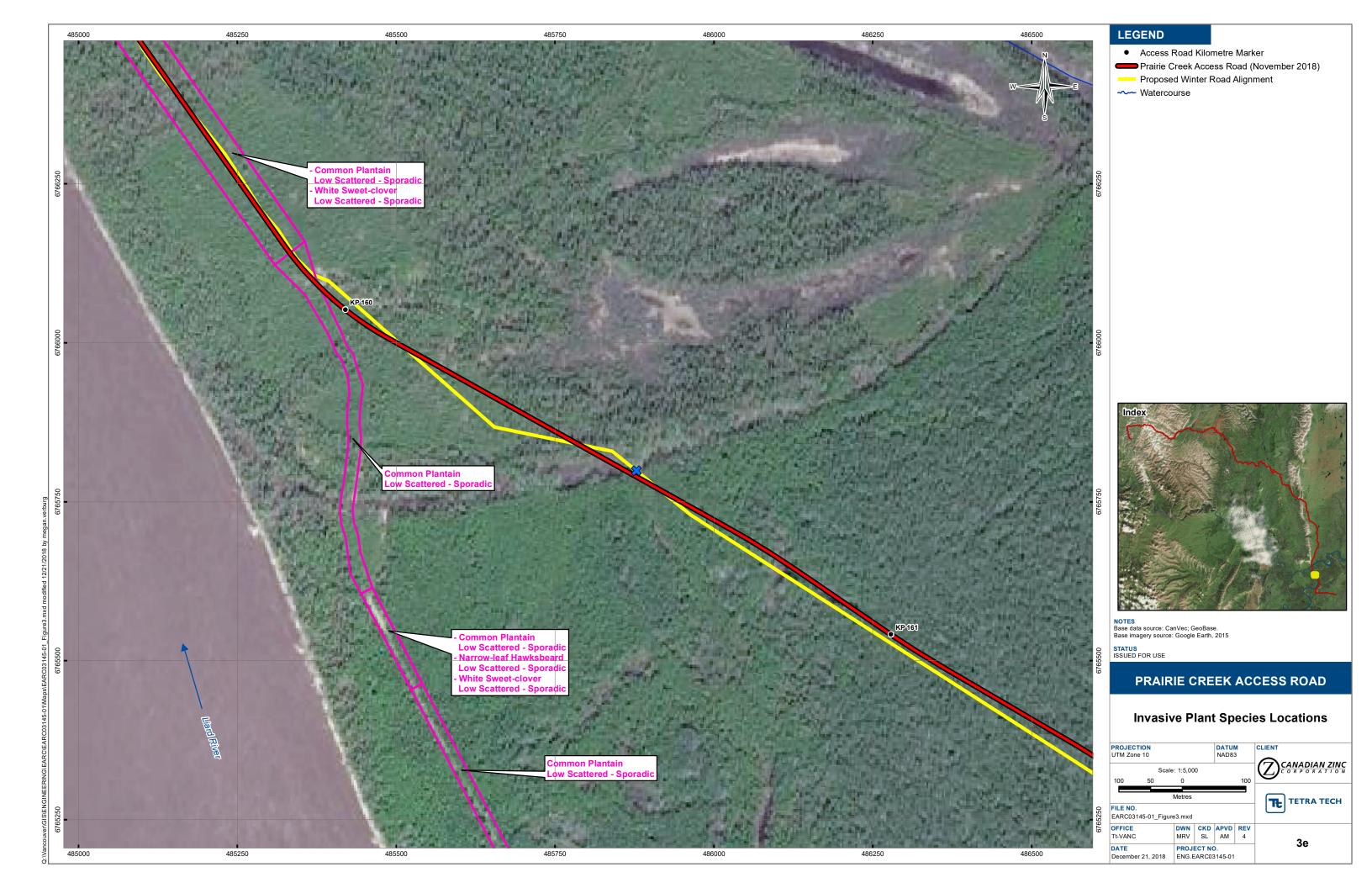




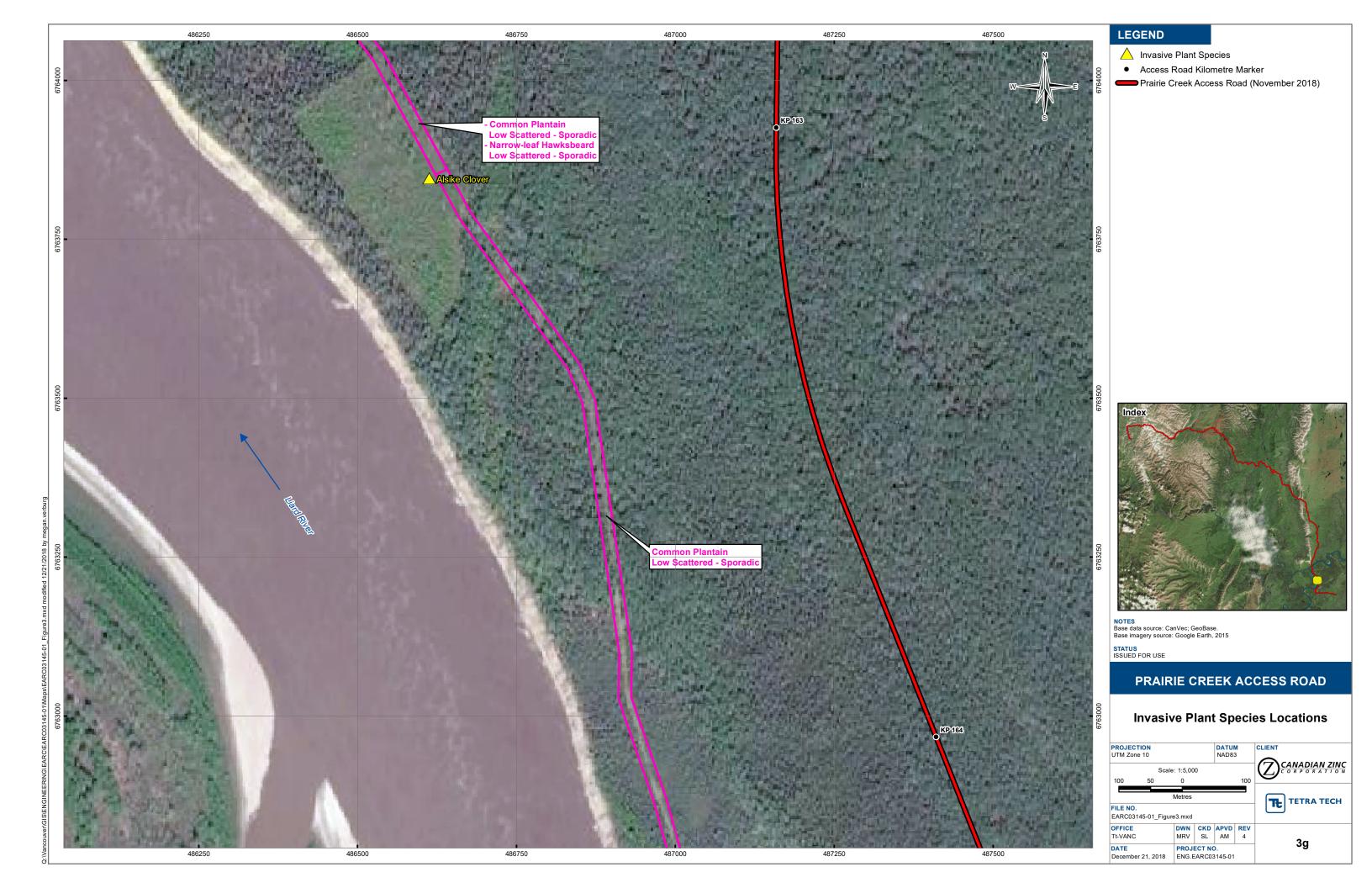






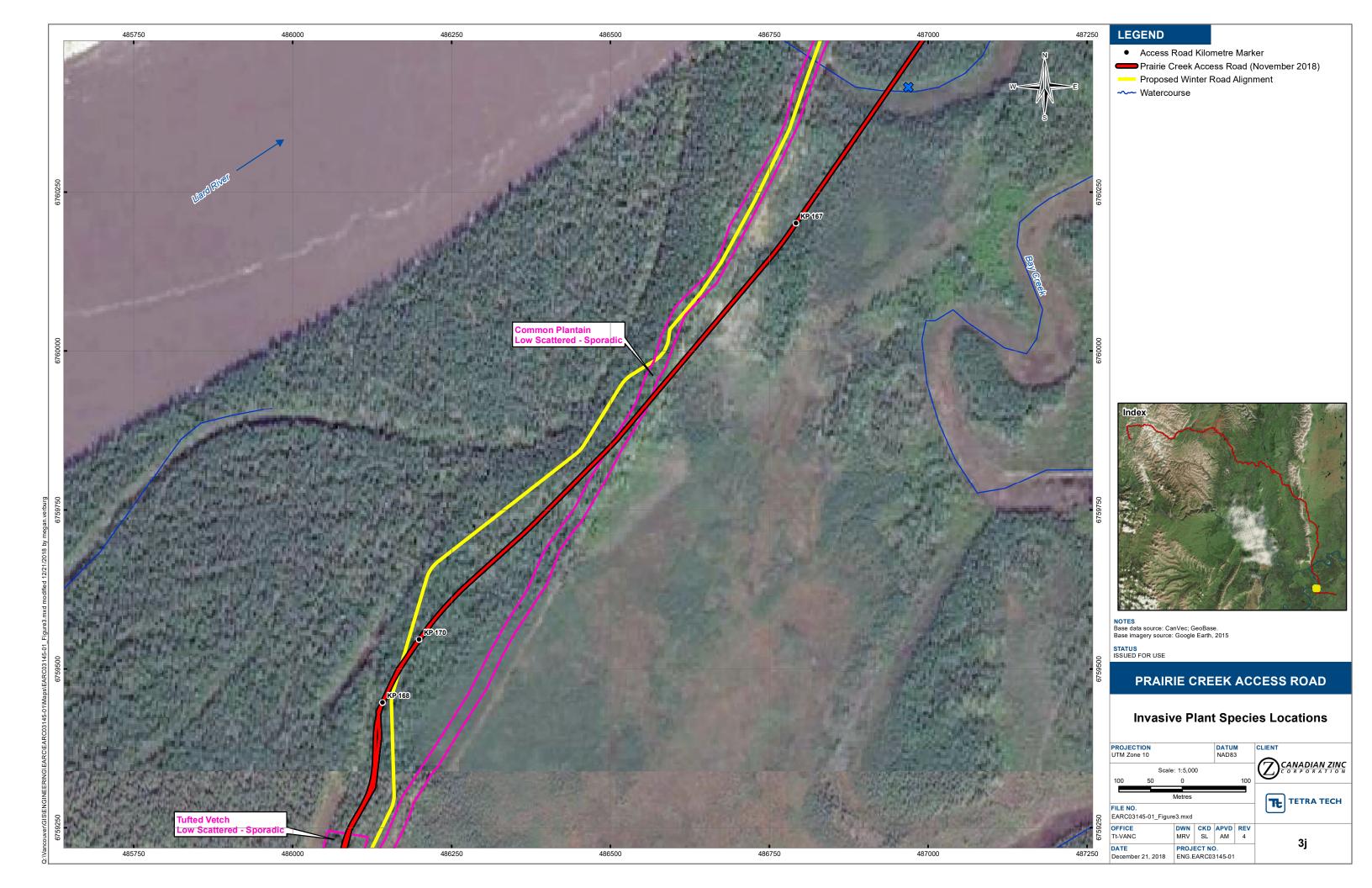


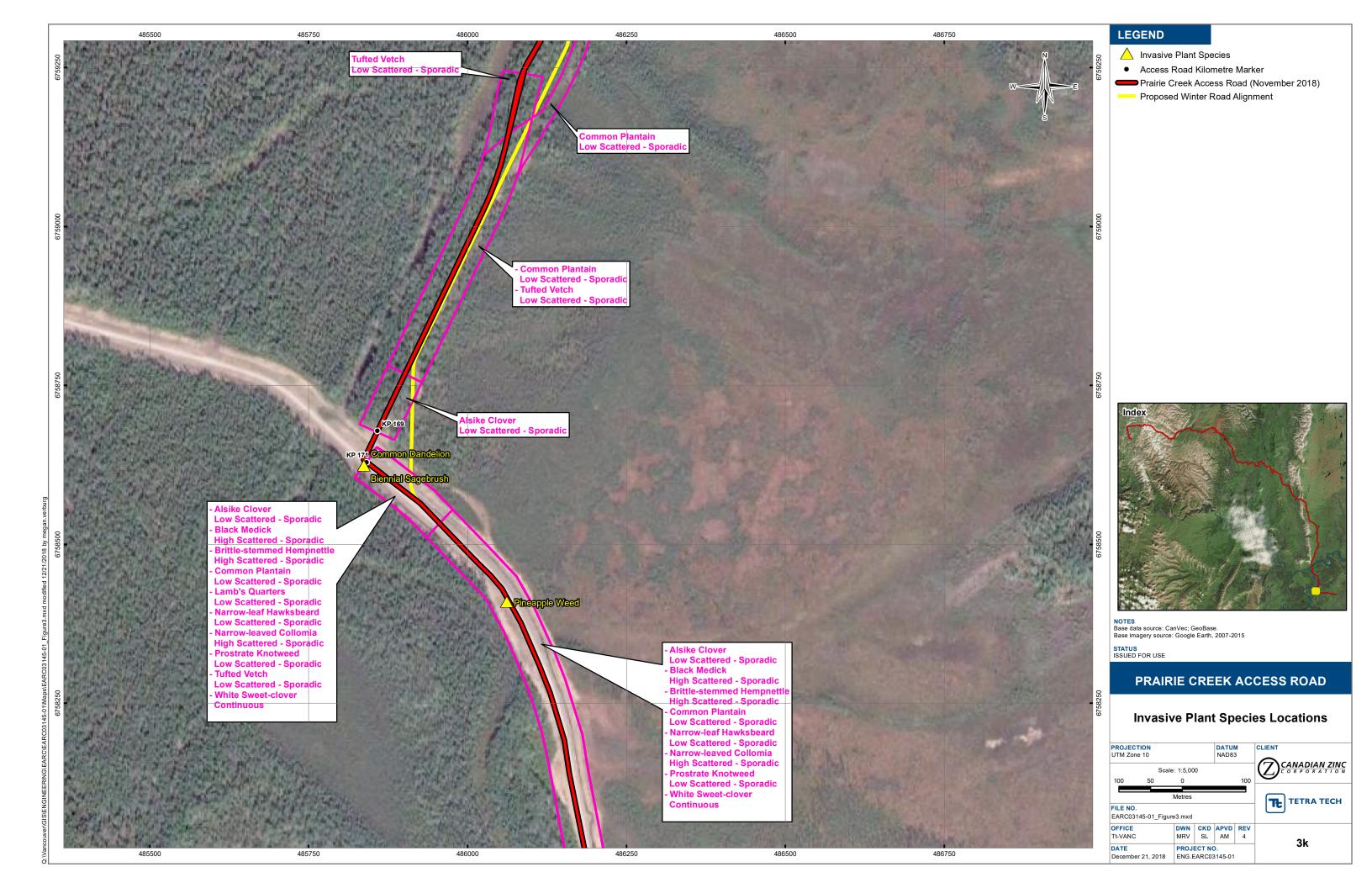


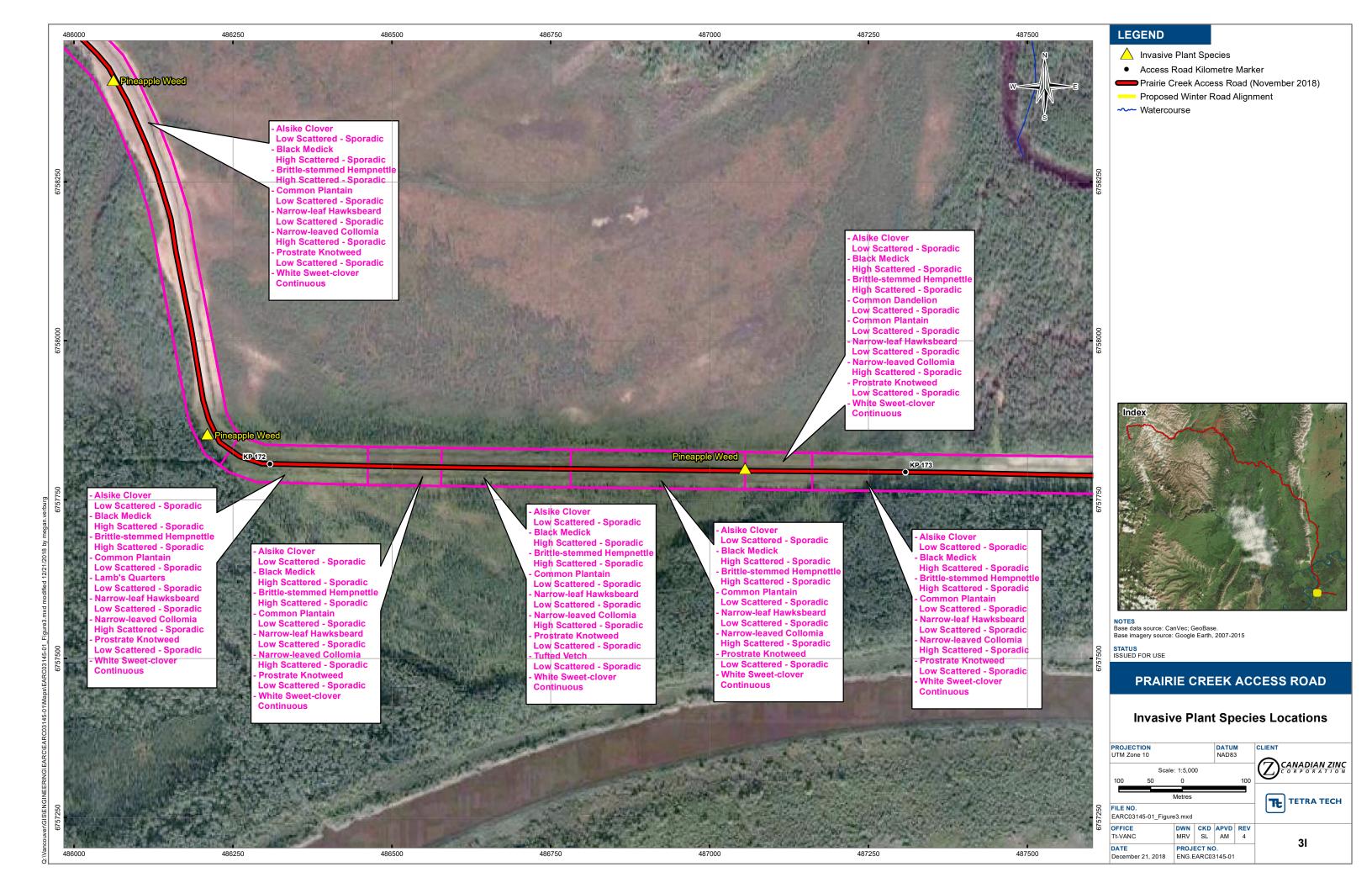


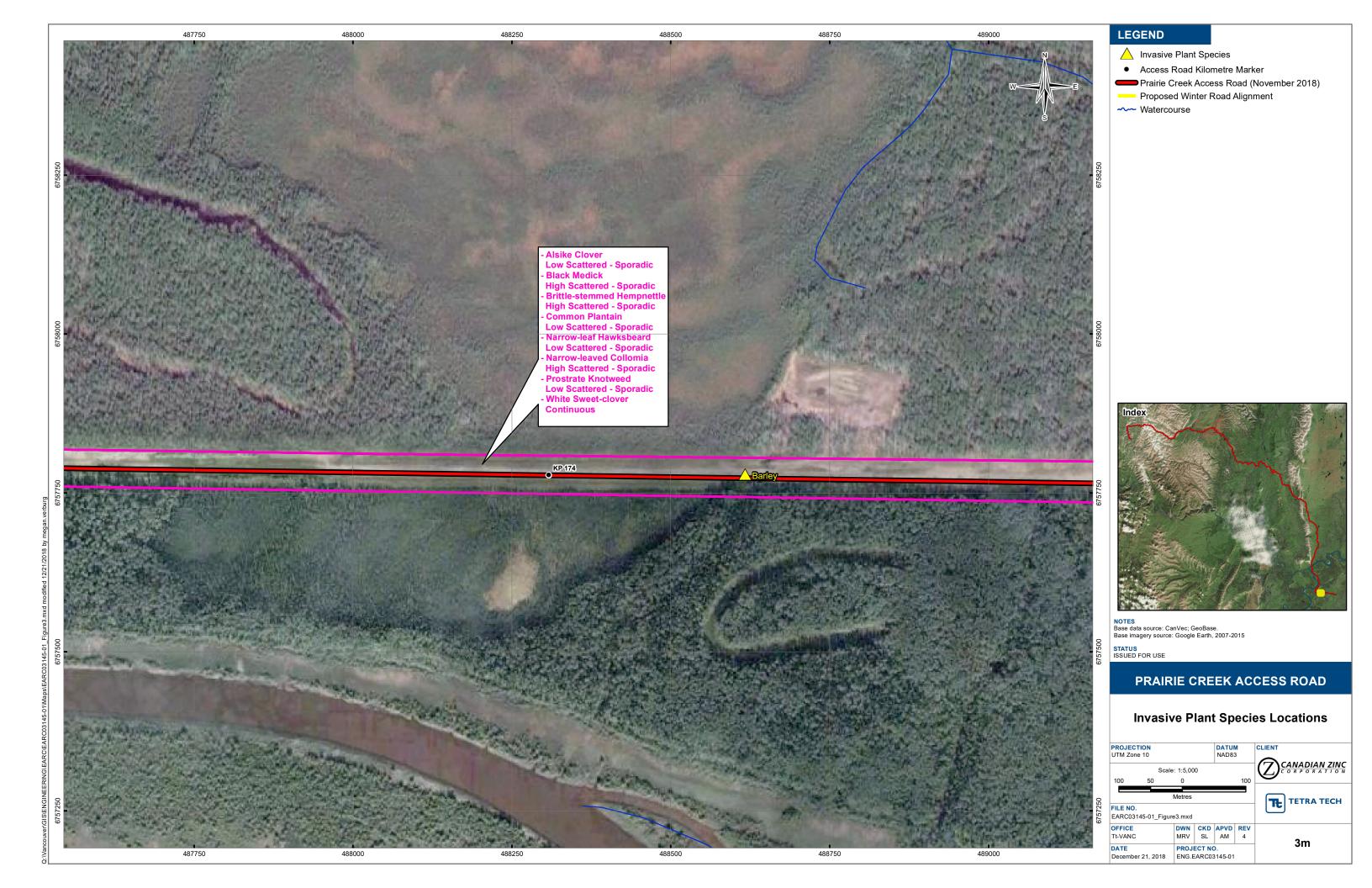


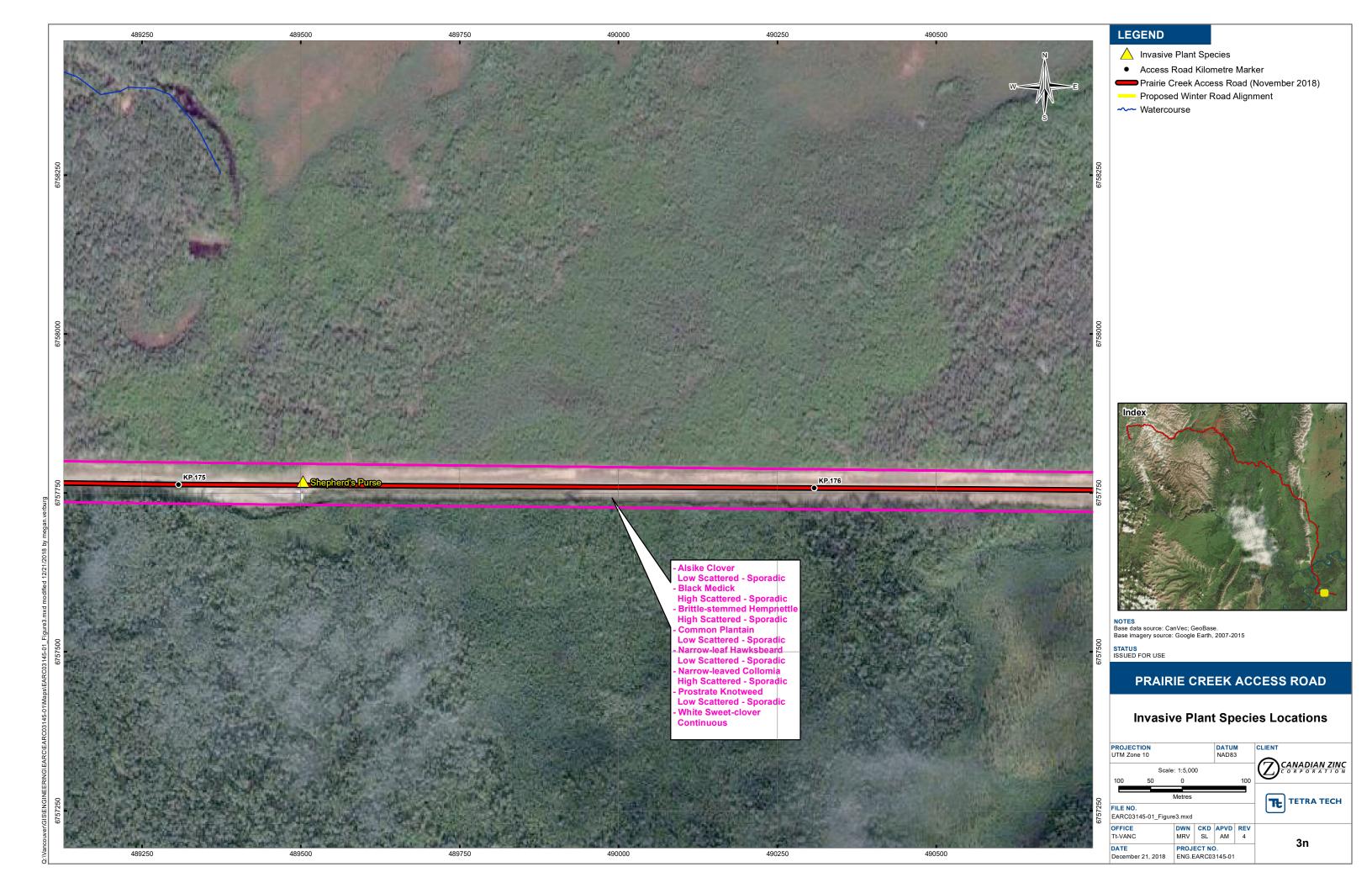




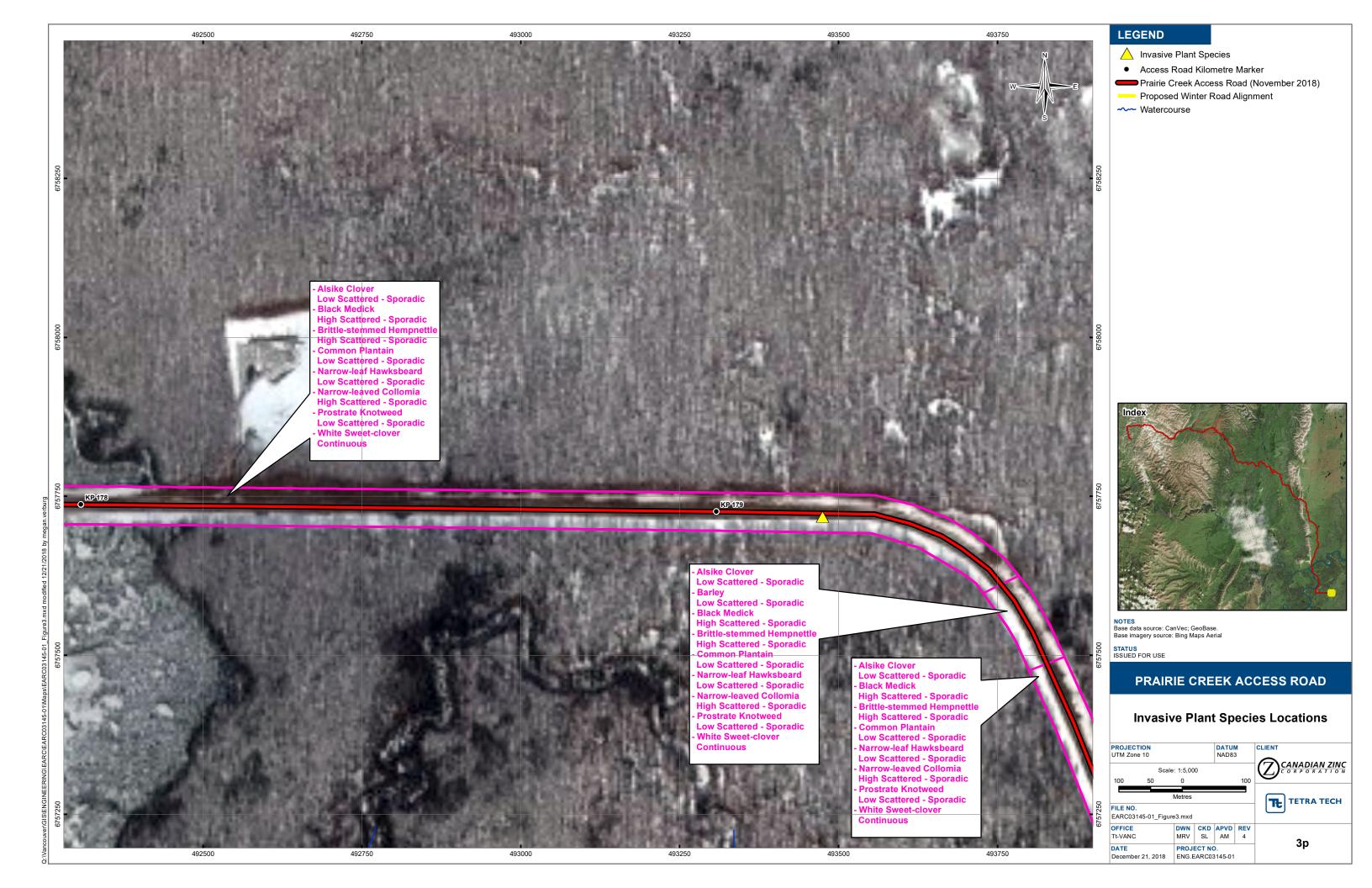


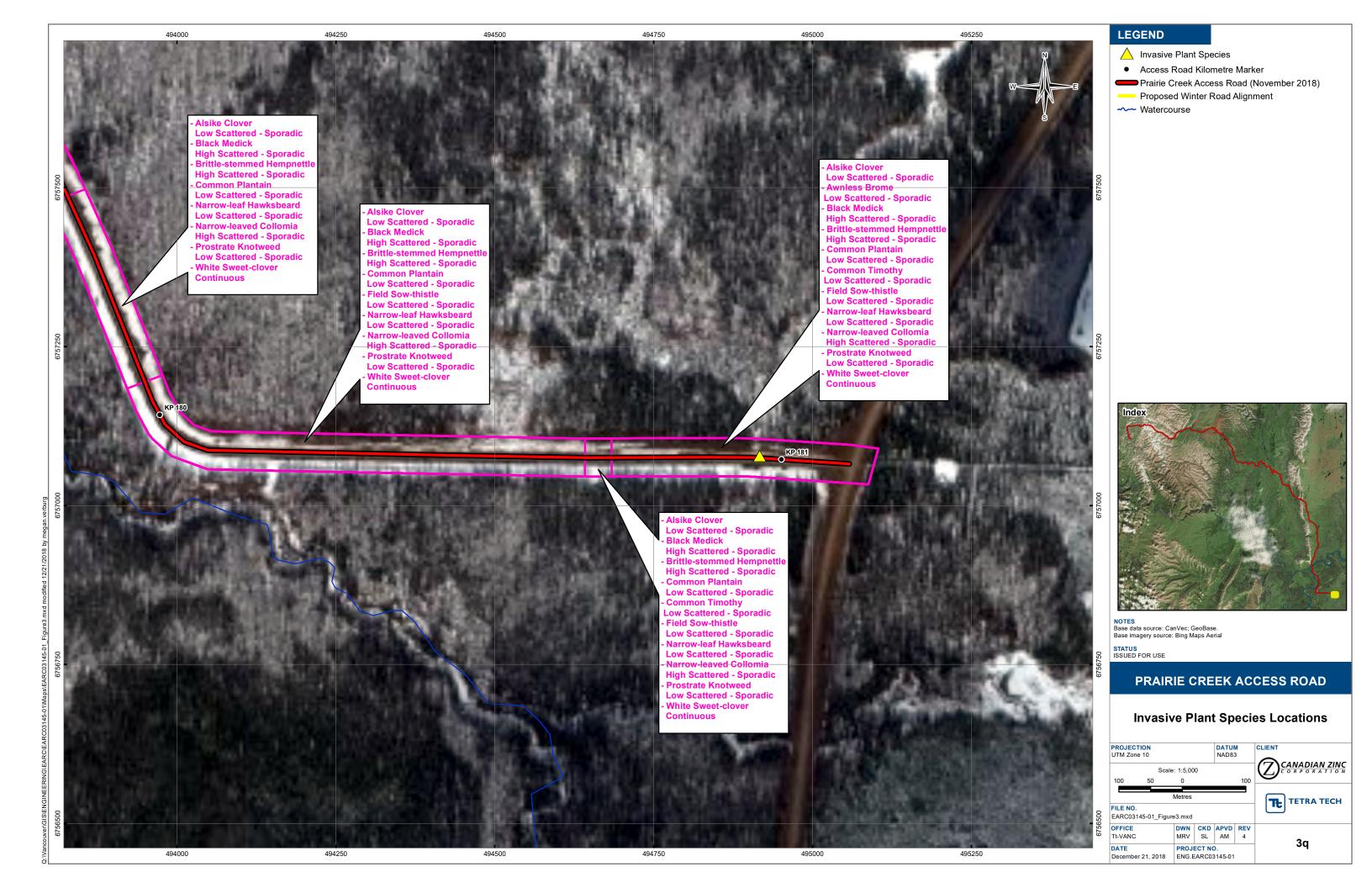








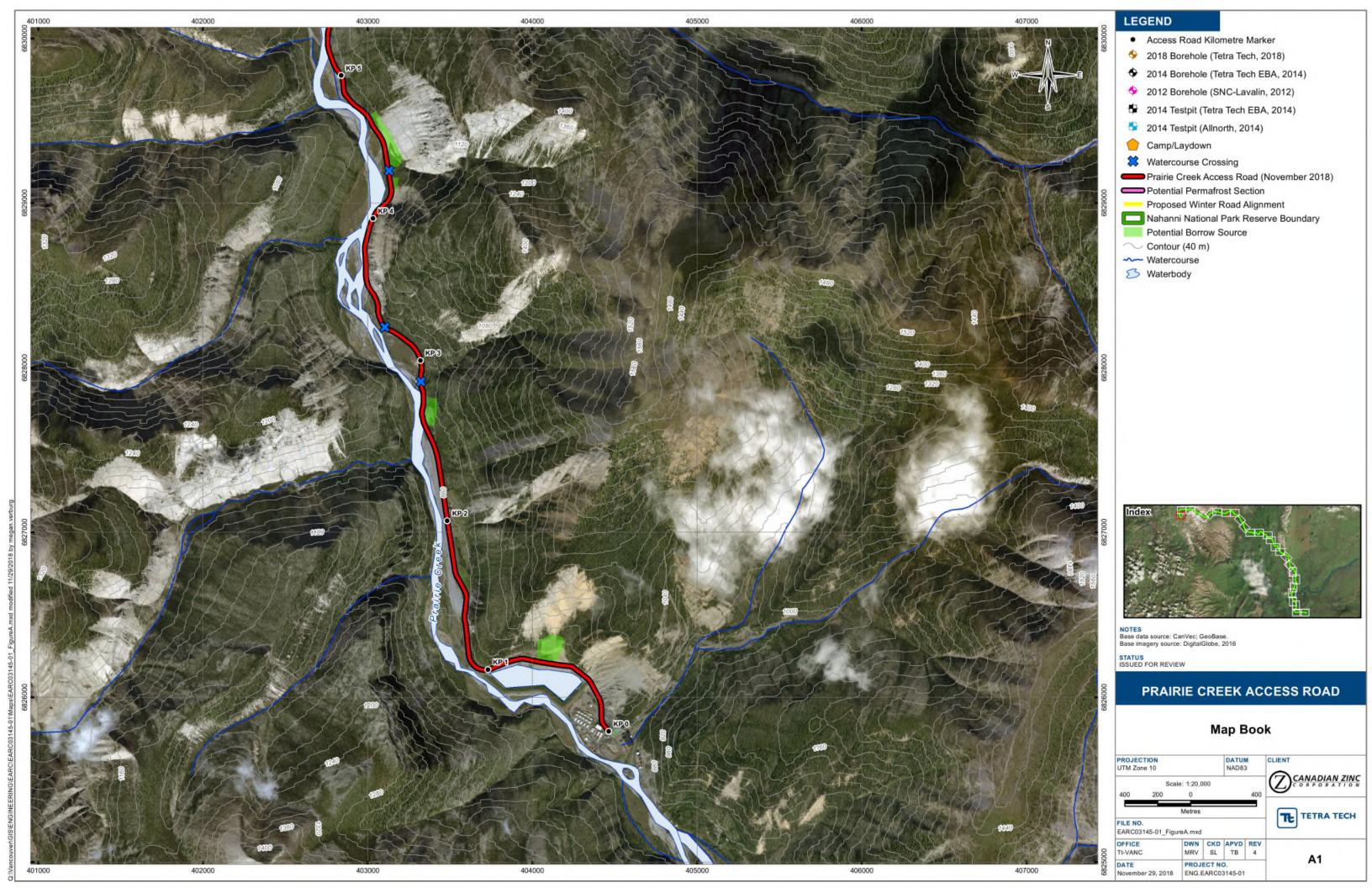


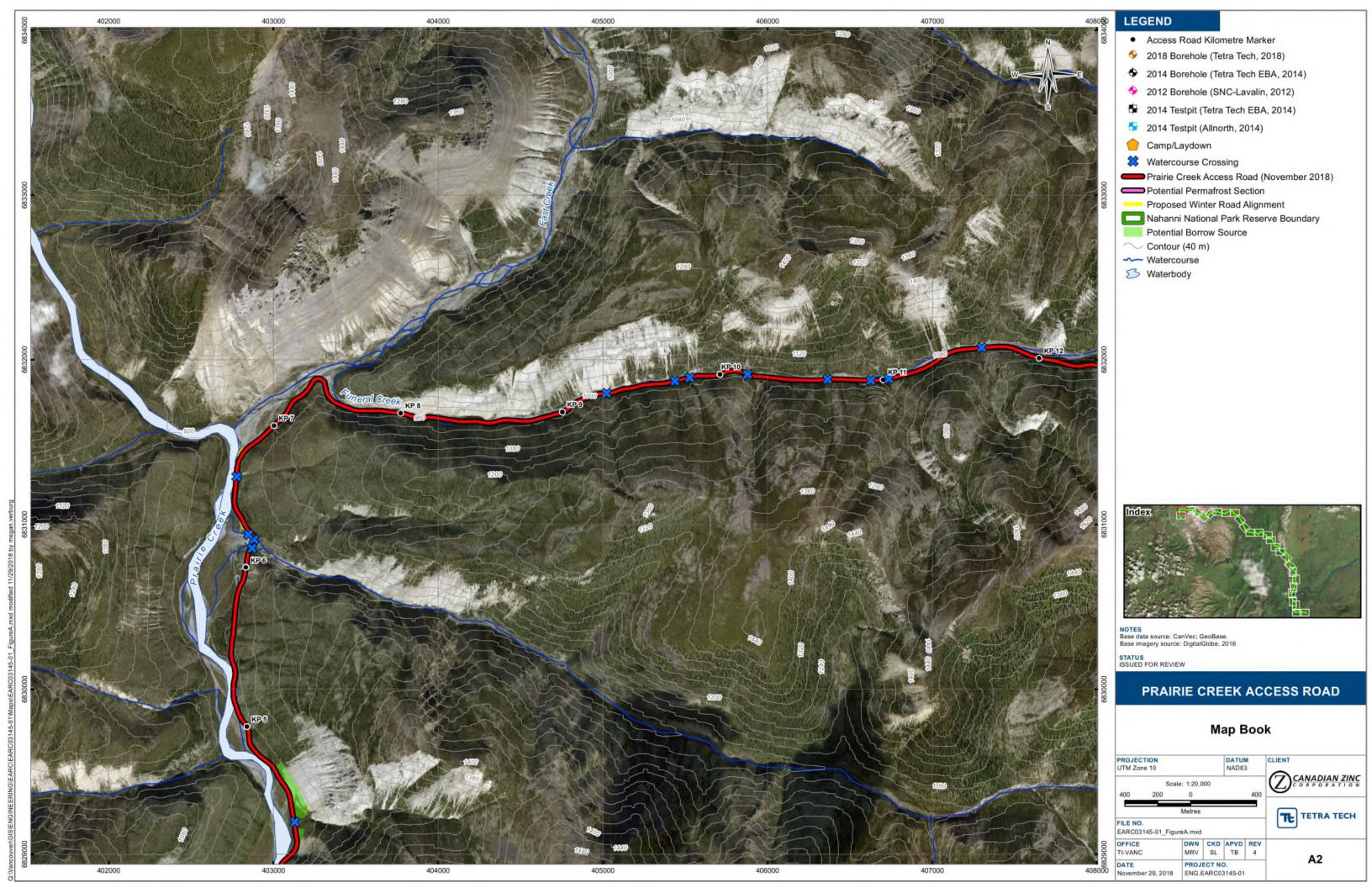


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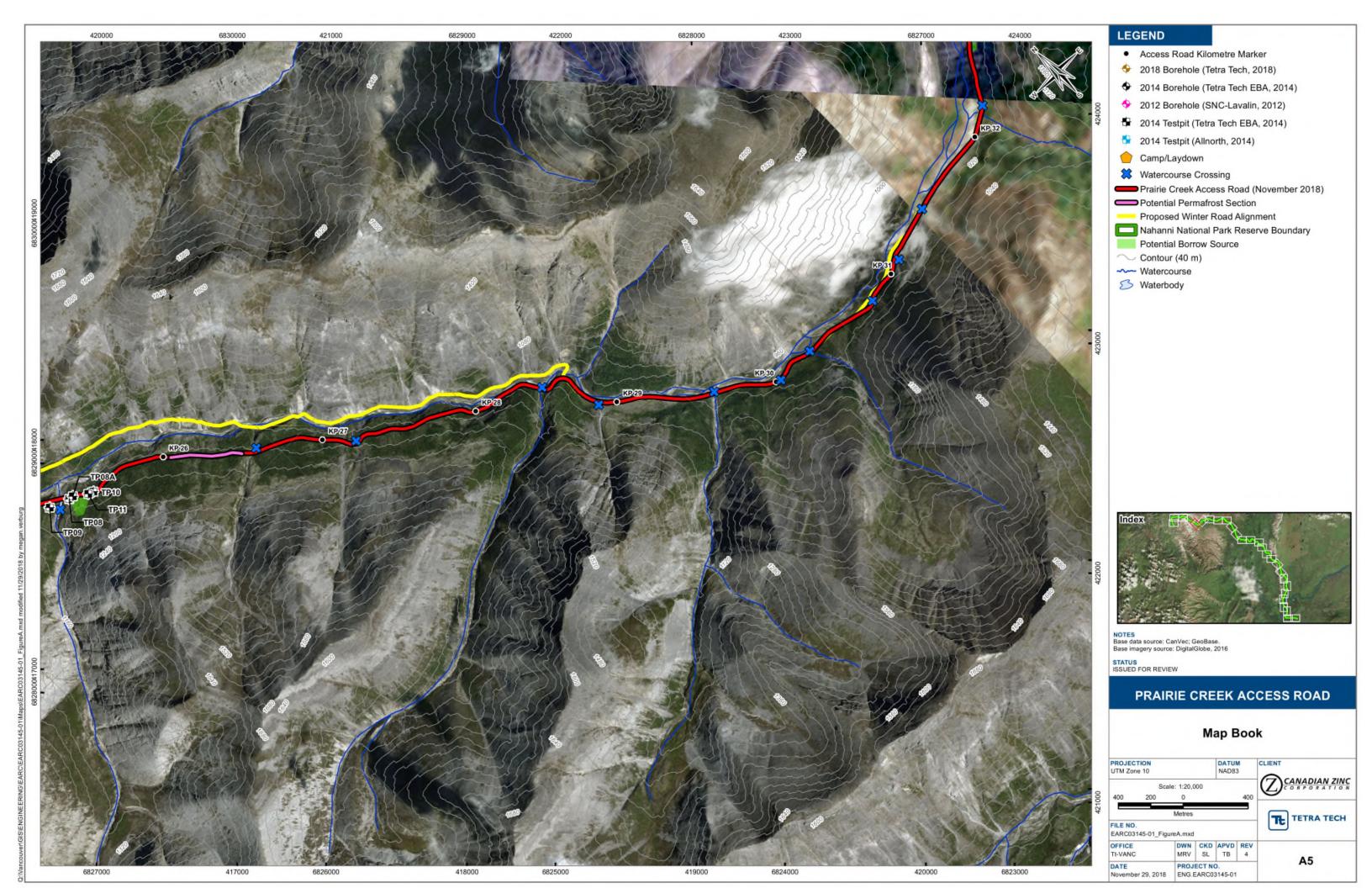


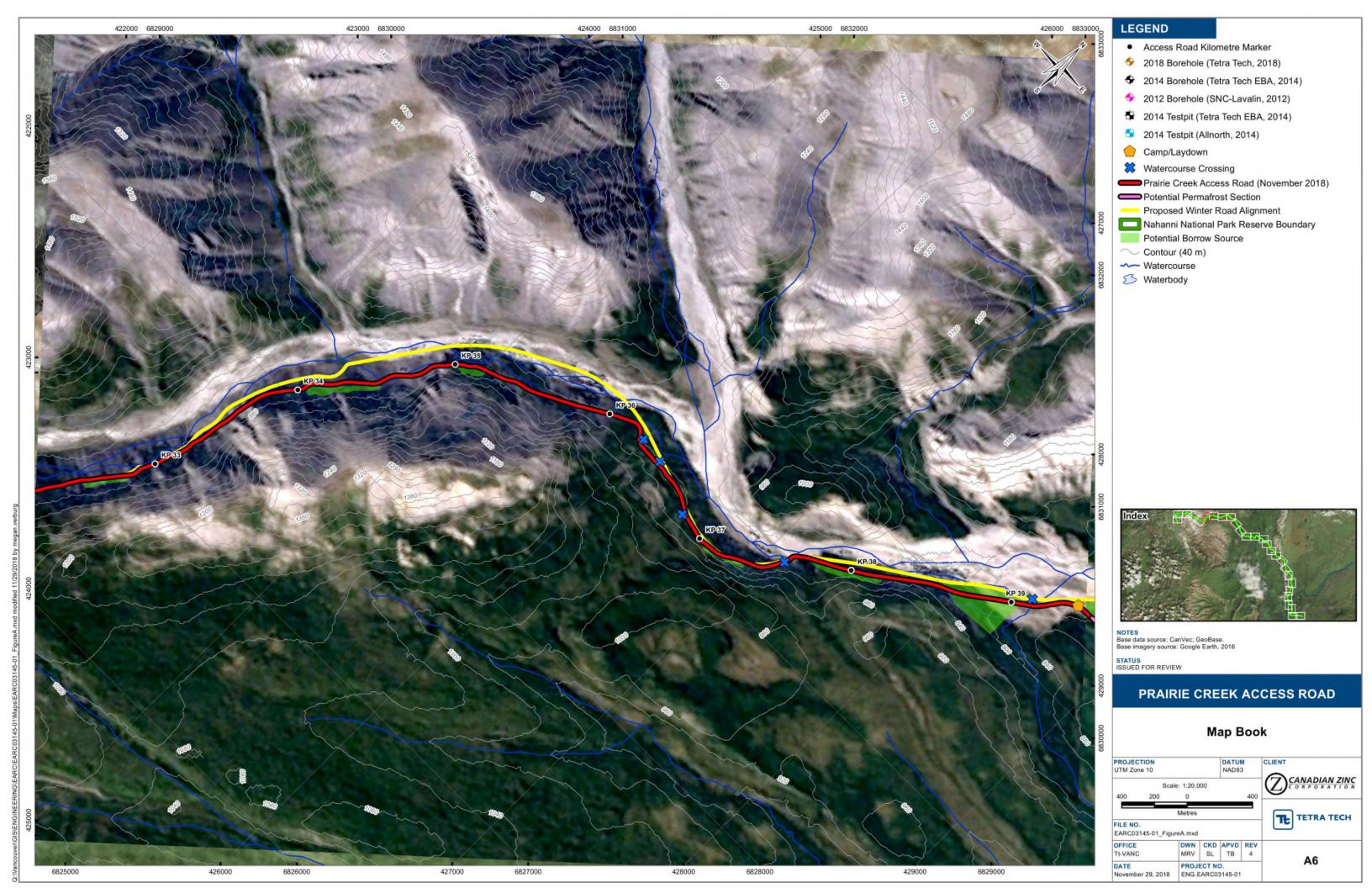


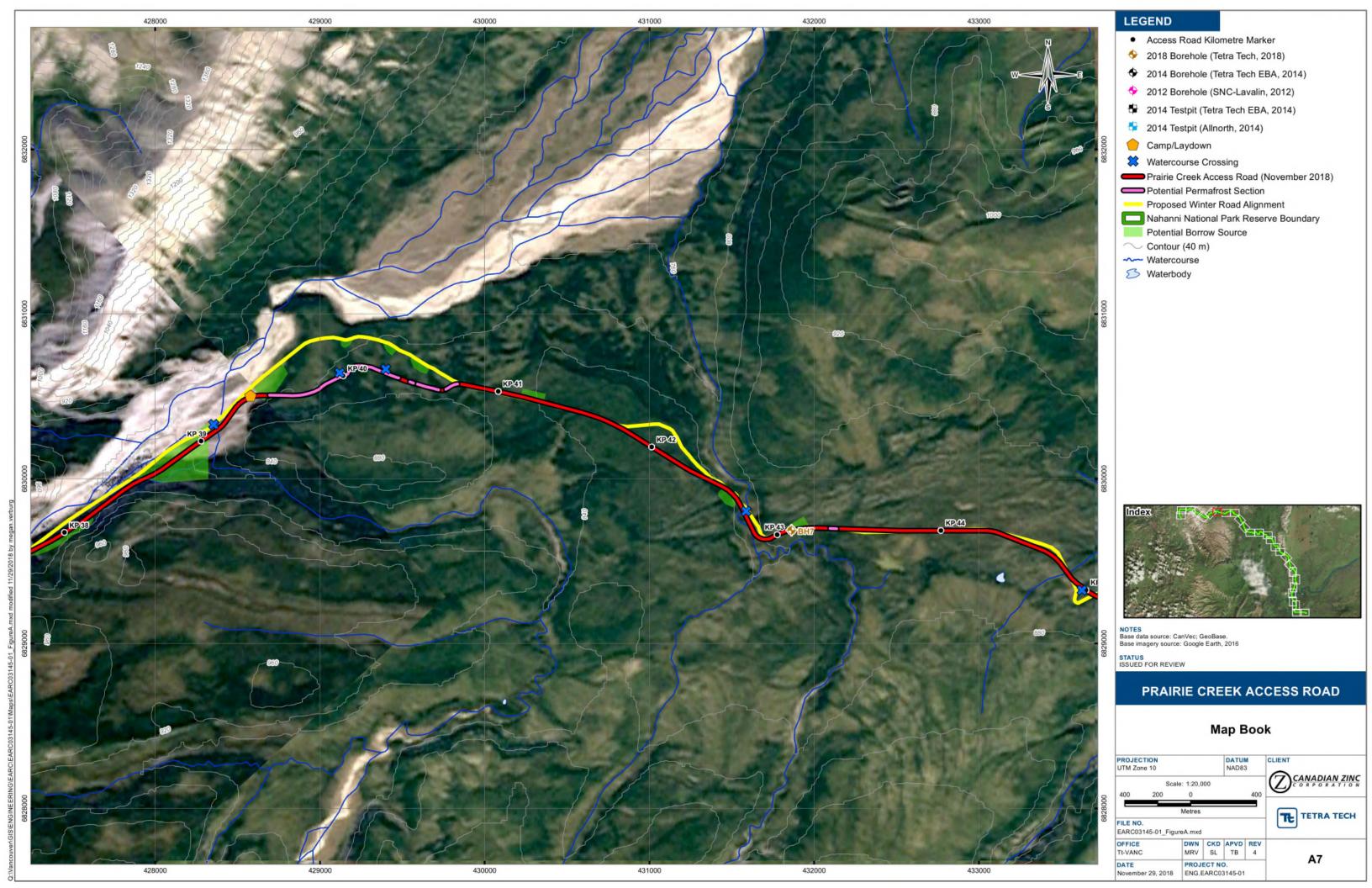


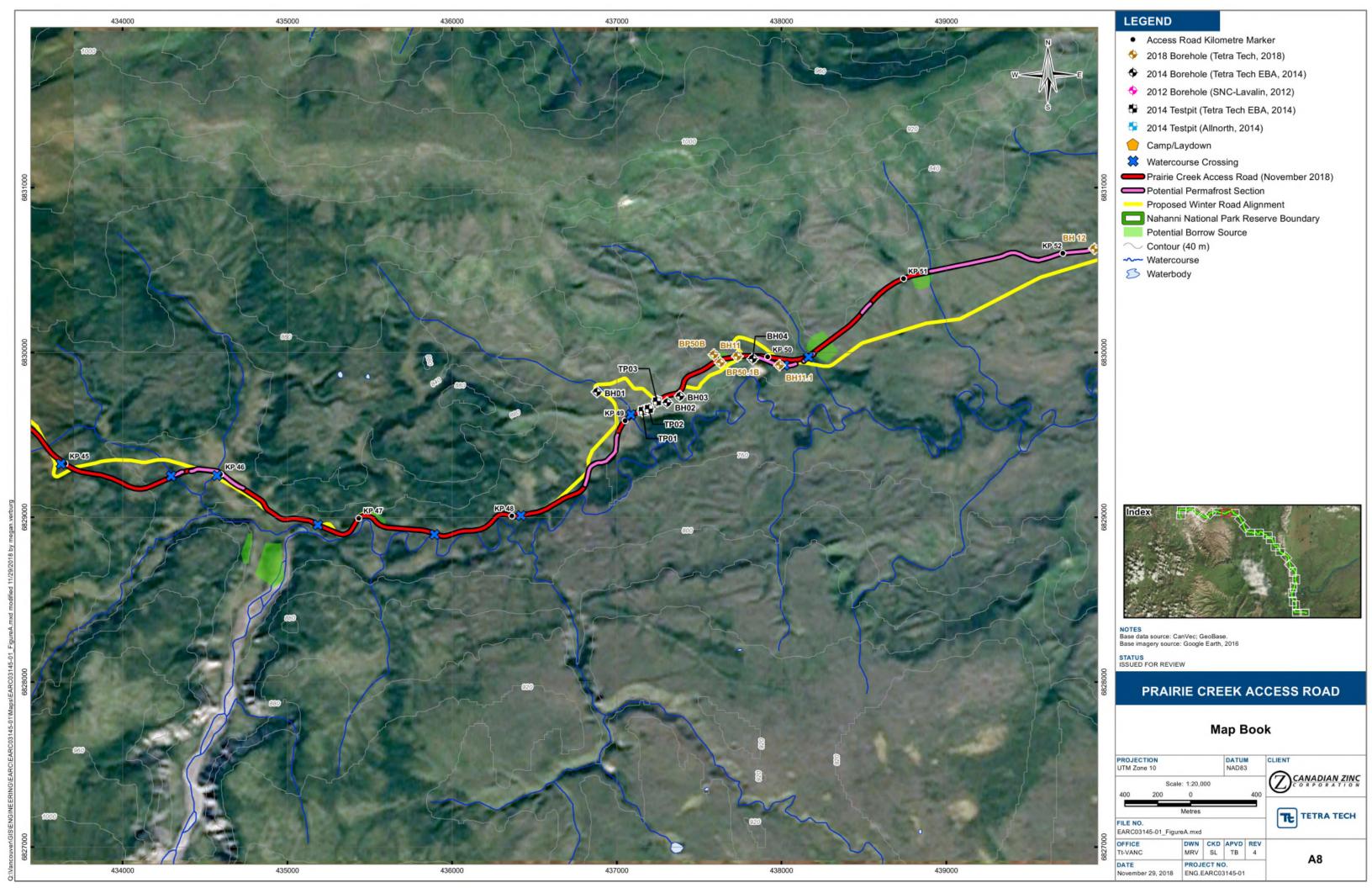


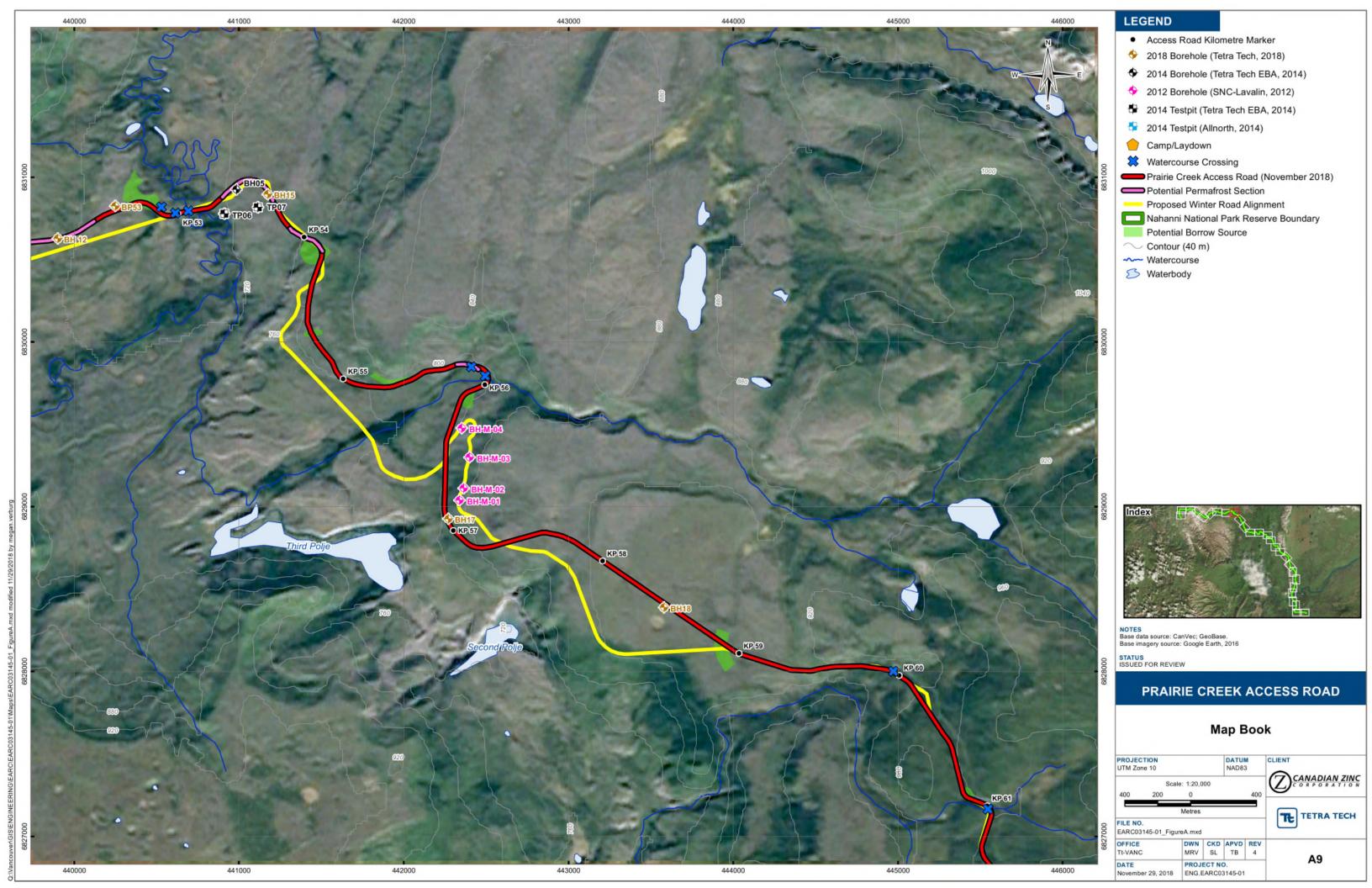


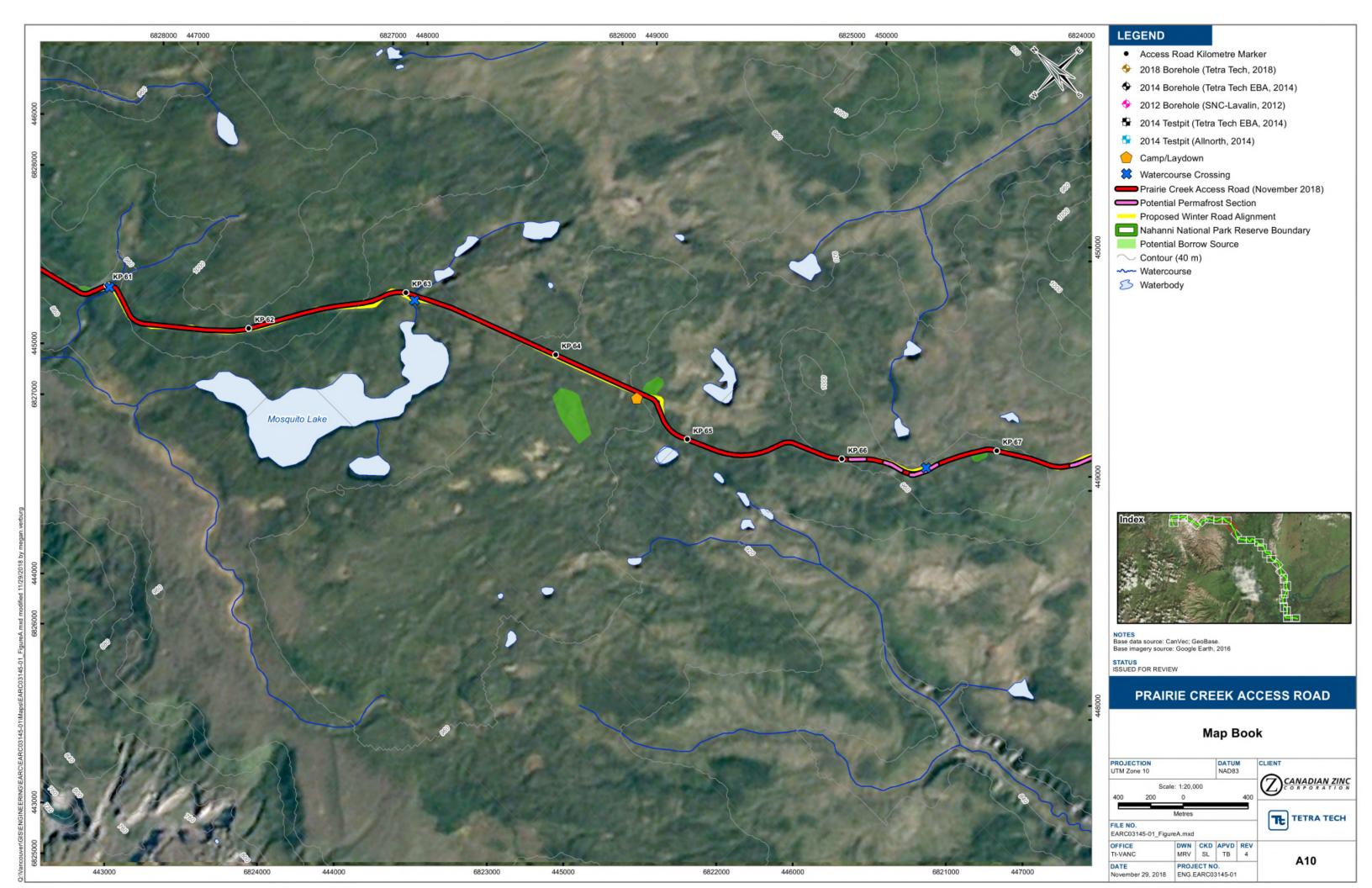


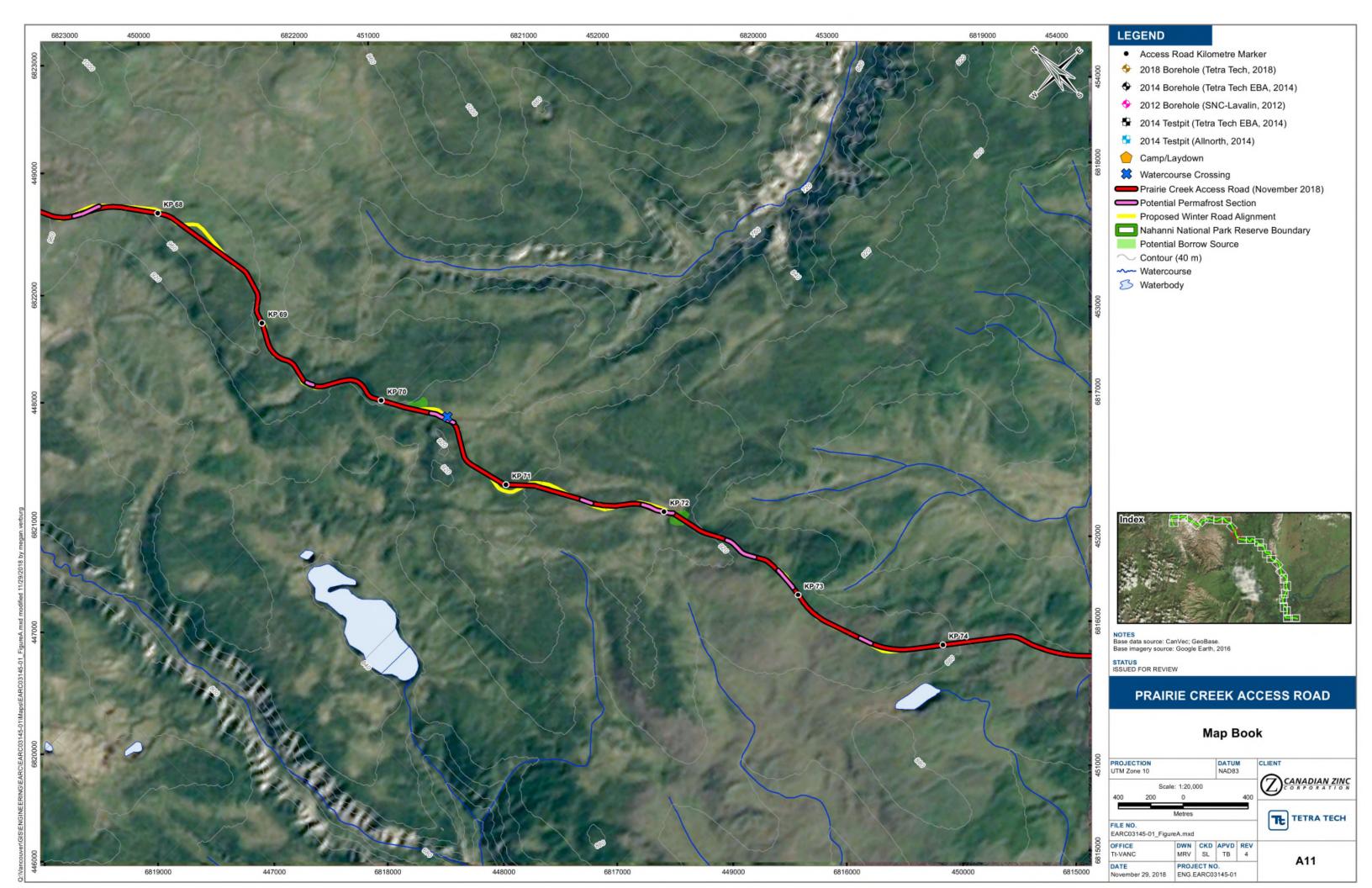


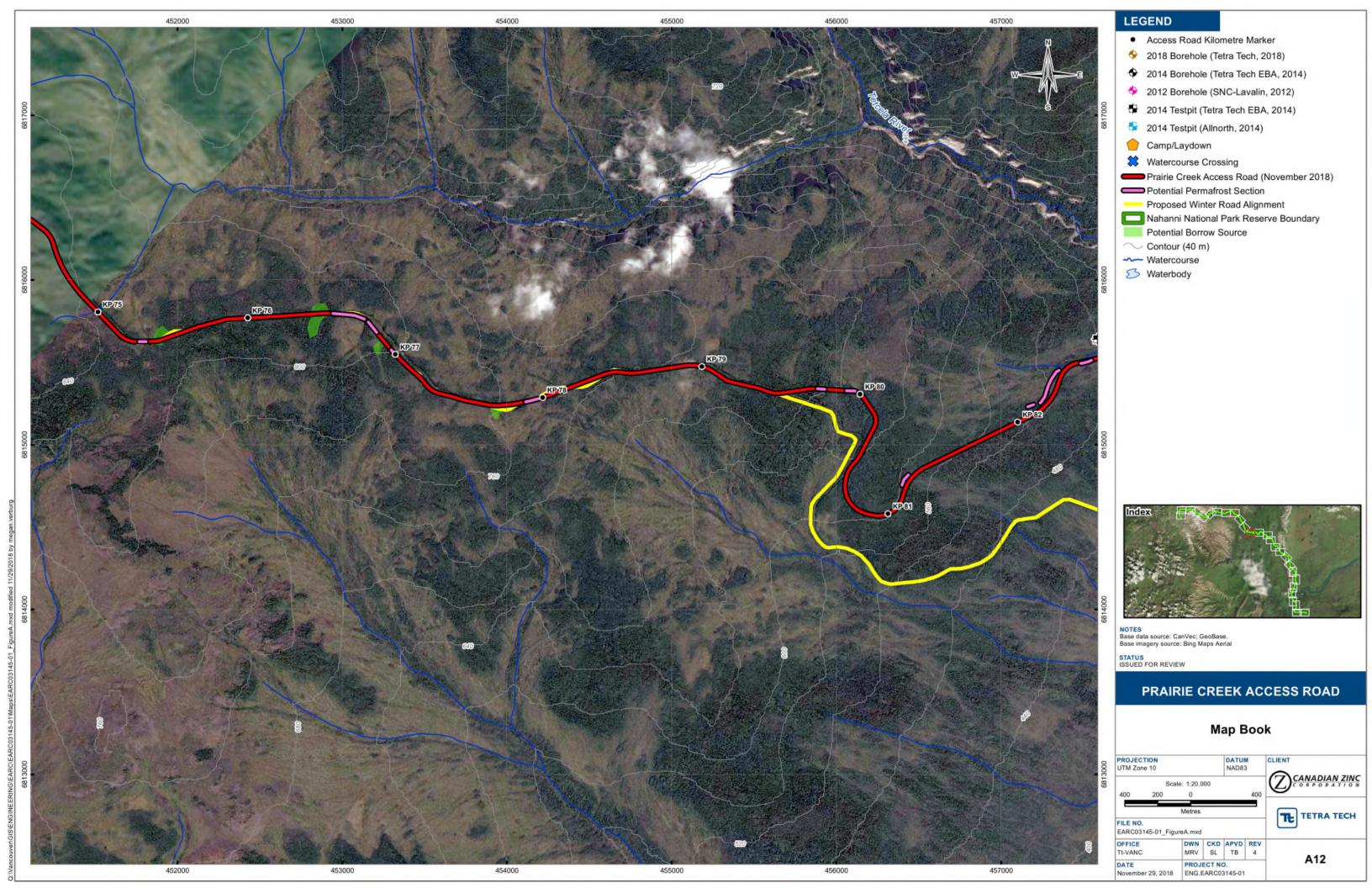


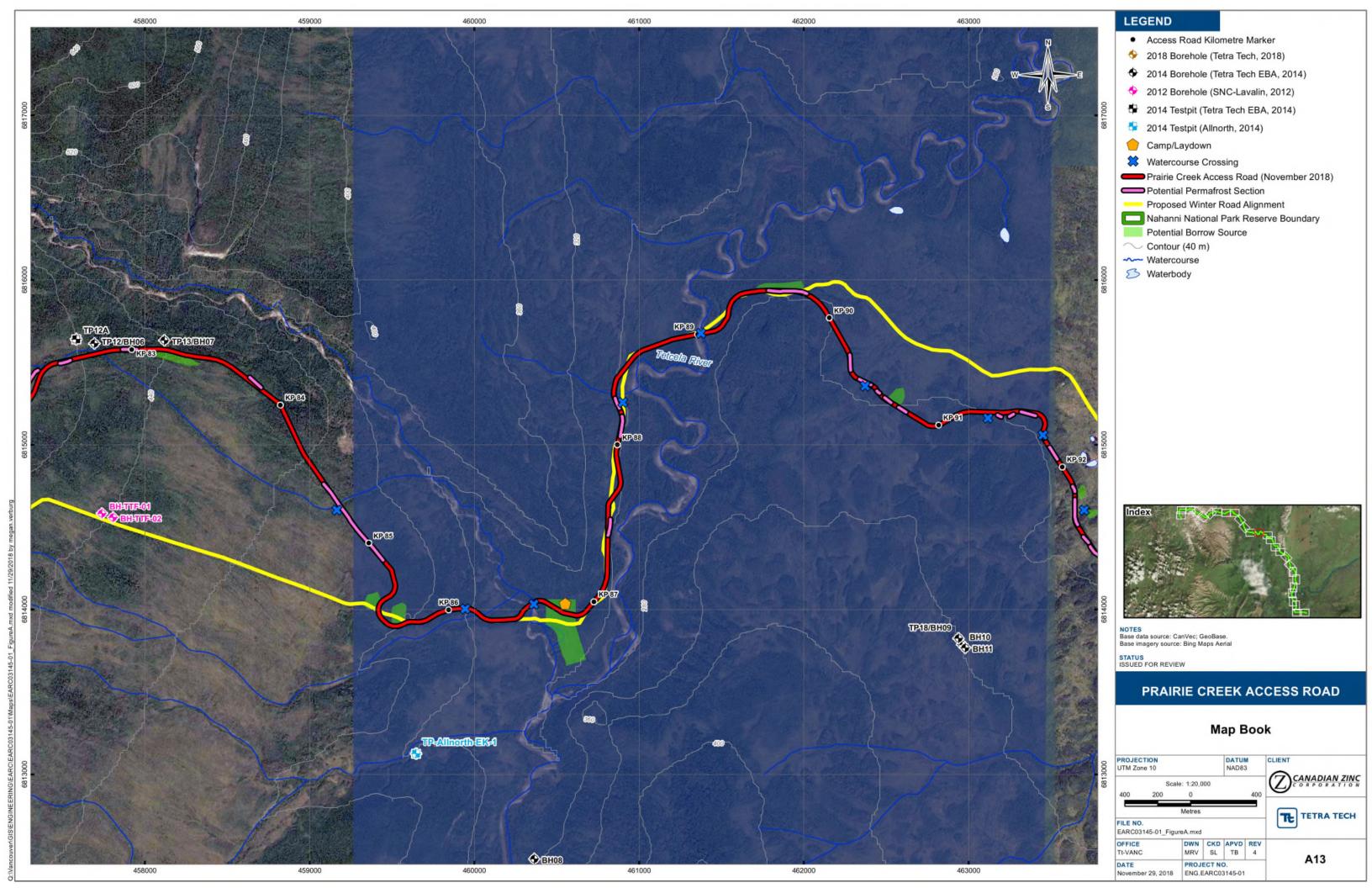


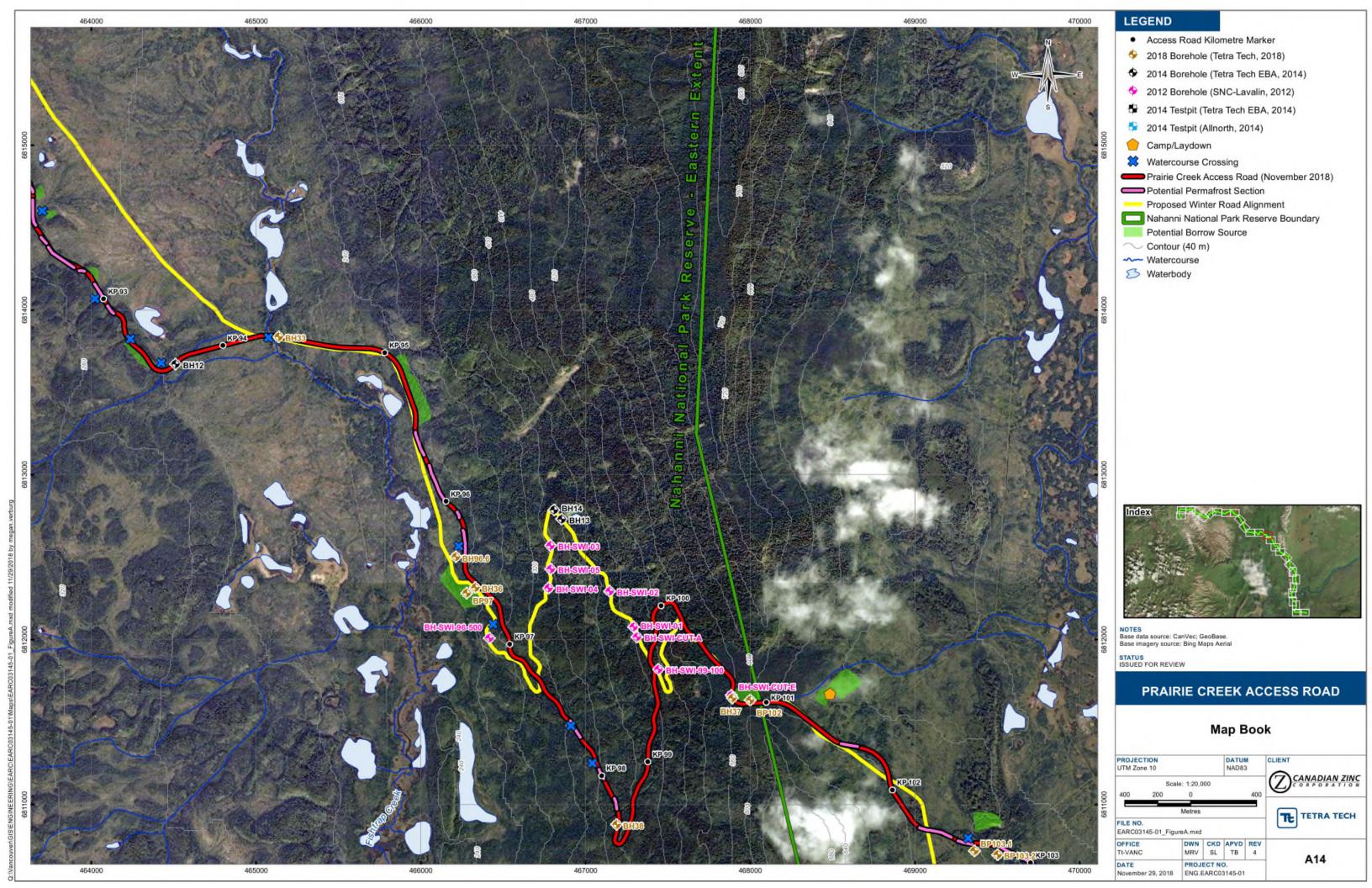


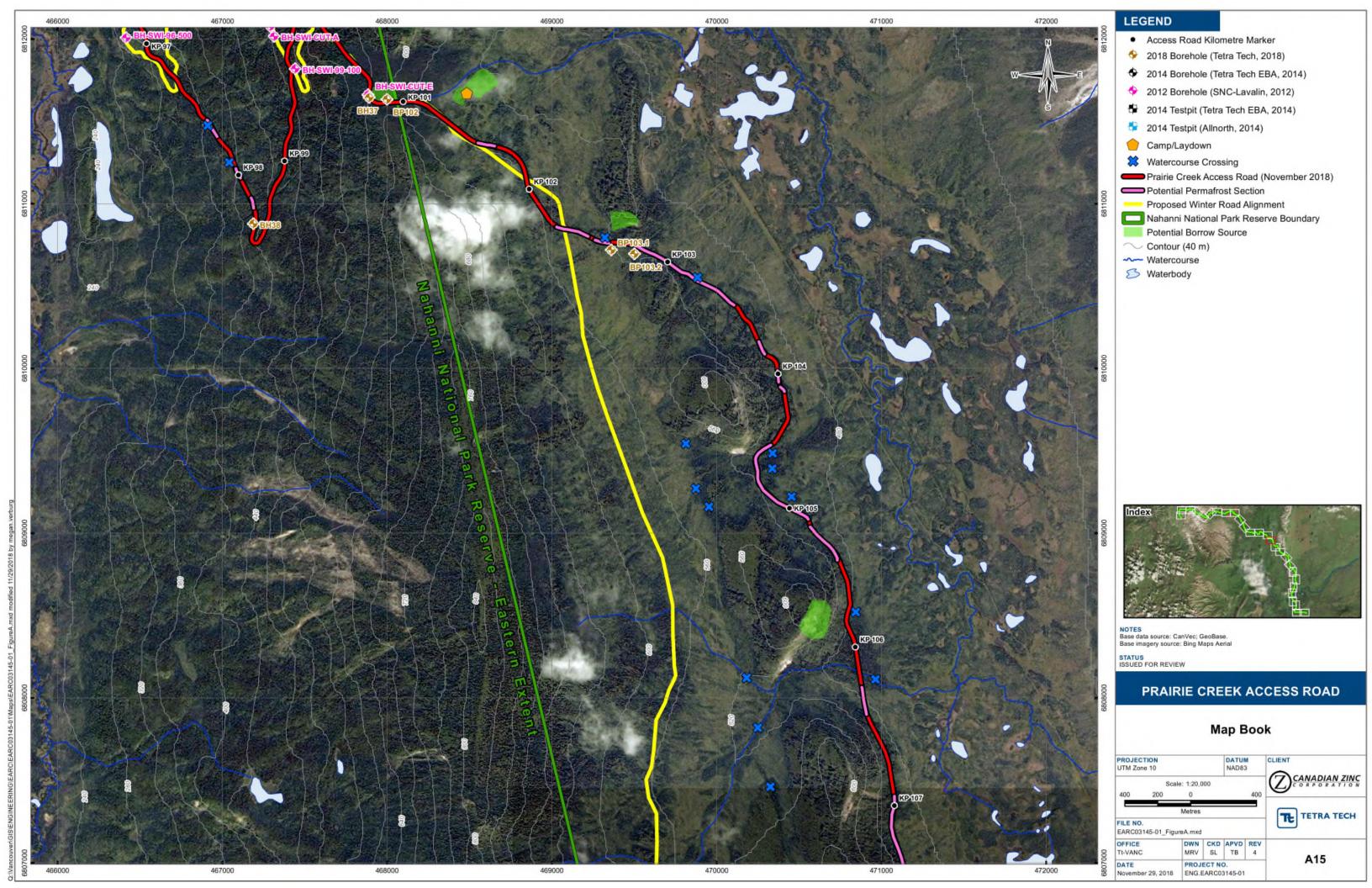


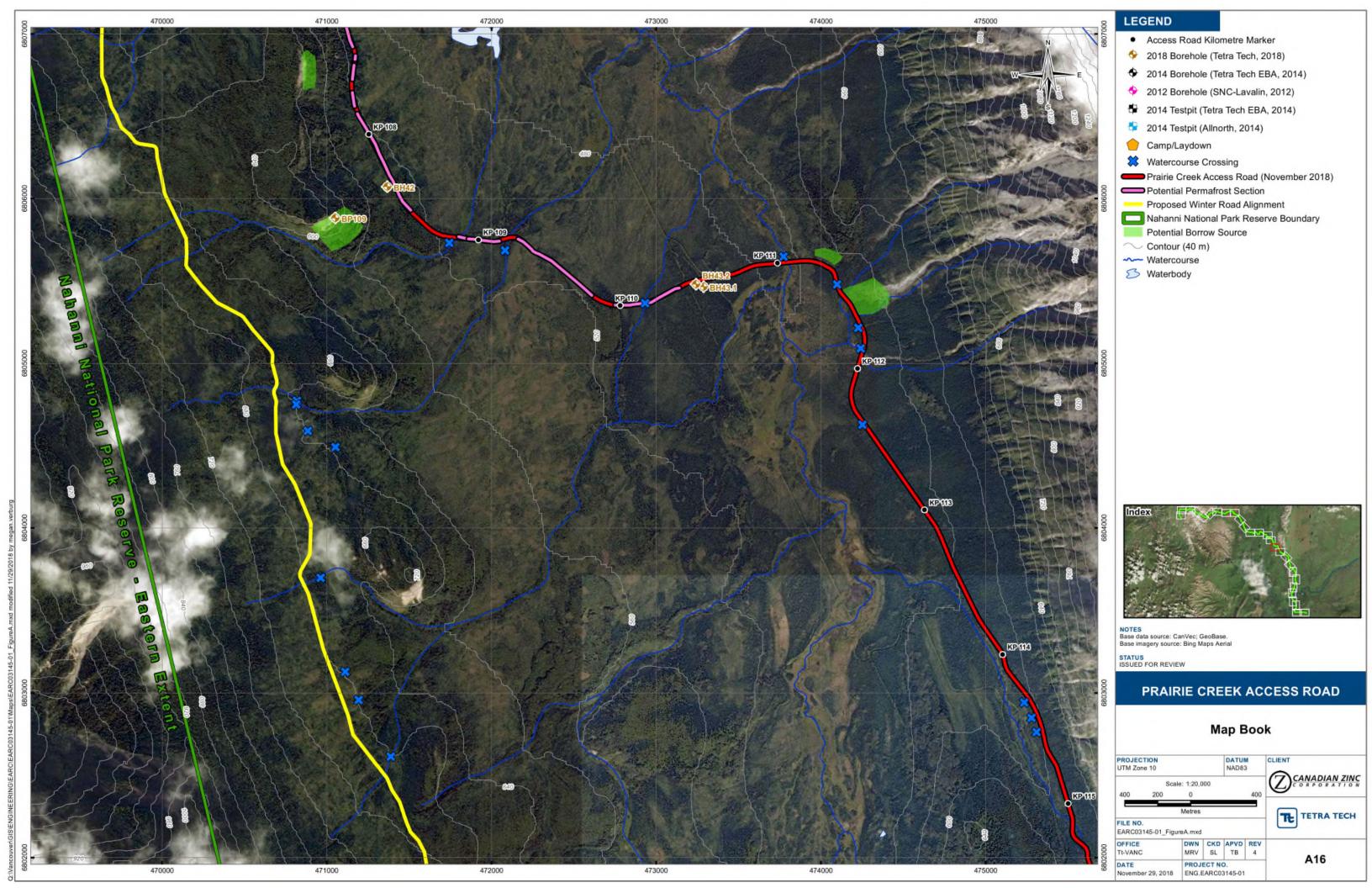


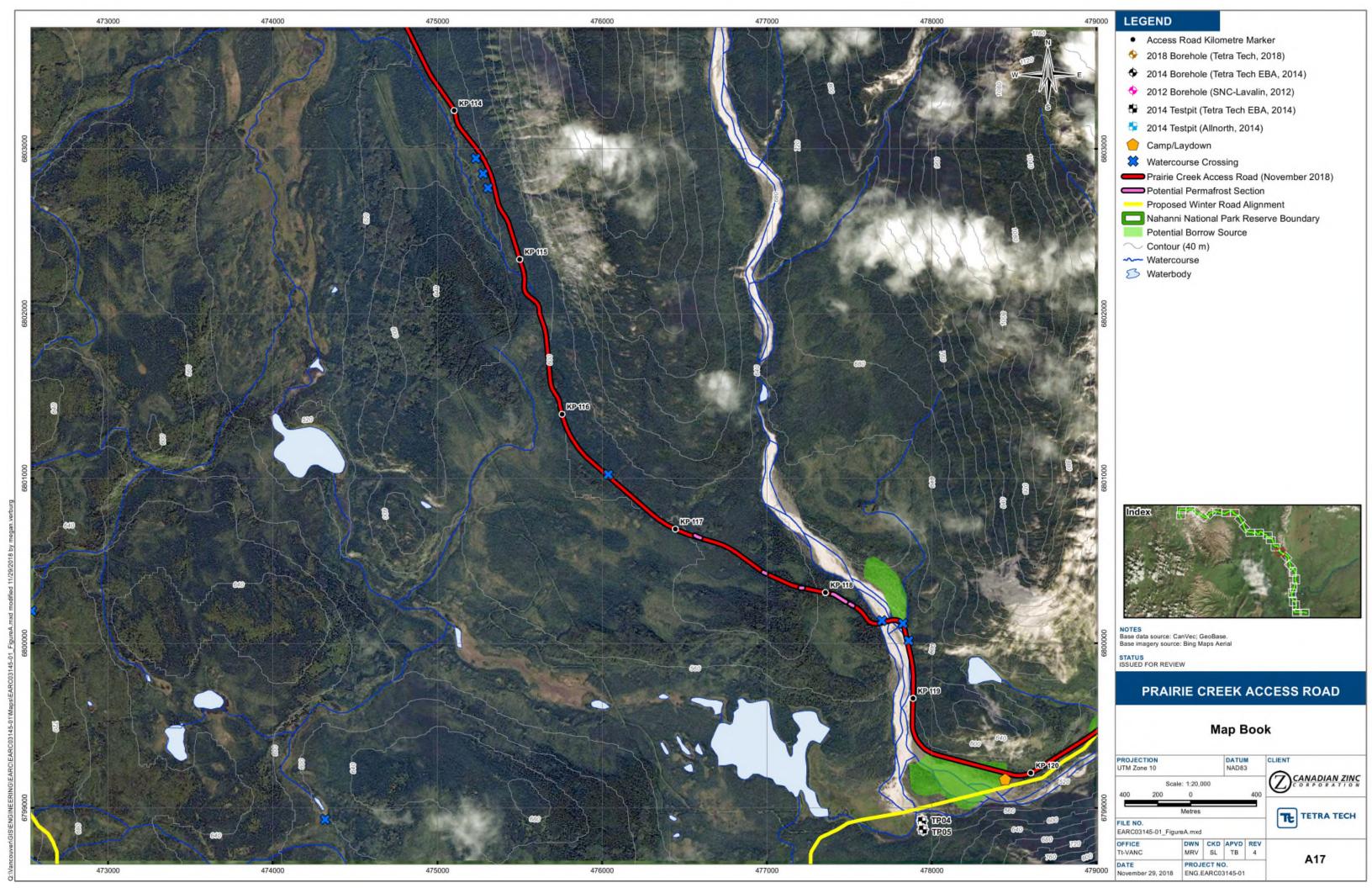


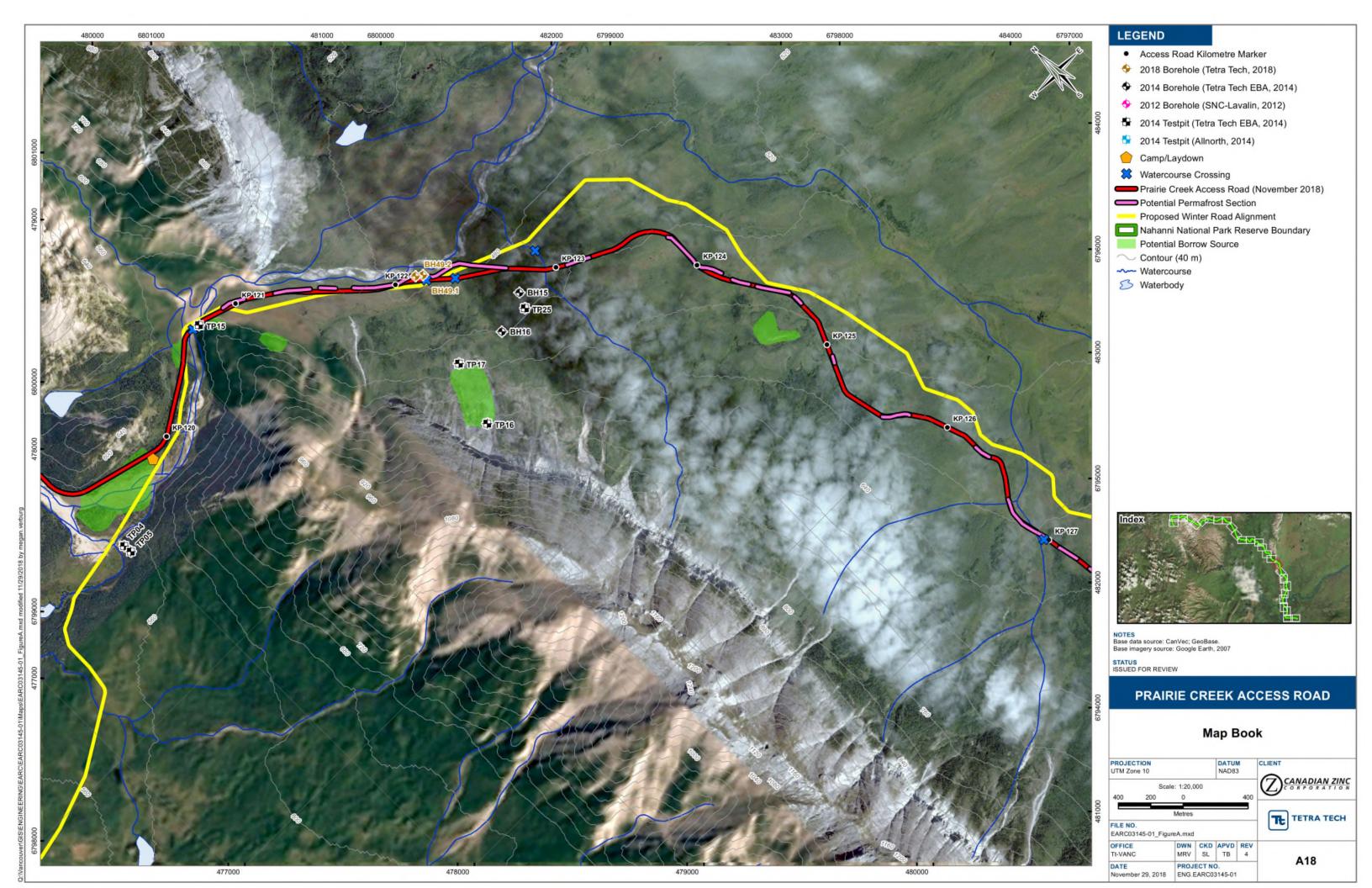


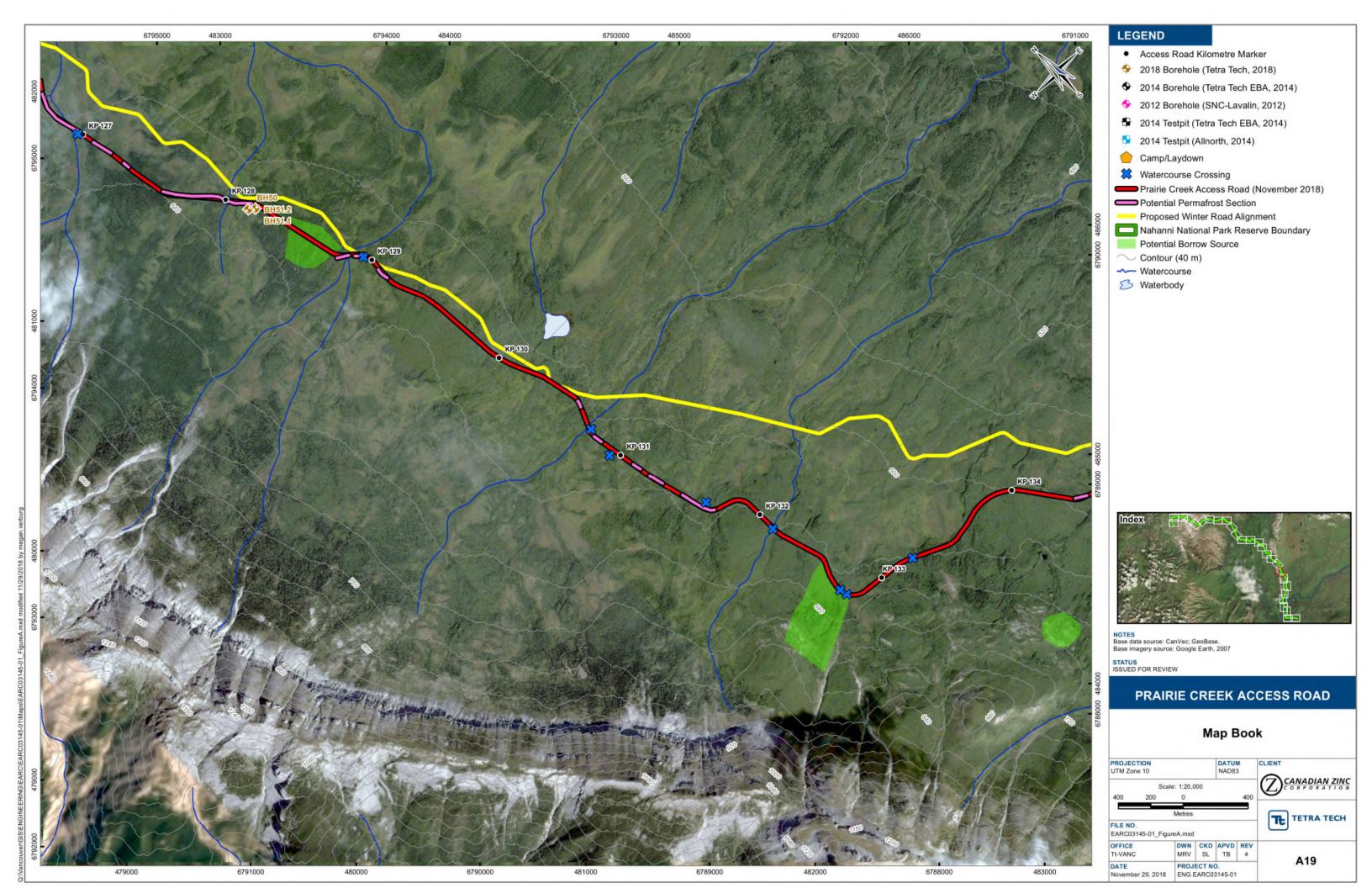


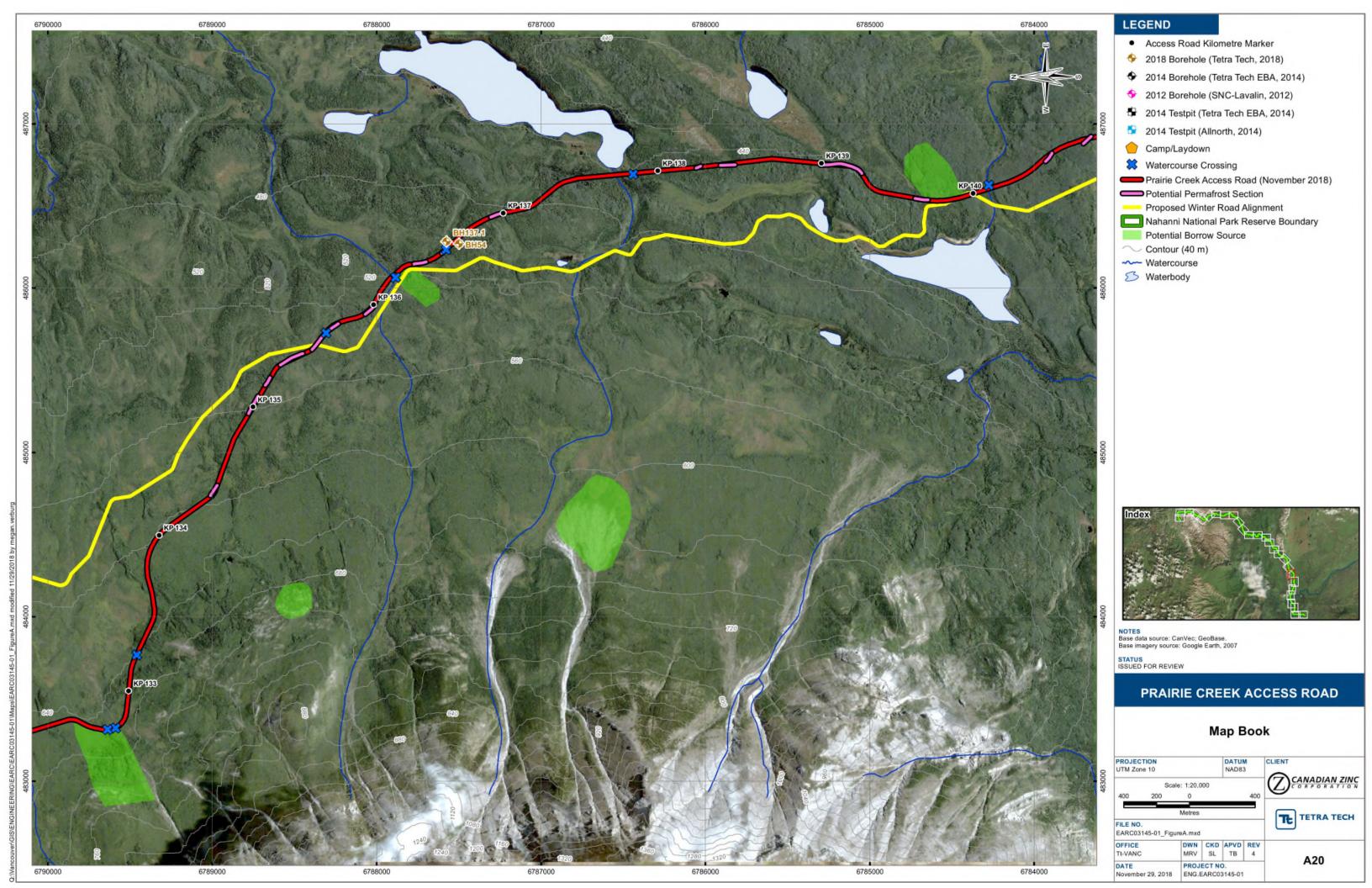


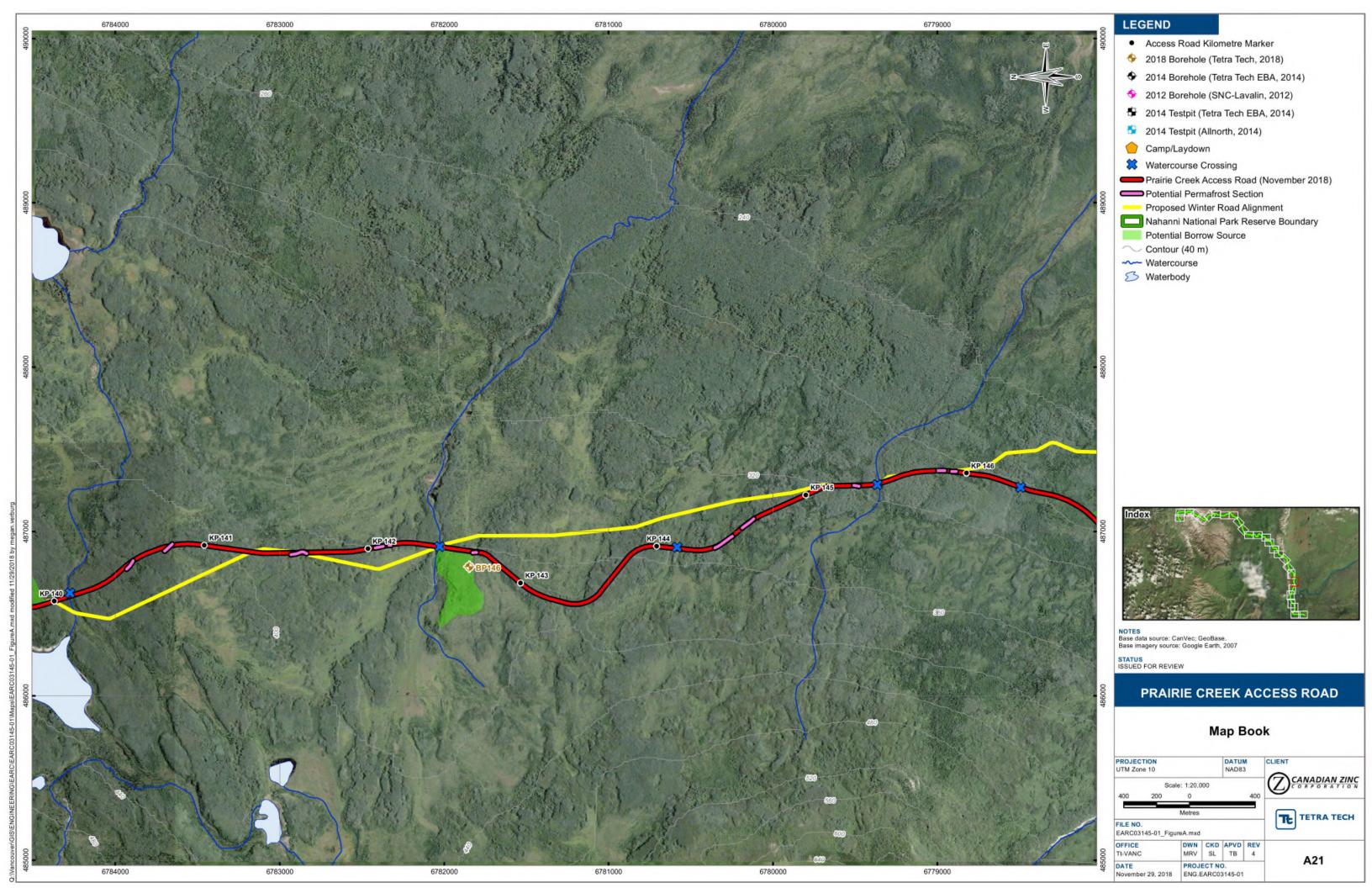


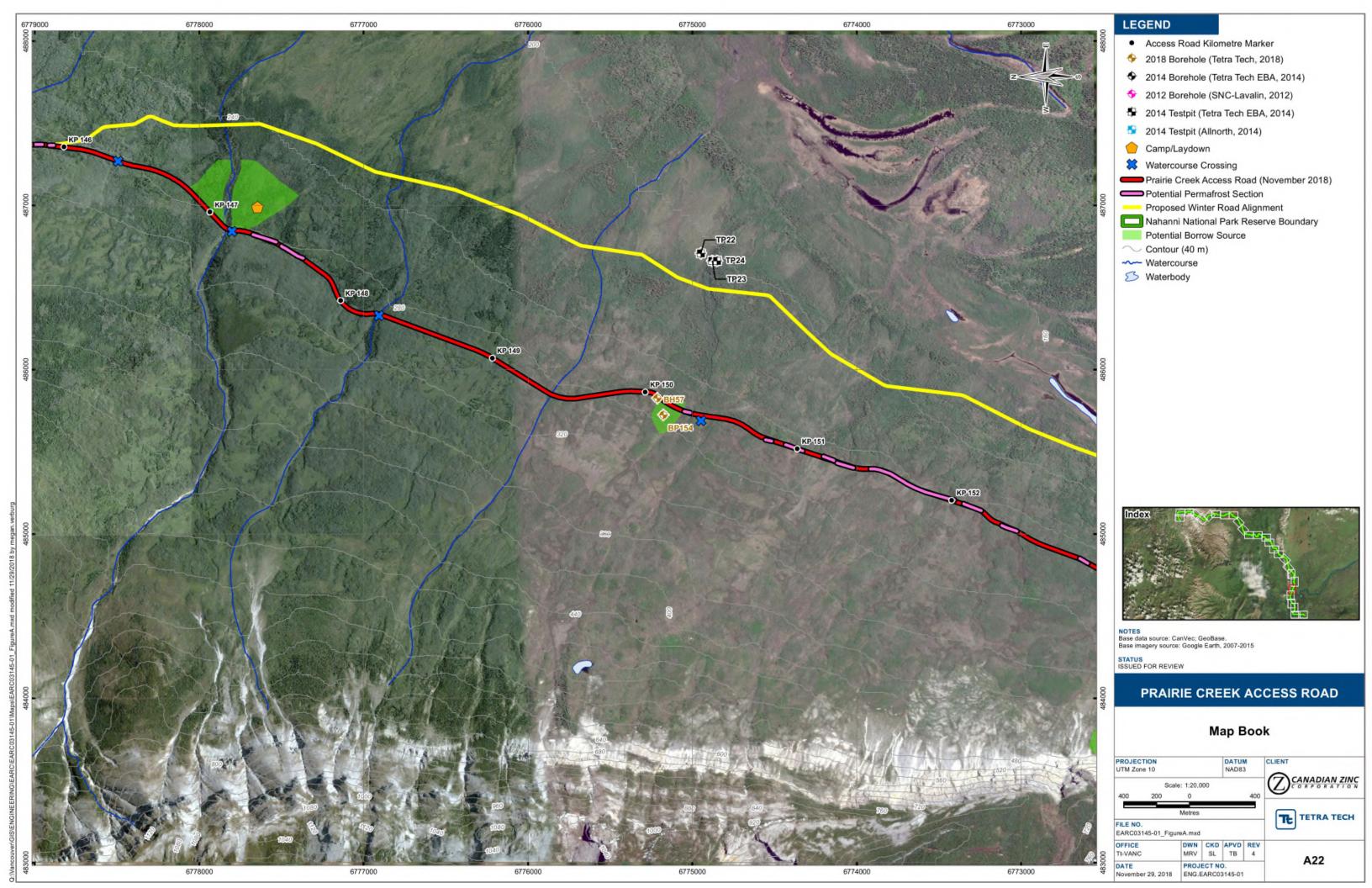


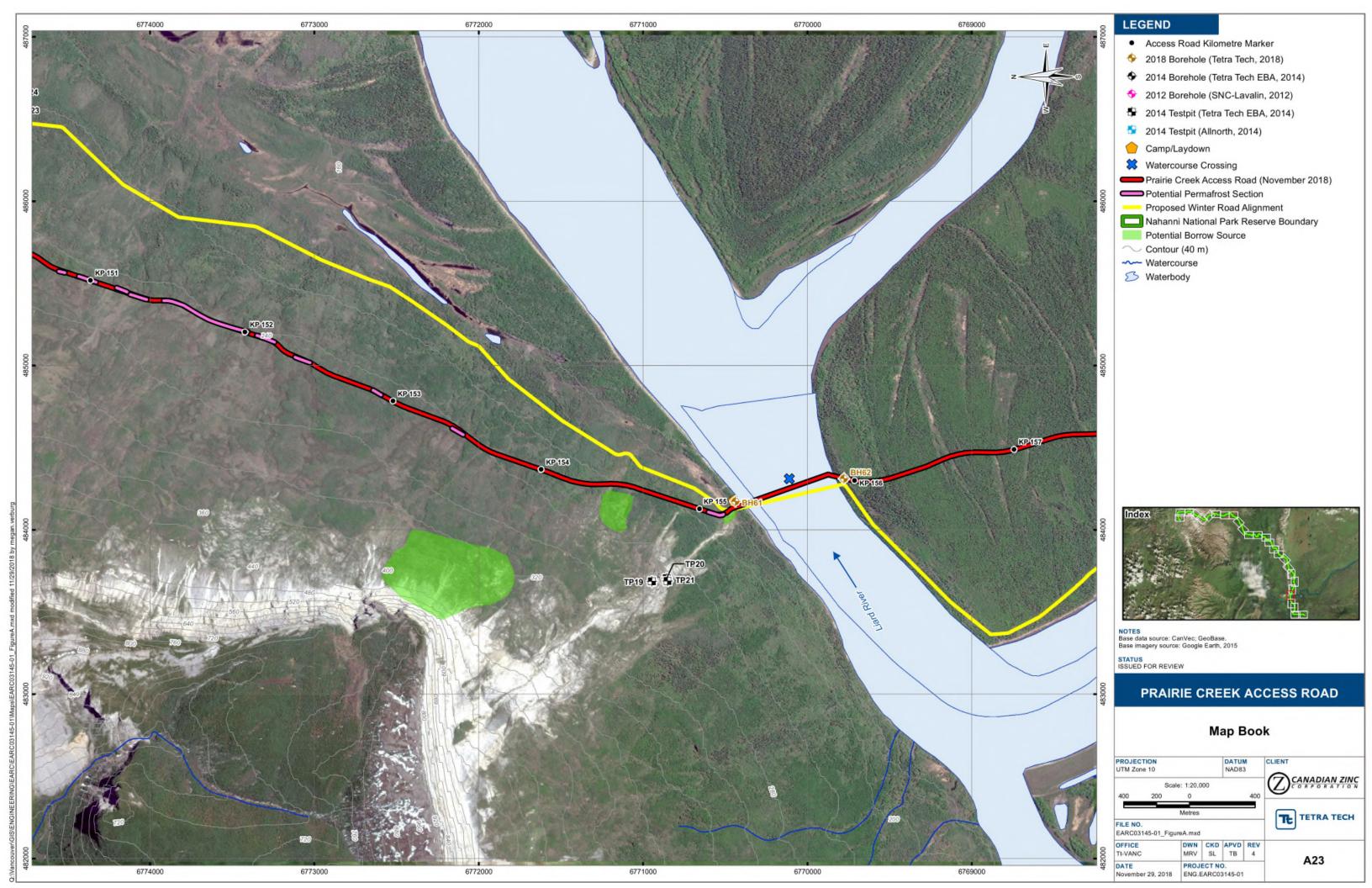


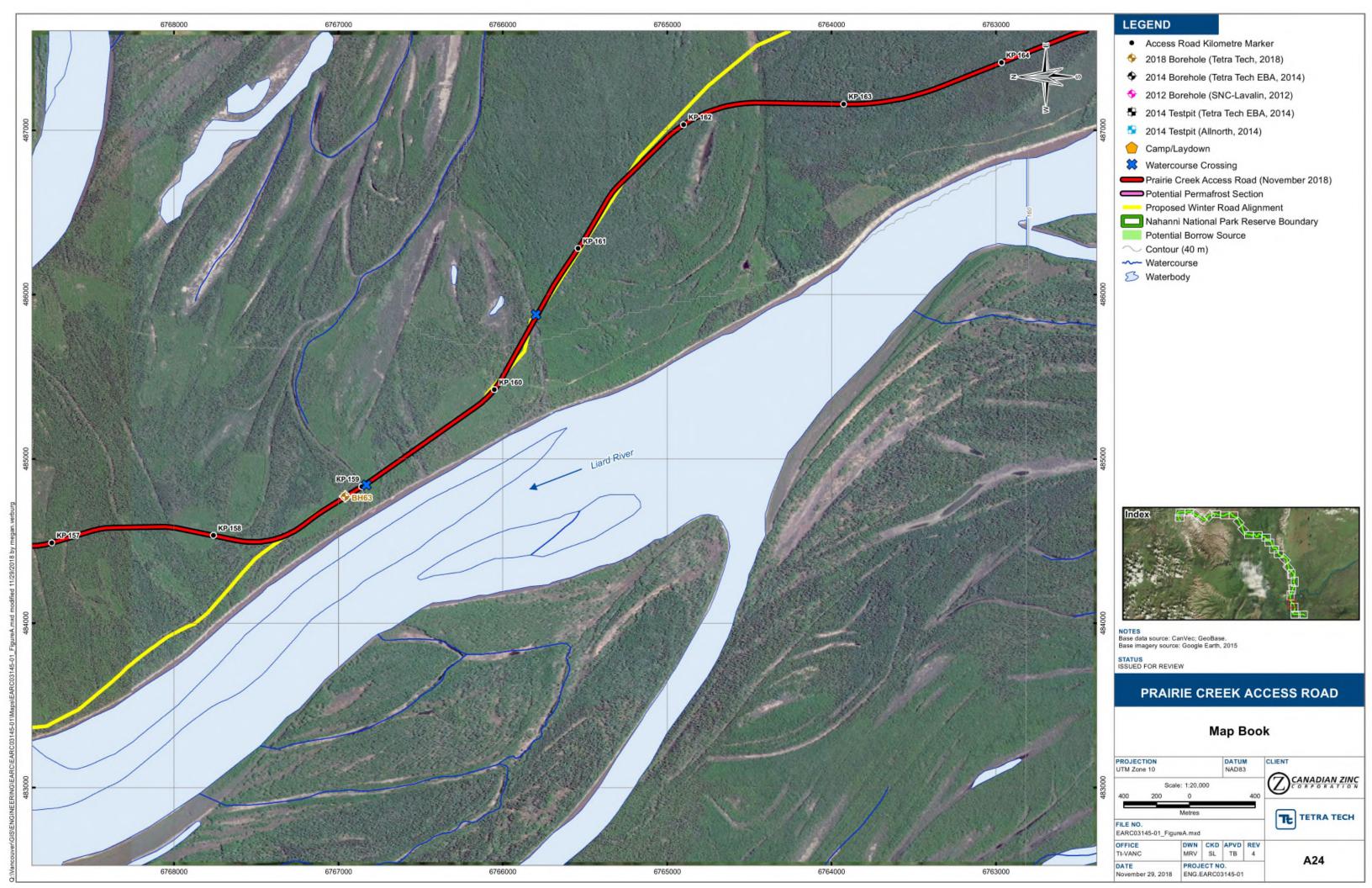


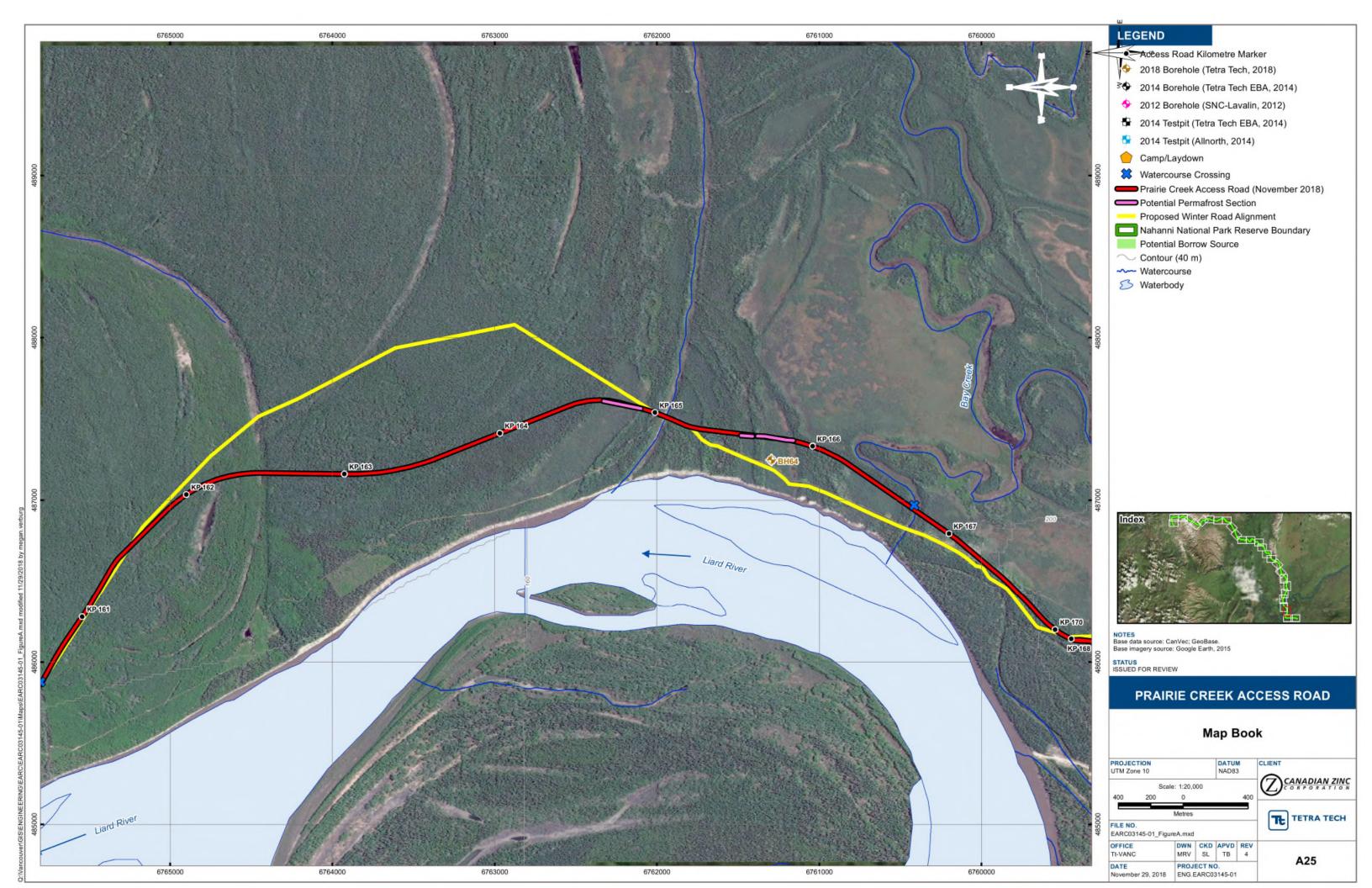


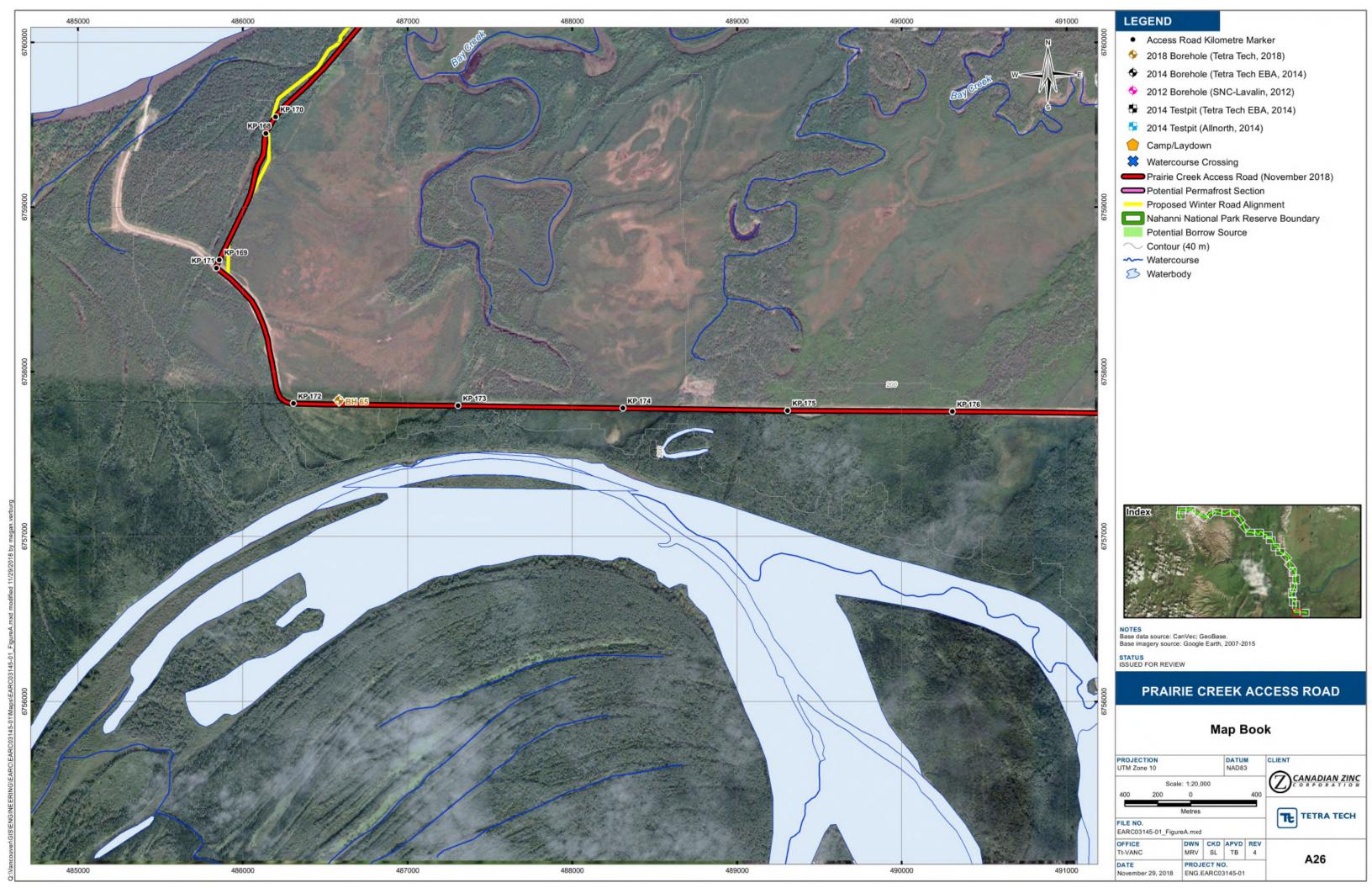














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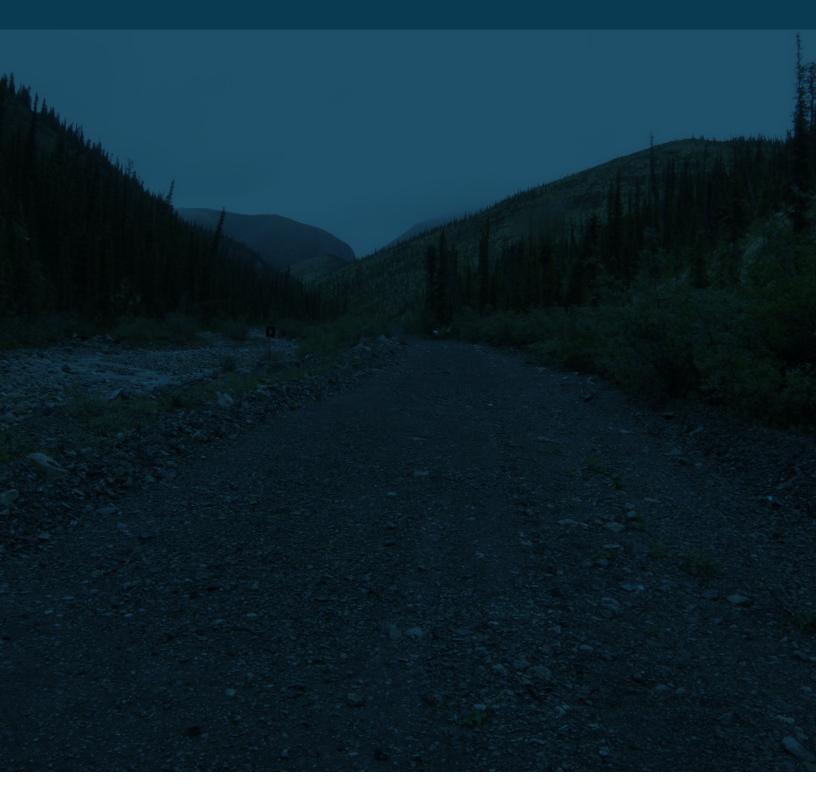
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APPENDIX 9-2

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February 6, 2019

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Attention: David Harpley

VP Environmental & Permitting Affairs

Subject: 2018 Baseline Invasive Plant Survey

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) is planning to operate the Prairie Creek Mine, located at approximately 61o 33' north latitude and 124o 48' west longitude adjacent to Prairie Creek, a tributary of the South Nahanni River, in the southwest NWT. A 169.5 km All Season Road (ASR) connecting the Prairie Creek Mine (at Km 0) to the Liard Highway (Hwy 7) via the Nahanni Butte access road (Figure 1) will generally follow the alignment of a previously permitted Winter Road, while reflecting the terrain, site characteristics, and road specifications suitable and preferred for the ASR (Figure 1).

Roadways can act as a vector for the establishment of invasive species. Invasive plants have the ability to aggressively establish and quickly spread in new environments, altering natural habitats, displacing native species, and reducing habitat effectiveness for wildlife. Once native species are displaced, conditions become favorable for the establishment of other invasive species, further compounding the issue.

Concerns over the establishment and spread of invasive plant species, along the ASR and into the Nahanni National Park Reserve (NNPR), were raised during the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the ASR. In response to information requests during the EA, Tetra Tech developed an Invasive Species Management Framework. In response to the Framework, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board, within the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision – Canadian Zinc Corp. Prairie Creek All Season Road – Project EA1415-01 (2017, the 'REA') requested an invasive plant survey be completed to establish baseline conditions. CZN retained Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech) to conduct this survey in summer 2018.

The 2018 baseline invasive plant survey scope of work on and near the proposed access road alignment included:

- Survey areas of the access road that overlap with previous anthropogenic vehicular/machine disturbance, including the historic winter road and exploration cut-lines;
- Survey the Nahanni Butte community access road from the Liard Highway to the Liard River that overlaps with the CZN access road;
- Survey the old logging road from the Nahanni Butte access road to the Liard River that was cleared by the Nahanni Butte community previously, sections of which will be overlapped by the ASR;
- Survey the Prairie Creek Mine site;
- Survey/spot check pristine areas along the ASR that are currently undisturbed; and
- Provide a summary report of findings.

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2.0 METHODOLOGY

The survey generally followed the walking survey methodology outlined in the Report on the 2016 Survey of Exotic Plants along the Northwest Territories Highways (Oldham and Delisle-Oldham 2017)¹. Invasive plants listed in this Report were the focus of the survey. A list of invasive plants was compiled along with estimates of relative abundance and phenology, which assisted with identification. Abundance categories used are as follows:

Table 1: Abundance Categories¹

Category	Sub-Category	Description					
Continuous	N/A	Plants generally in a dense, continuous patch >100 m. Density distribution class of 7 or 8 ²					
Sporadic	High scattered abundance	Occasional patches <100 m long which are broken by large sections (i.e., several hundred metres) of no growth. Density distribution is class 5 or 6 ²					
Sporaulo	Low scattered abundance	Occasional patches <100 m long which are broken by large sections (i.e., several hundred metres) of no growth. Density distribution is class 3 or 4 ²					
Rare	N/A	Very few plants observed. Density distribution is class 1 or 2 ²					
Absent	N/A	No plants observed					

3.0 RESULTS

A baseline survey for invasive species was completed August 10 to 18, 2018; a total of 97 km were surveyed. Twenty-three (23) invasive species were identified in high densities between KP 155 to KP 179.5 (south of the Liard River, Figures 2-1 to 2-43). No invasive species were detected between KP 155 (just north of the Liard River) to KP 0. However, four invasive species were observed around the Mine site in small numbers. Previous vegetation surveys within the NNPR did not detect invasive species.

The following species, densities, and locations were observed along the proposed access road (Table 2).

Table 2. Invasive Plant Species Observations

Waypoint #	Easting (Zone 10V)	Northing	Common Name	Scientific Name	Density	Photo #	Feature Type and Comment
1	485837	6758624	Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum	Low Scattered - Sporadic	1	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			White Sweet- clover	Melilotus officinalis	Continuous	2	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			Narrow-leaf Hawksbeard	Crepis tectorum	Low Scattered - Sporadic	3	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			Brittle- stemmed Hempnettle	Galeopsis tetrahit	High Scattered - Sporadic	4	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5

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https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/sites/enr/files/resources/report_on_the_2016_survey_of_exotic_plants_along_northwest_territories_h.pdf

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Waypoint #			Common Name	Scientific Name	Density	Photo #	Feature Type and Comment
			Common Plantain	Plantago major	Low Scattered - Sporadic	5	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			Black Medick	Medicago Iupulina	High Scattered - Sporadic	6	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			Prostrate Knotweed	Polygonum aviculare	Low Scattered - Sporadic	7	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca	Low Scattered - Sporadic	8	Polygon - Ends at 150 m east of point
			Narrow-leaved Collomia	Collomia linearis	High Scattered - Sporadic	9	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
			Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album	Low Scattered - Sporadic	10	Polygon - Ends at 150 m east of point
			Biennial Sagebrush	Artemisia biennis	Rare	11	Point
			Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	Rare	12	Point
2	486062	6758410	Pineapple Weed	Matricaria discoidea	Rare	13	Point
3	486210	6757853	Pineapple Weed	Matricaria discoidea	Rare		Point
4	486243	6757823	Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at 200 m east of point
5	486578	6757798	Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at 200 m east of point
6	487056	6757799	Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at 100 m east of point
			Pineapple Weed	Matricaria discoidea	Rare		Point
7	488617	6757779	Barley	Hordeum vulgare	Rare	14	Point
8	489504	6757768	Shepherd's Purse	Capsella bursa-pastoris	Rare	15	Point
36	493475	6757718	Field Sow- thistle	Sonchus arvensis	Rare	16	Point
37	493753	6757610	Barley	Hordeum vulgare	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at 150 m east of point
38	493947	6757190	Field Sow- thistle	Sonchus arvensis	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
39	493996	6757109	Awnless Brome	Bromus inermis	Low Scattered - Sporadic	17	Polygon - Ends 250 m east of point
40	494642	6757079	Common Timothy	Phleum pratense	Low Scattered - Sporadic	18	Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
41	494684	6757076	Awnless Brome	Bromus inermis	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at KP 179.5
42	494917	6757078	Alfalfa	Medicago sativa	Rare	19	Point
43	485926	6758755	Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at KP 169
			Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends 500 m NE of point

Waypoint #	Easting (Zone 10V)	Northing	Common Name	Scientific Name	Density	Photo #	Feature Type and Comment
			Common Plantain	Plantago major	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends at KP 156
44	487011	6760879	Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum	Rare		Point
45	486613	6763846	Narrow-leaf Hawksbeard	Crepis tectorum	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Ends 500 m NW of point
			Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum	Rare		Point
46	486265	6764364	Biennial Sagebrush	Artemisia biennis	Rare		Point
			Narrow-leaf Hawksbeard	Crepis tectorum	Rare		Point
47	486105	6764395	Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album	Rare		Point
			White Cockle	Silene latifolia ssp. alba	Rare	20	Point
48	485989	6764522	Field Pennycress	Thlaspi arvense	Rare	21	Point
			Narrow-leaved Collomia	Collomia linearis	Rare		Point
			Maple-leaved Goosefoot	Chenopodium simplex	Rare	22	Point
49	485513	6765449	White Sweet- clover	Melilotus albus	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends 200 m NW of point
			Narrow-leaf Hawksbeard	Crepis tectorum	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends 200 m NW of point
50	485336	6766143	White Sweet- clover	Melilotus albus	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends 1,000 m NW of point
51	484895	6766772	Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends 1,000 m NW of point
			Biennial Sagebrush	Artemisia biennis	Rare		Point
52	484693	6767071	White Sweet- clover	Melilotus albus	Rare		Point
53	483478	6768584	Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album	Rare		Point
54	483397	6768750	Biennial Sagebrush	Artemisia biennis	Rare		Point
			Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album	Rare		Point
55	483898	6769292	White Sweet- clover	Melilotus albus	Rare		Point
			Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Ends 600 m NW of point
56	484123	6770459	Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Ends 1,000 m NE of point

Waypoint #	Easting (Zone 10V)	Northing	Common Name	Scientific Name	Density	Photo #	Feature Type and Comment
64	404417	6825824	Common Plantain	Plantago major	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Surrounds main mine buildings
65	404772	6826002	Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	Rare		Point
66	404391	6825878	Common Plantain	Plantago major	Low Scattered - Sporadic		Polygon - Surrounds main mine buildings
67	404391	6825879	Prostrate Knotweed	Polygonum aviculare	Rare		Point
69	404429	6825681	Dense-flower Pepperwort	Lepidium densiflorum	Rare	23	Point
70	404378	6825792	Common Plantain	Plantago major	Rare		Point
71	404295	6825800	Common Plantain	Plantago major	Rare		Point

Bison may be a contributing factor to the spread of invasive species south of the Liard River, as evident from well-trodden trails and wallows in areas cleared proximal to the old logging road (Photo 24). One year after the community of Nahanni Butte conducted this additional clearing, high densities of invasive species were found along the cut-line. These species may have been introduced to the area via dirty equipment; however, community members do not use the cutline (it is relatively inaccessible due to terrain) and it does seem to be favored by bison as a movement corridor between habitats.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The challenge for invasive plant management along the ASR will be keeping invasive species from spreading into the area north of the Liard River and into the NNPR. The Invasive Species Management Plan (Tetra Tech 2018) should be followed to prevent the establishment of invasive species and control their spread, if present.

Prior to construction, invasive species should be controlled along the Nahanni Butte community access road, the old logging road and areas proximal to it cleared by the community (cut-line), and around the Mine. These areas pose significant risk for spreading invasive species along the ASR.

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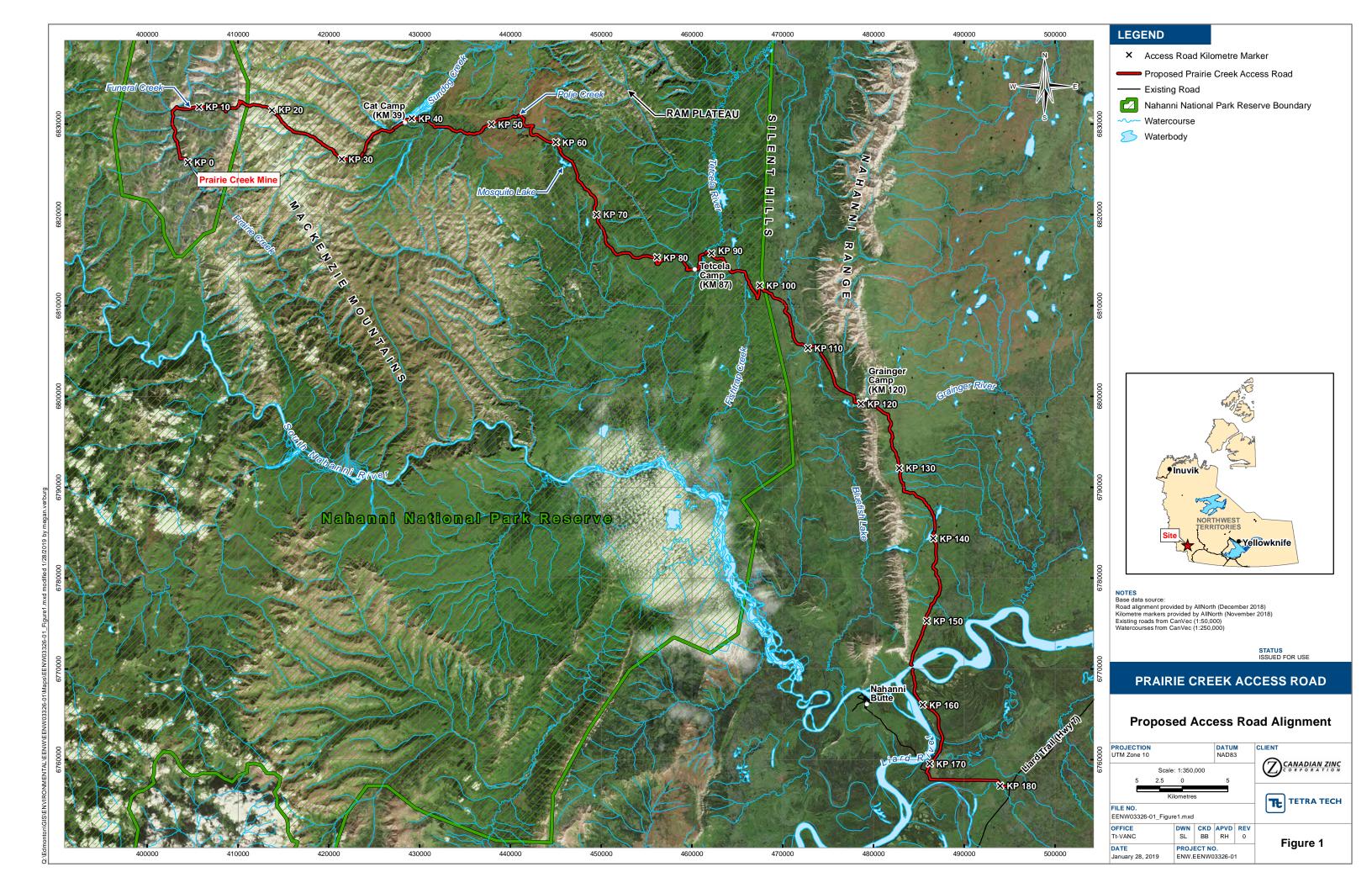
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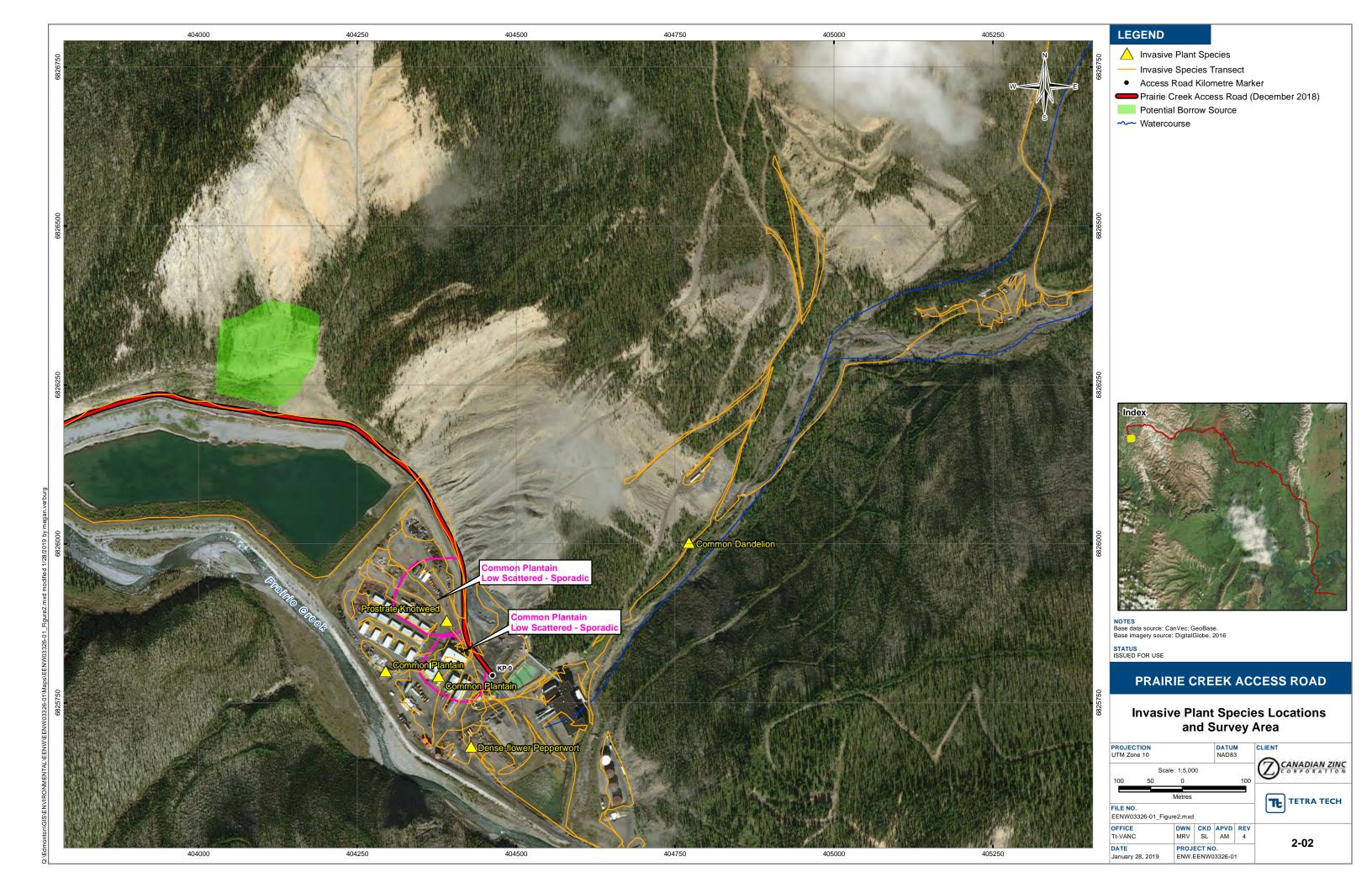
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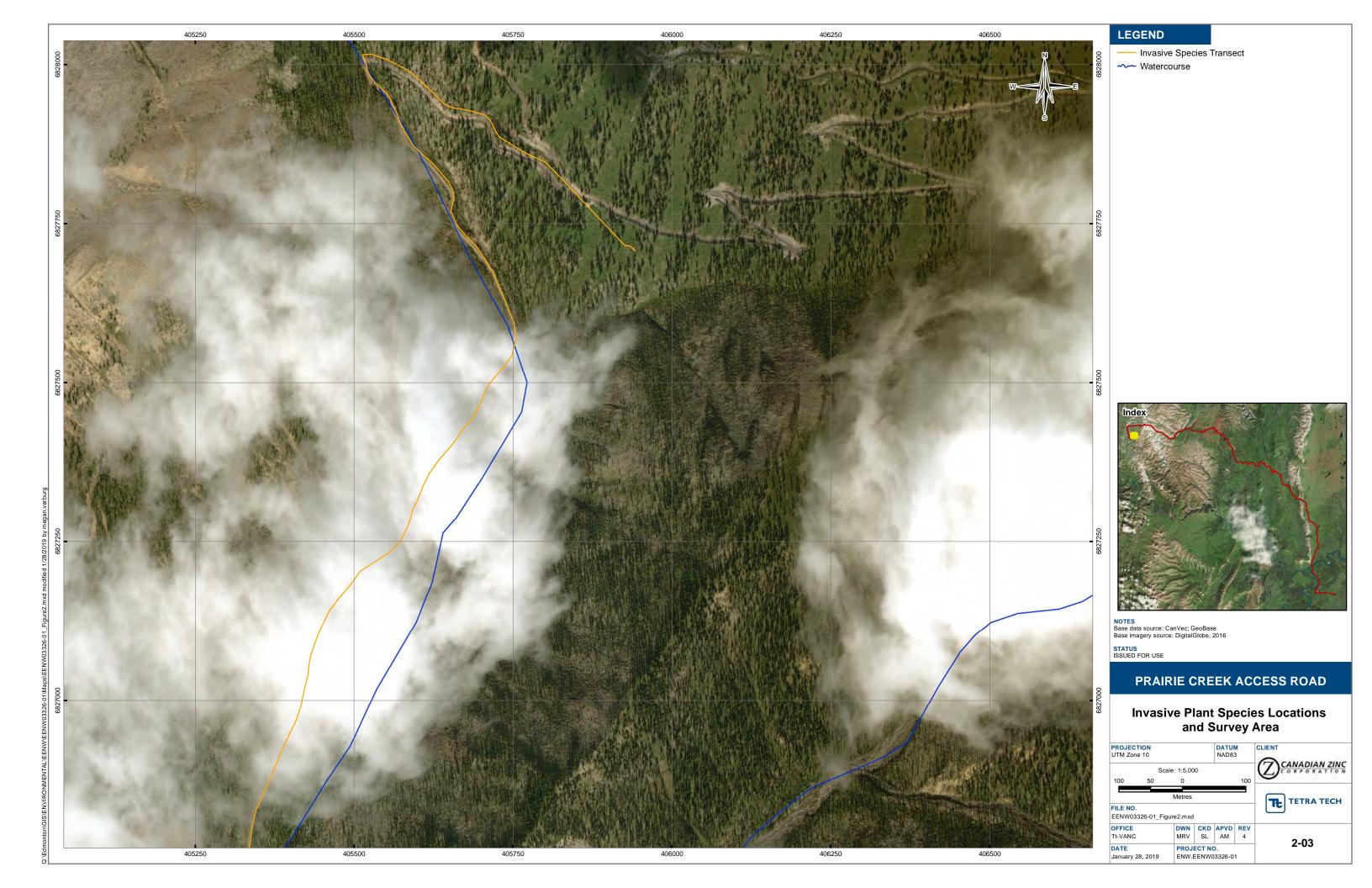
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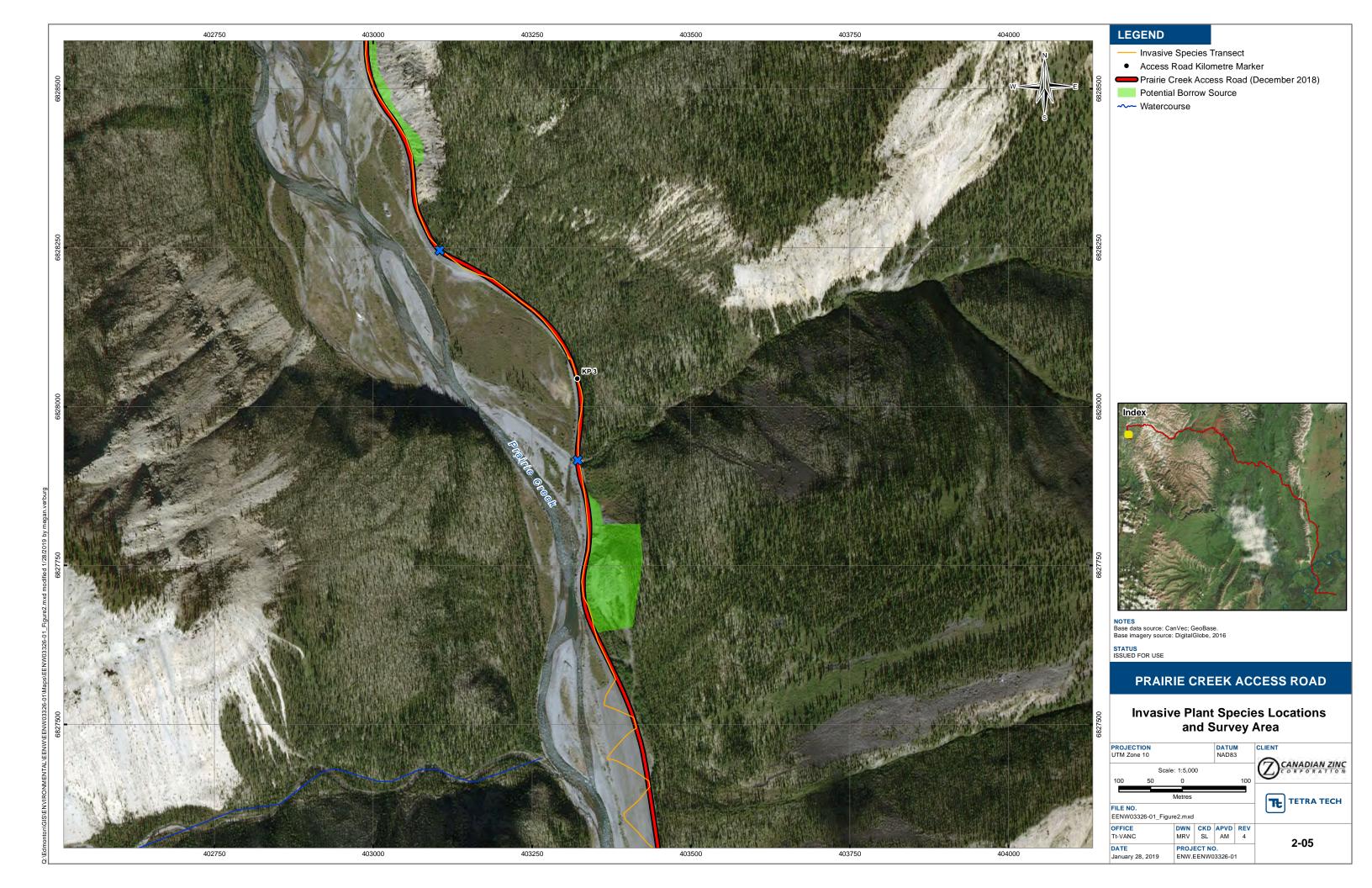


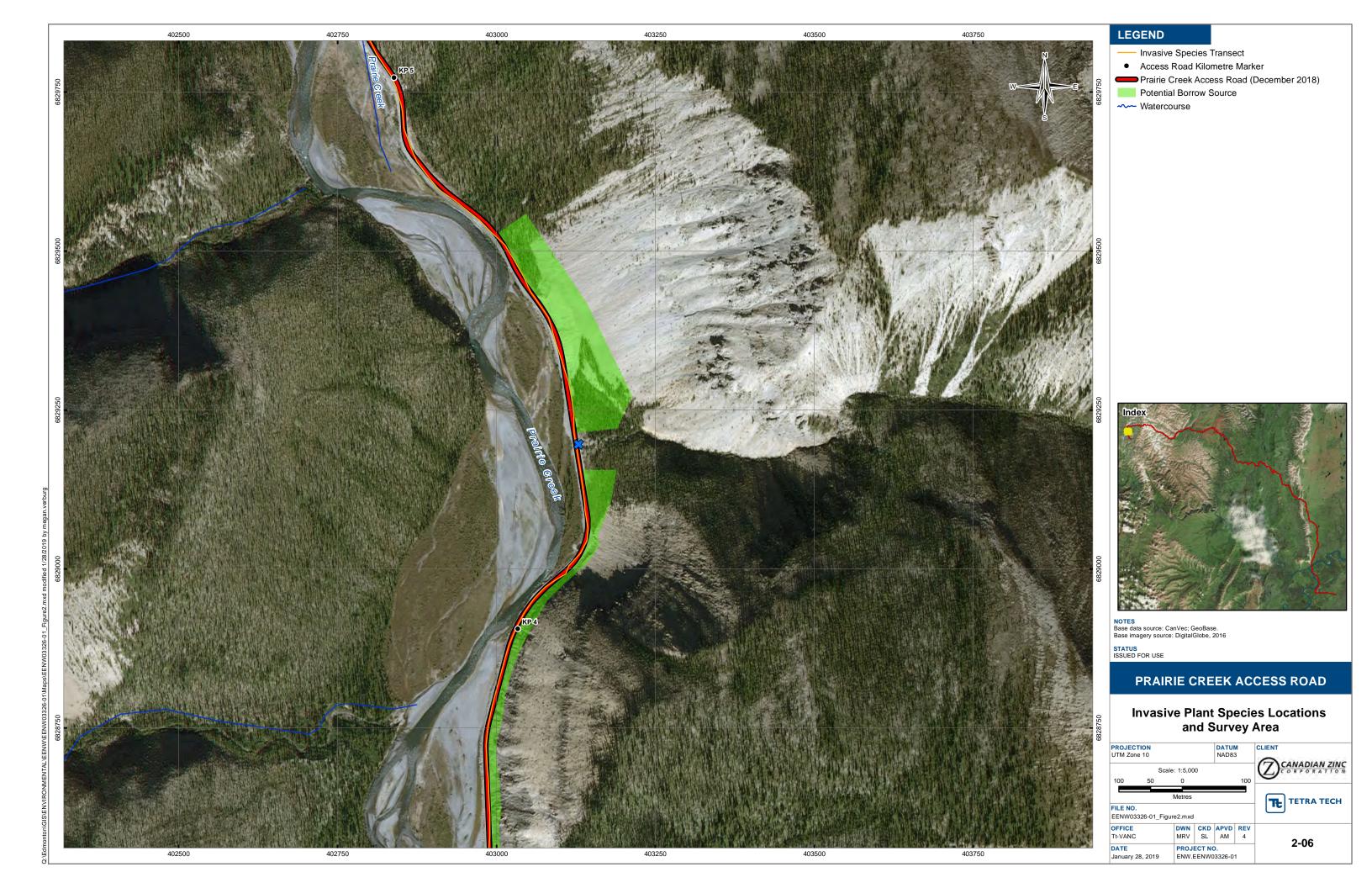


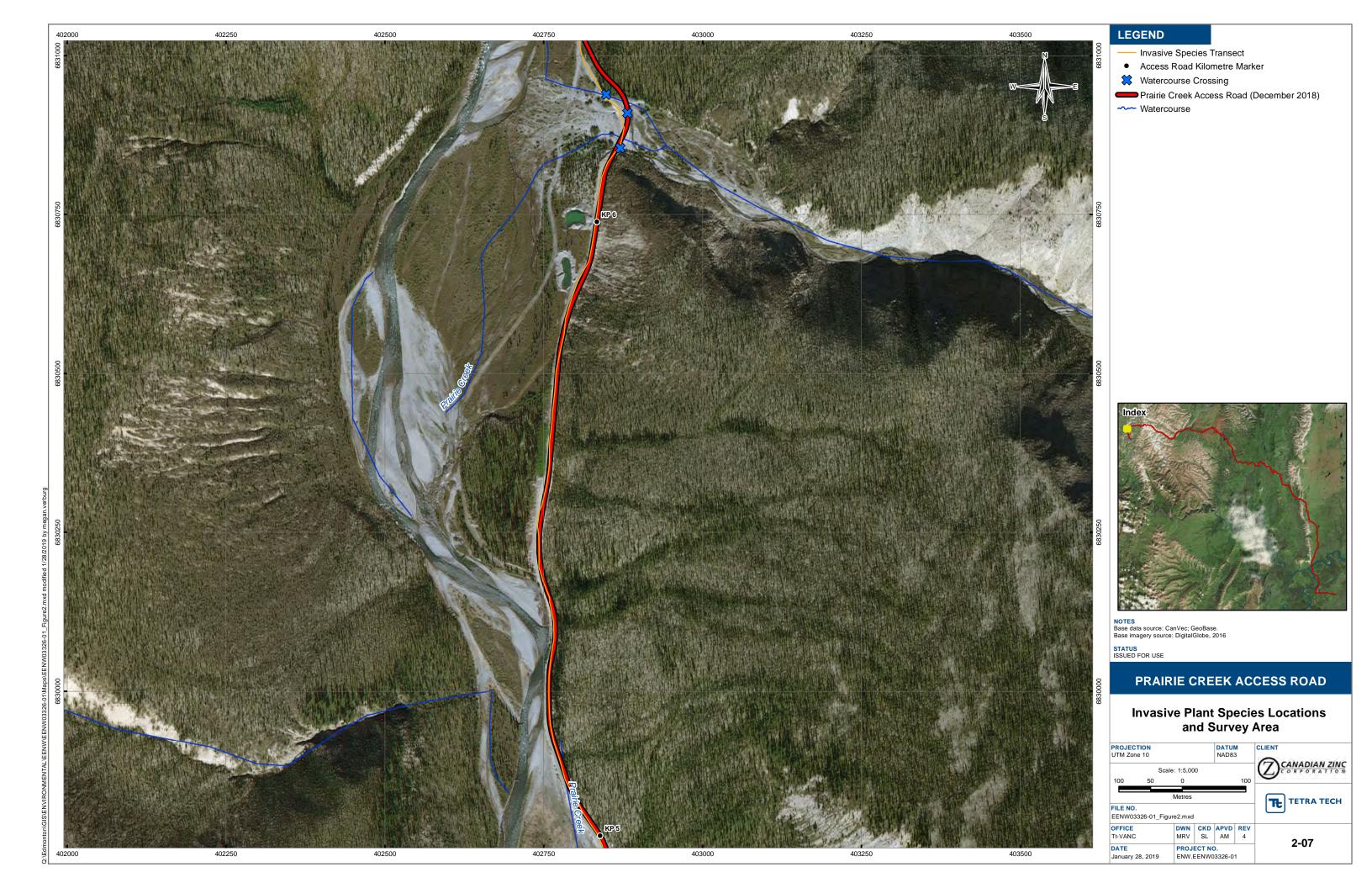


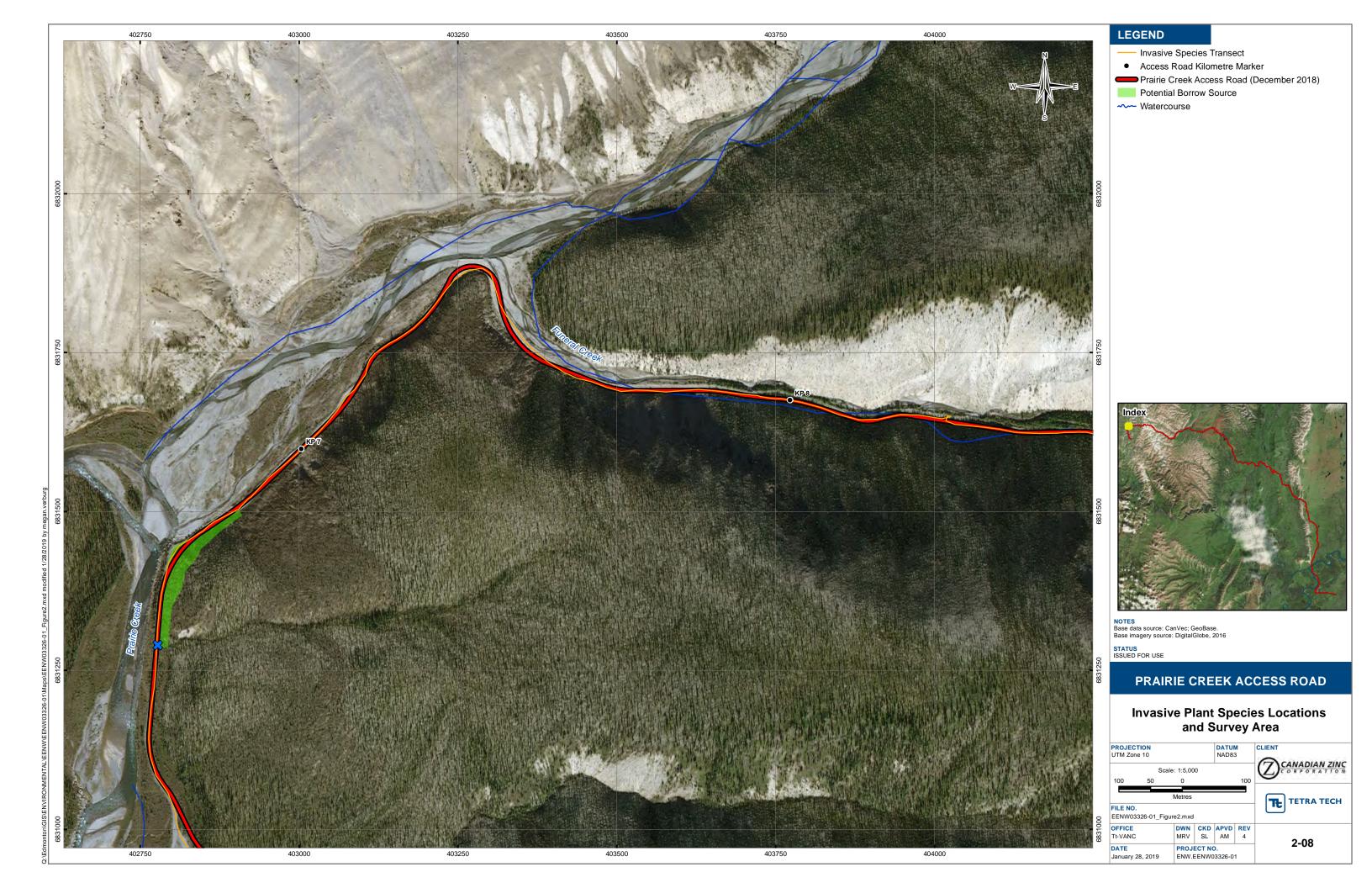




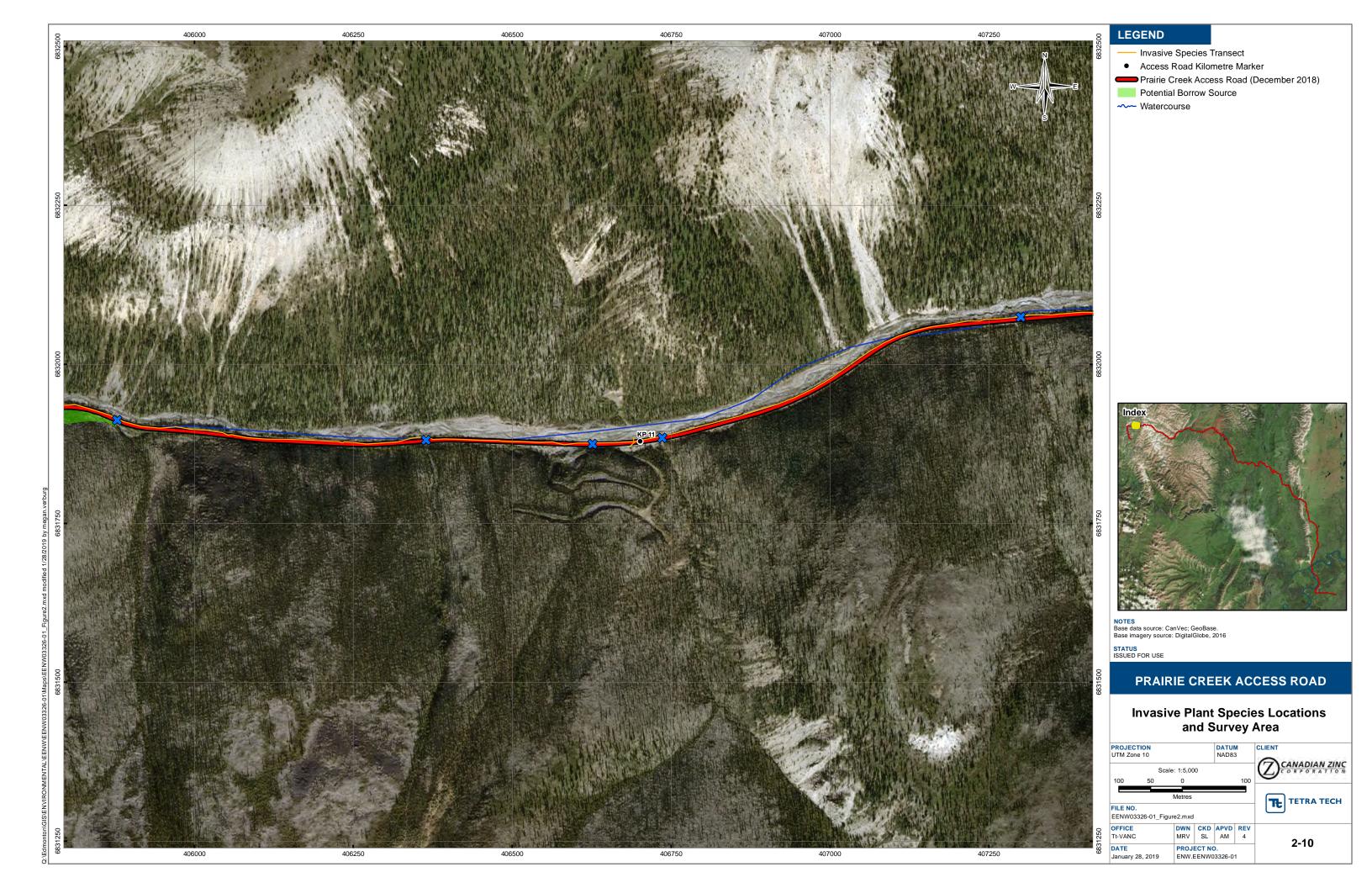




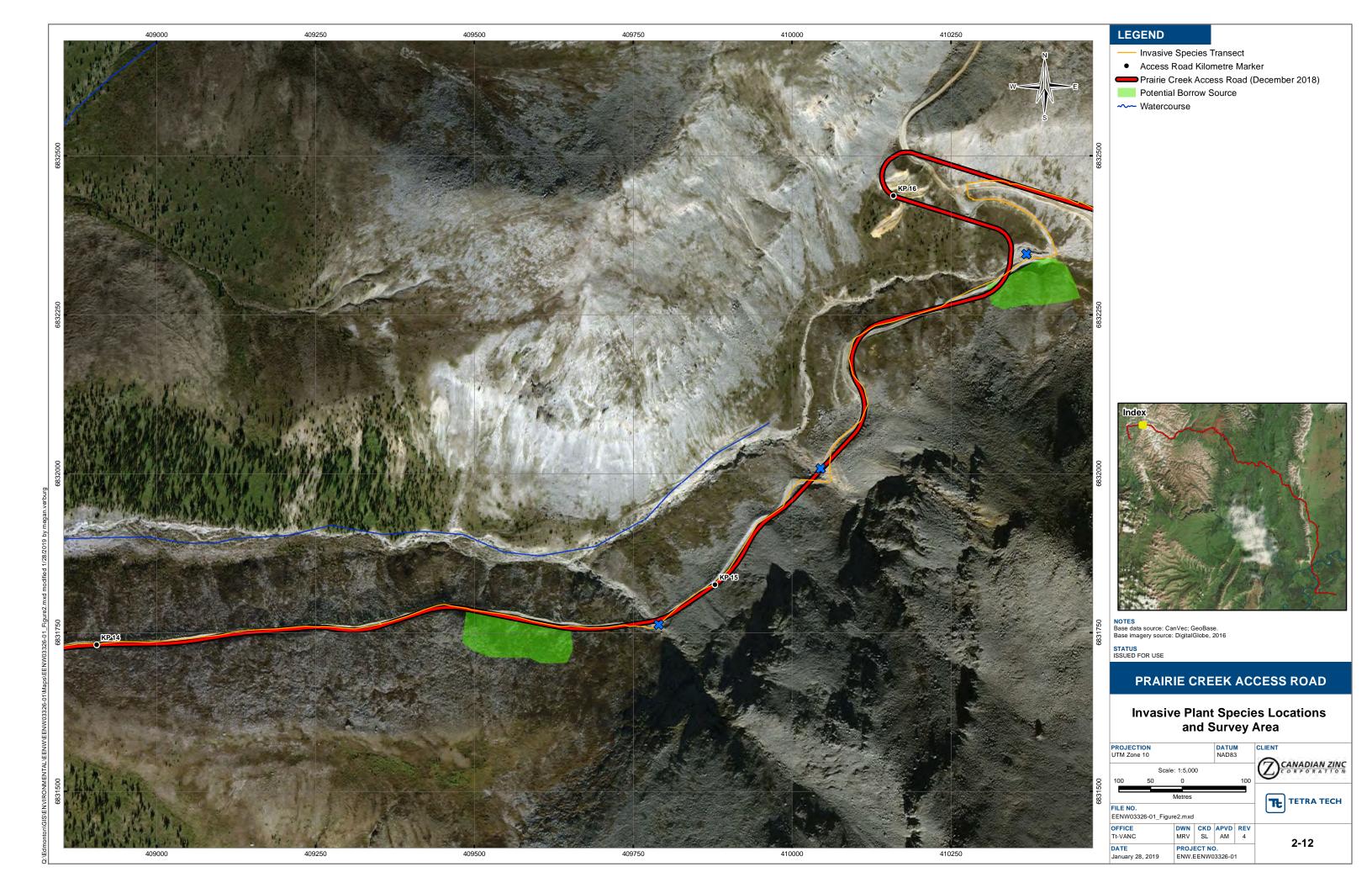


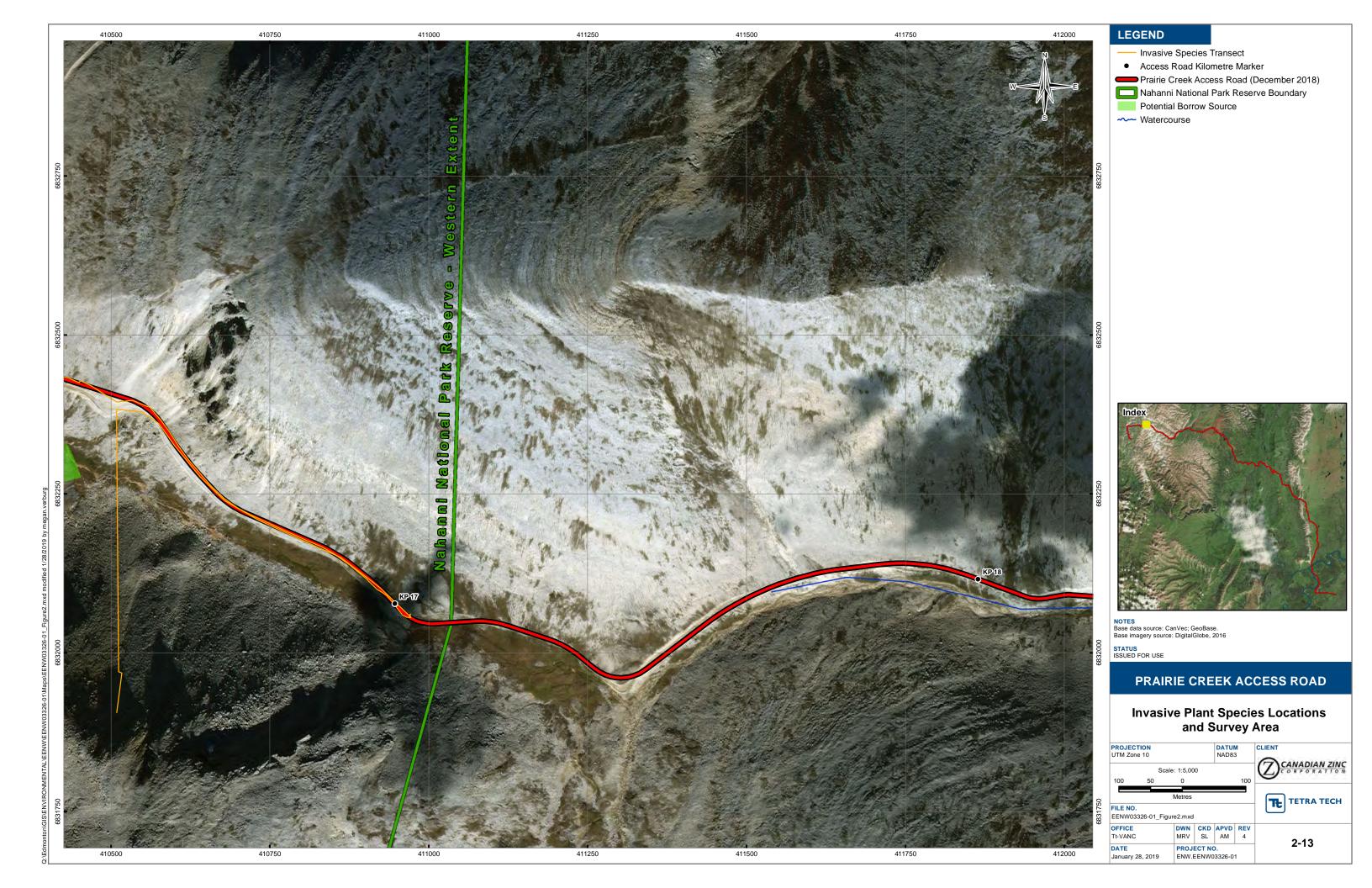


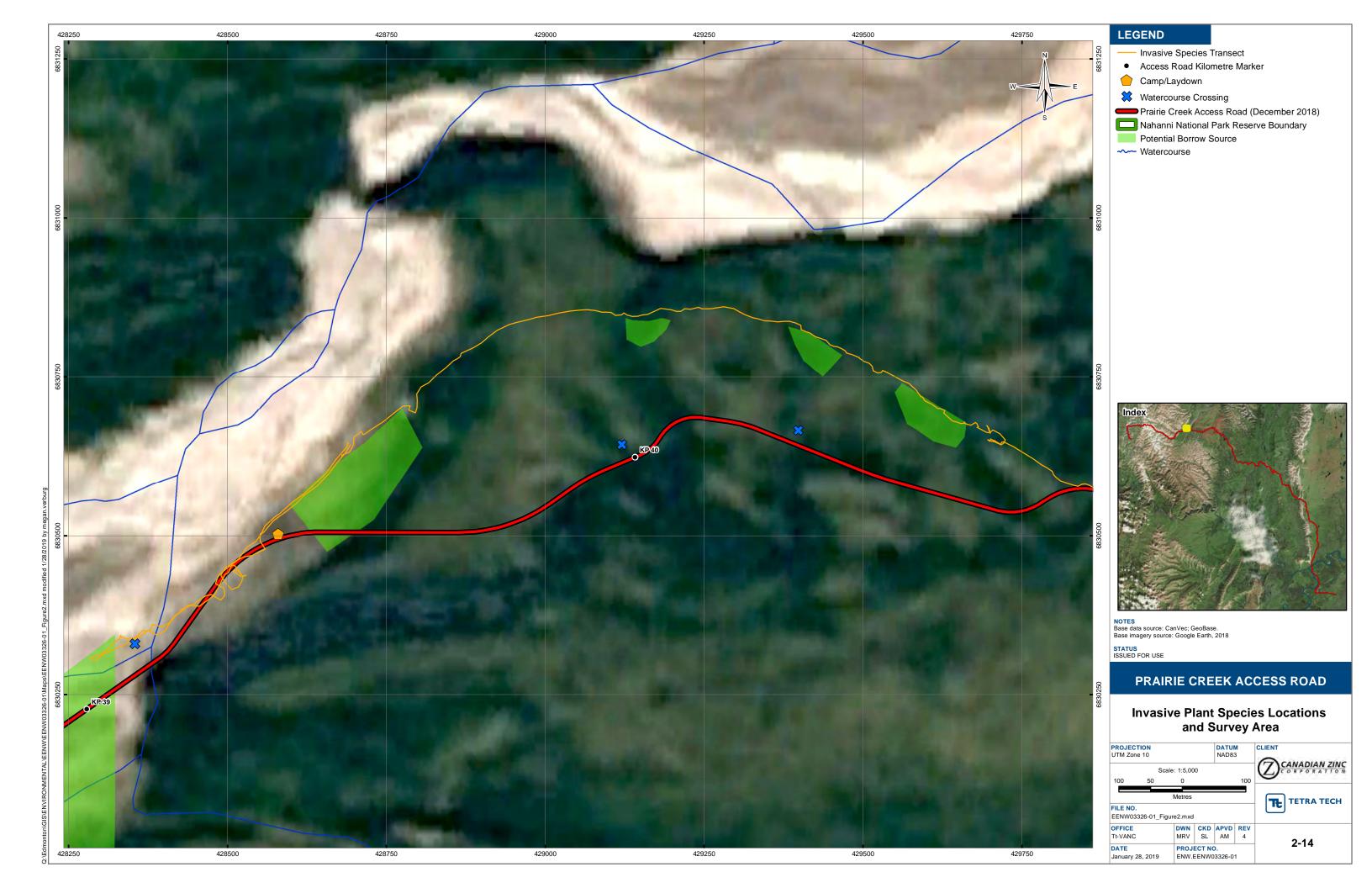




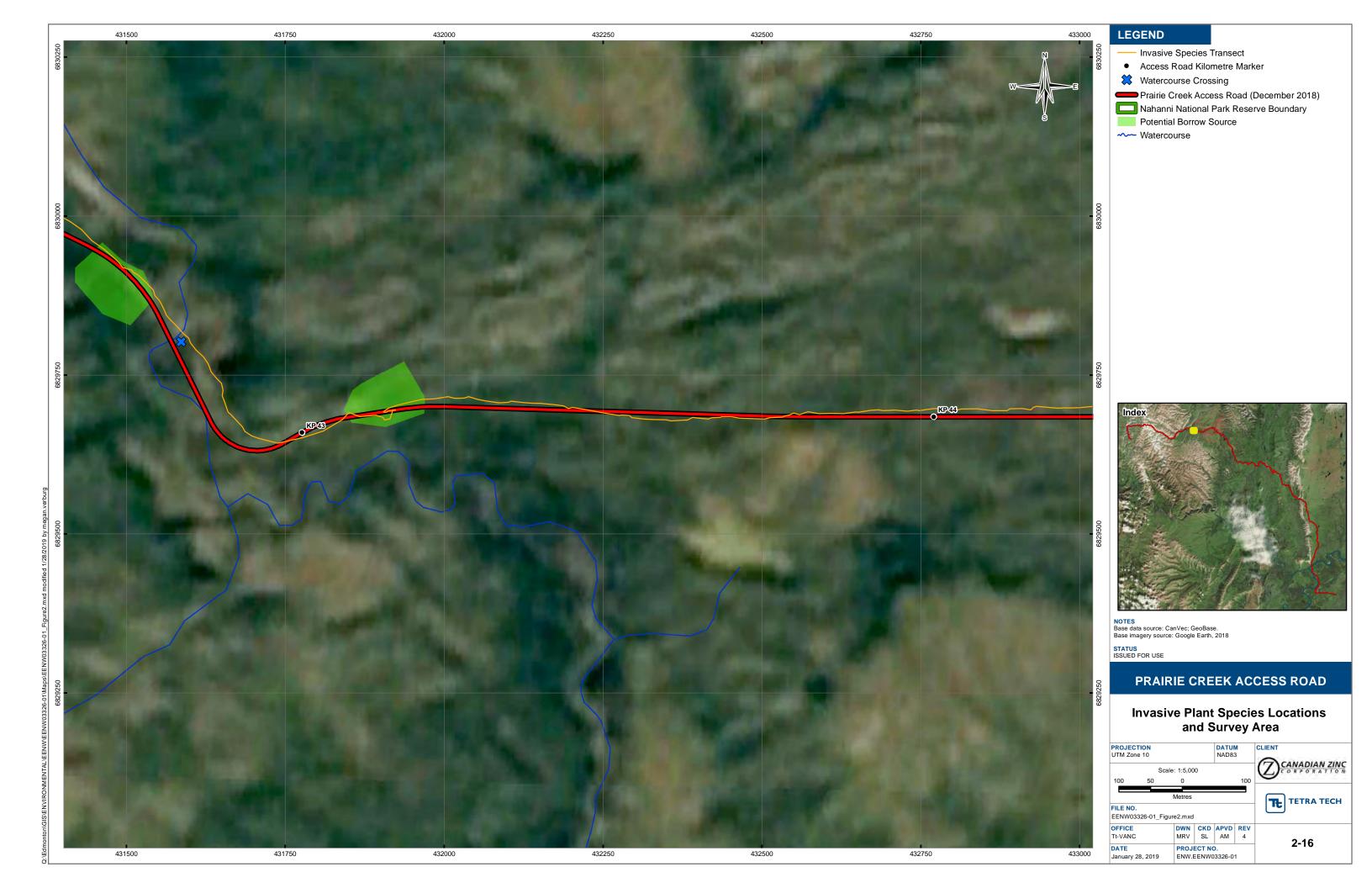


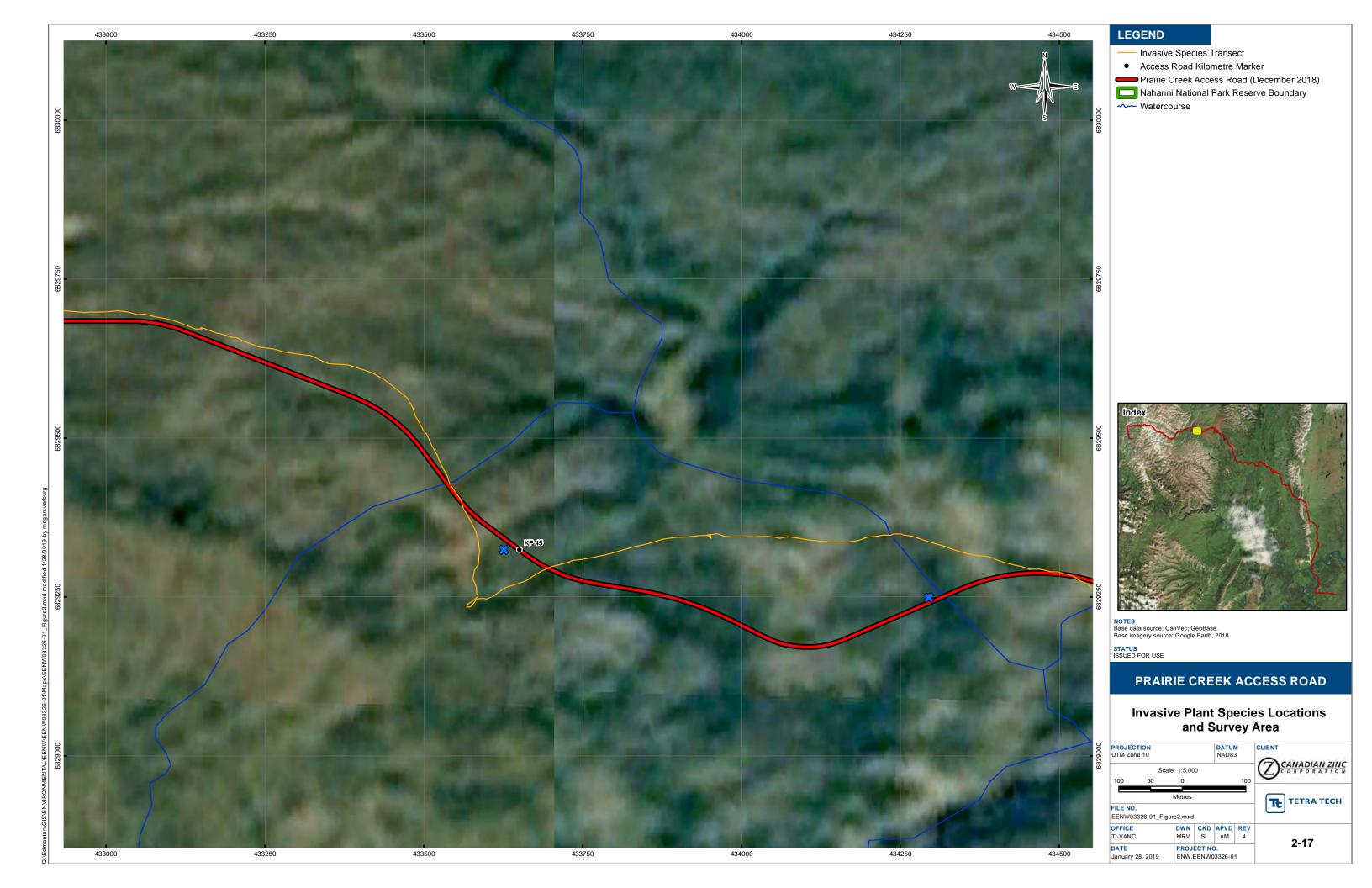


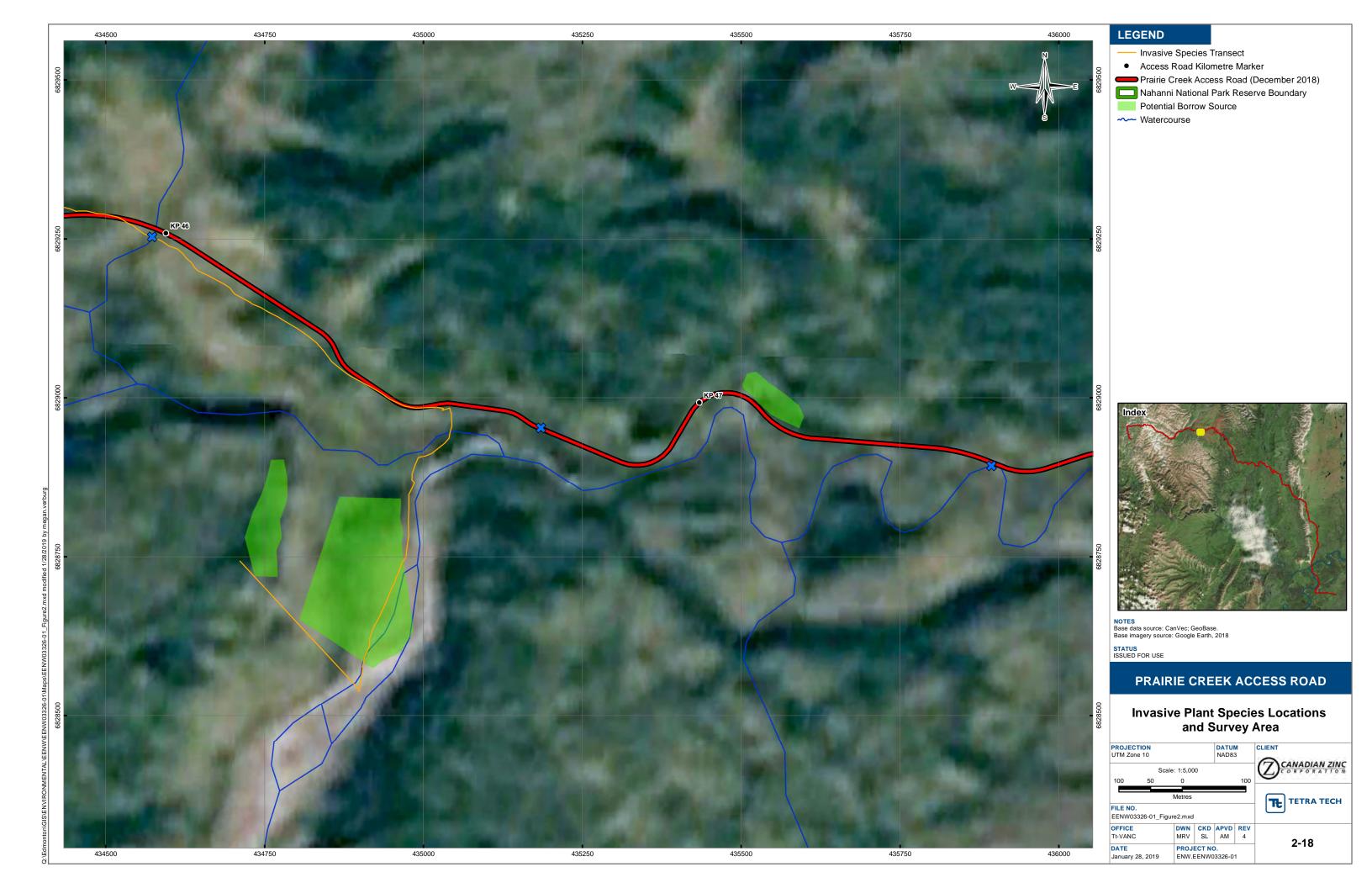


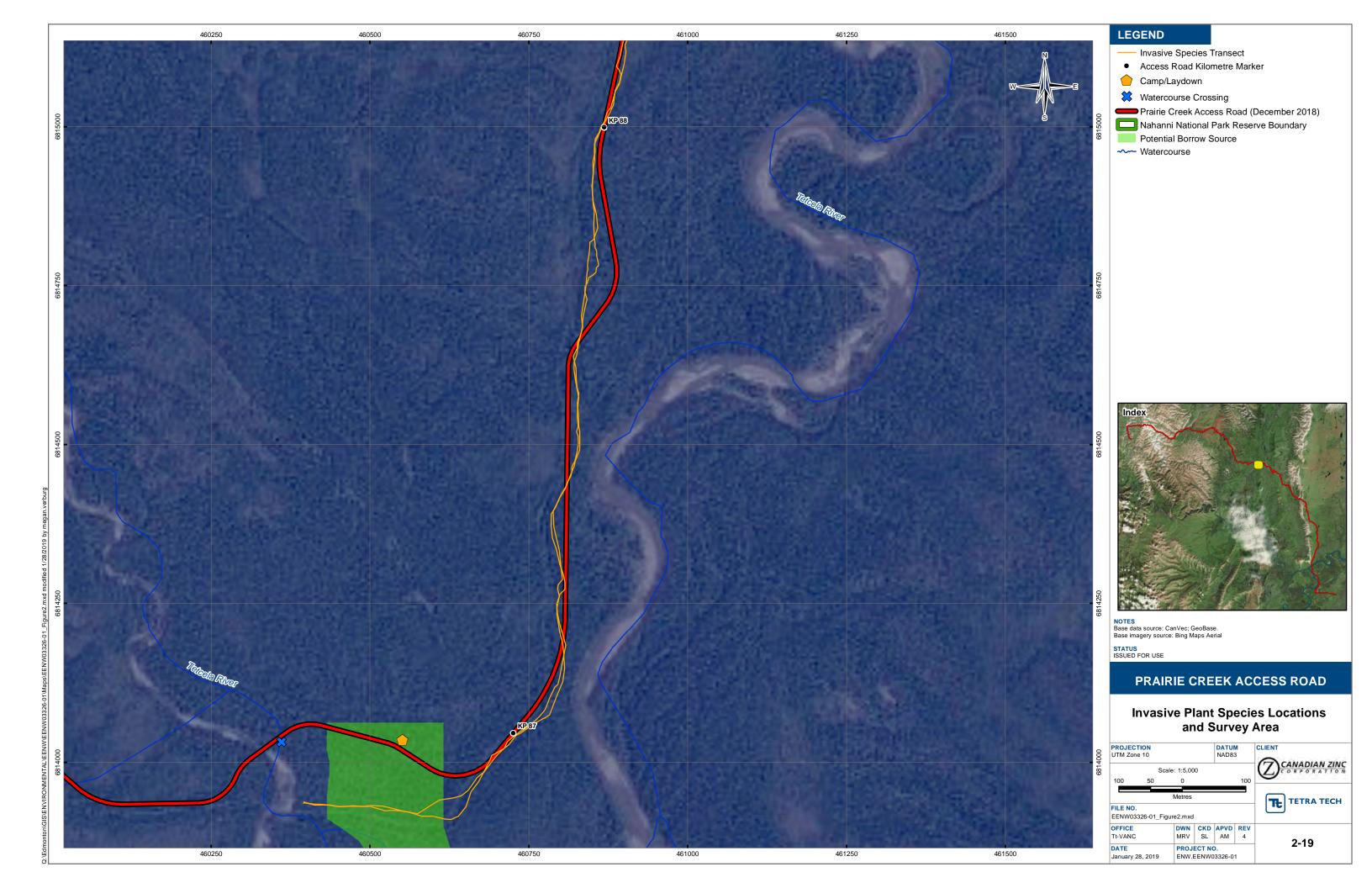


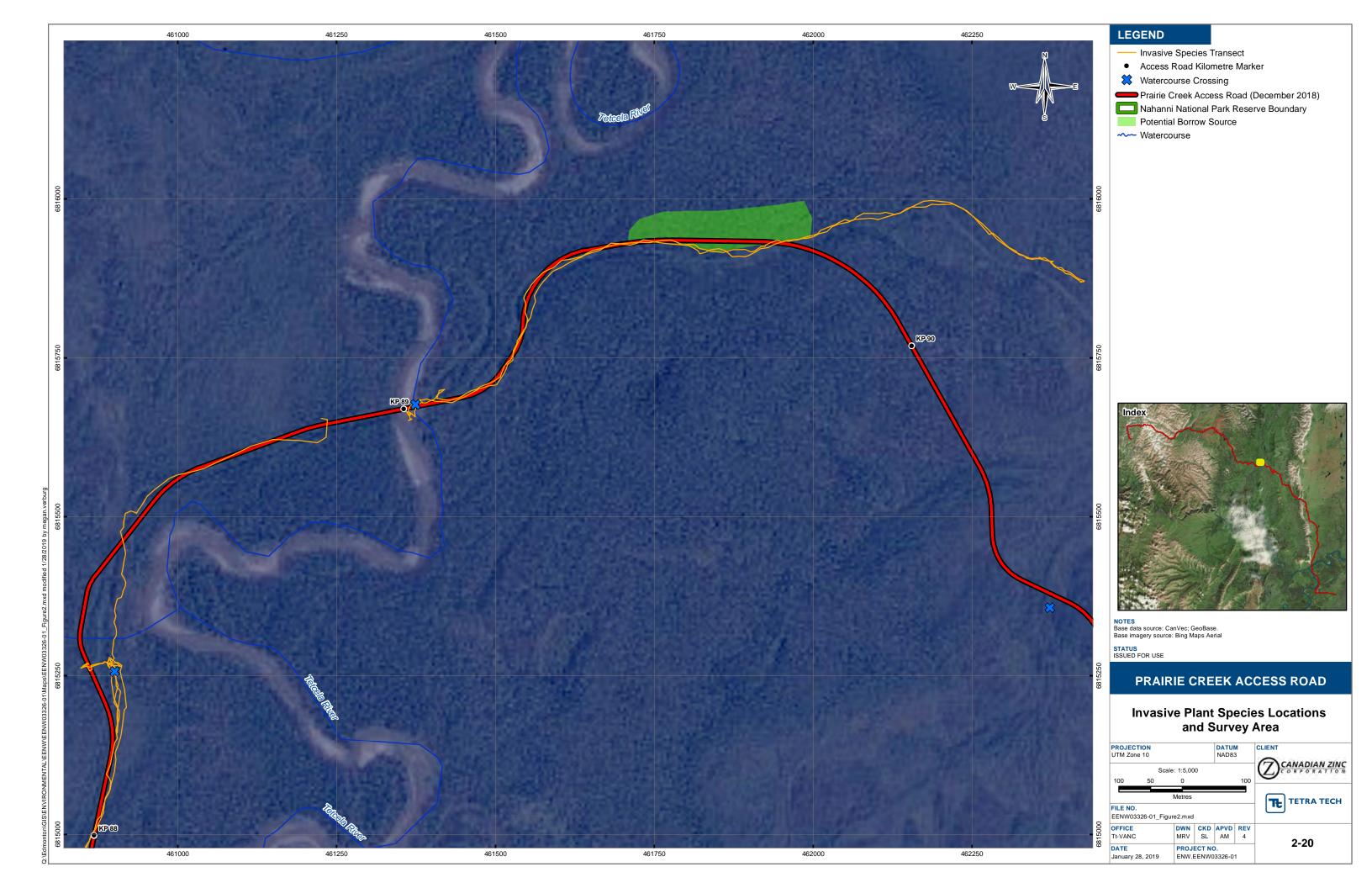


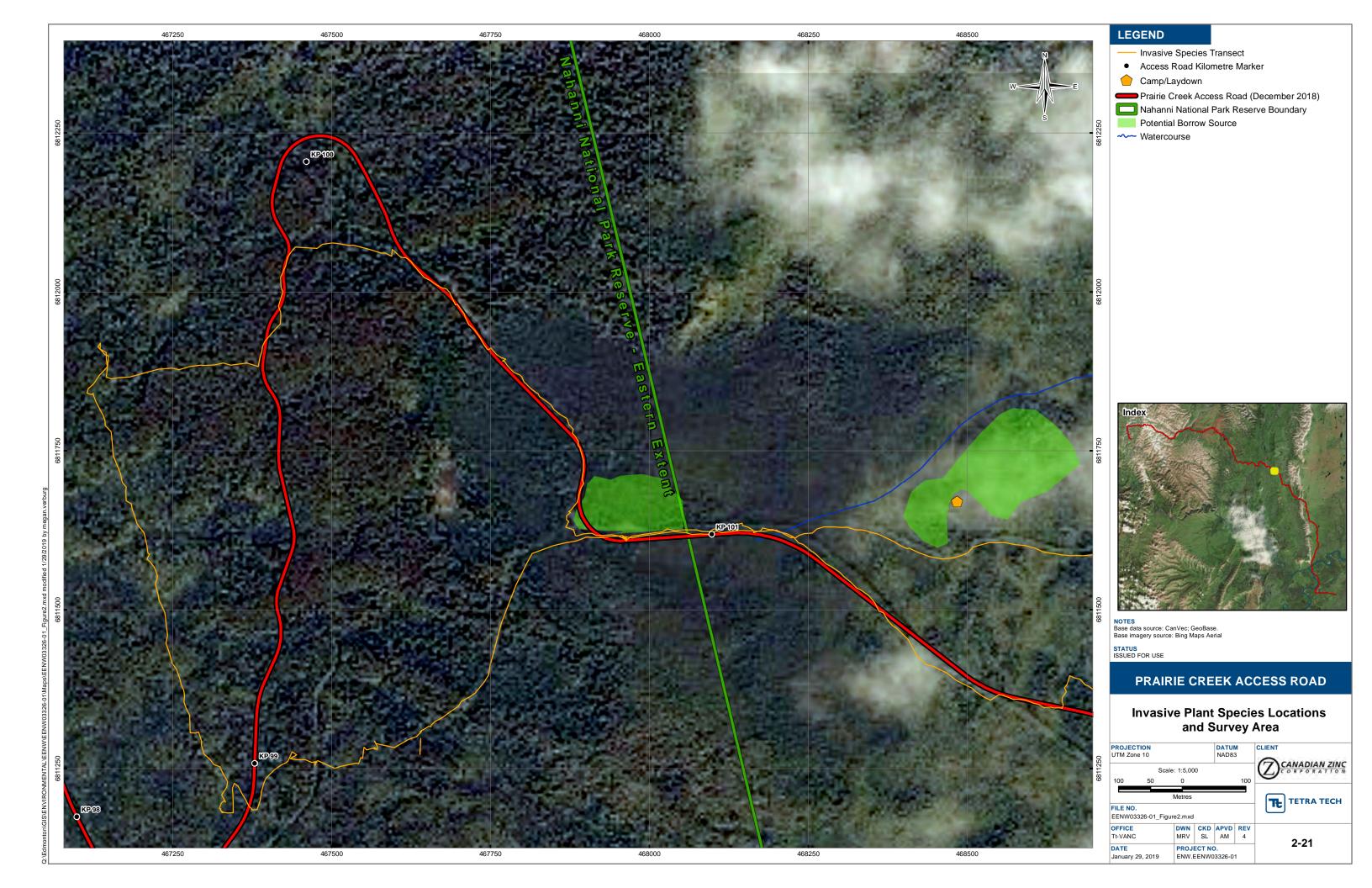


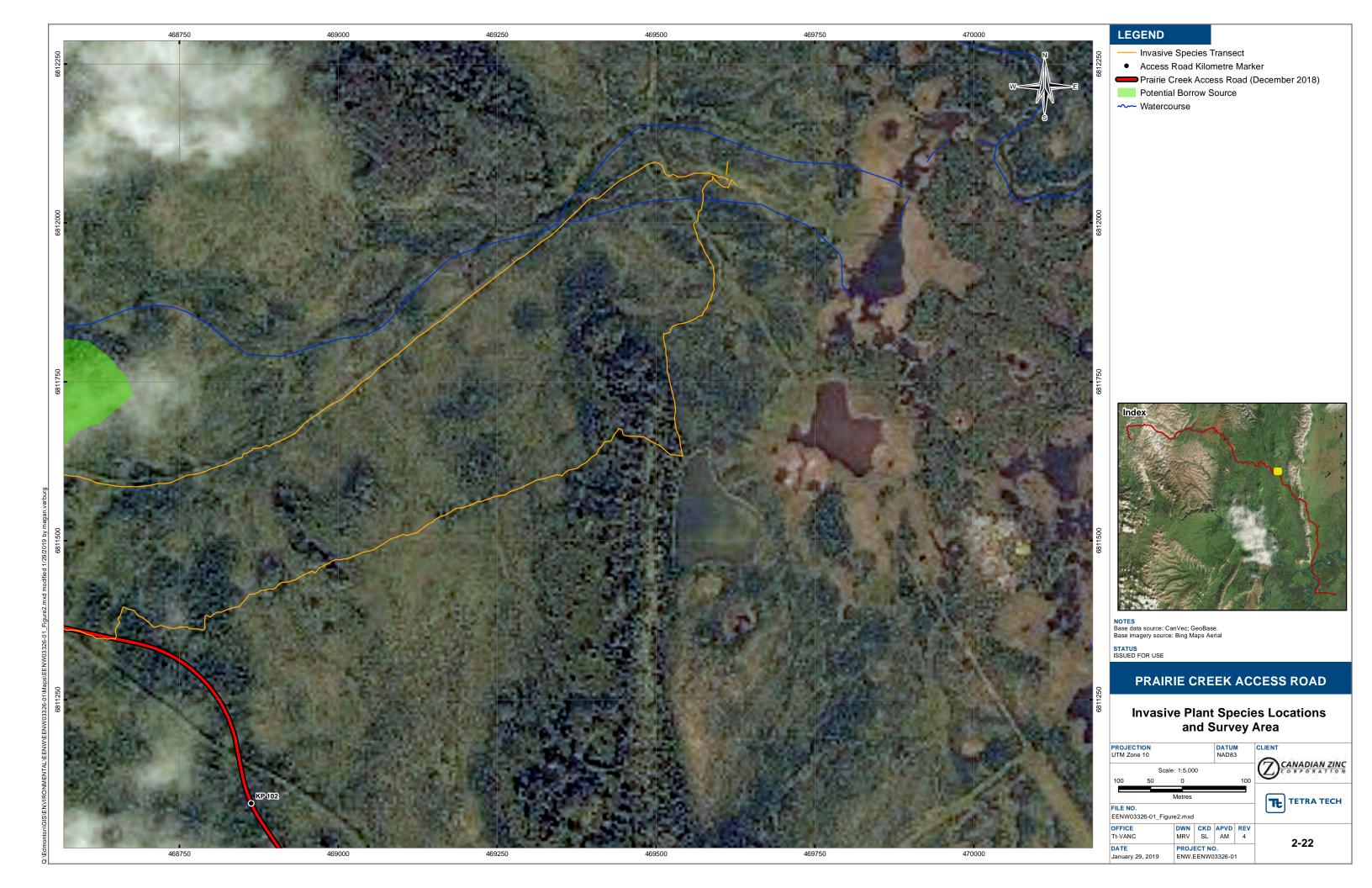


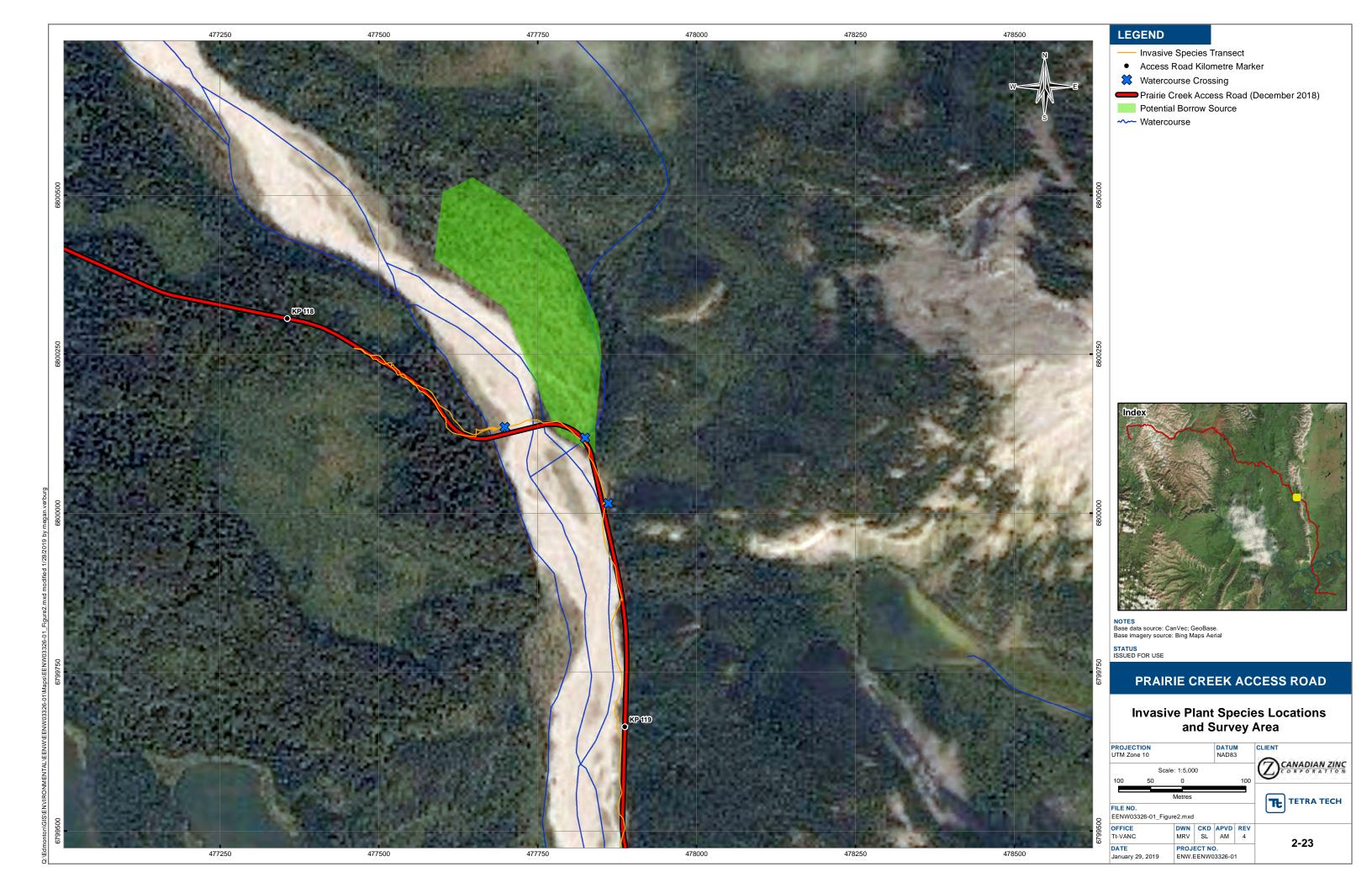


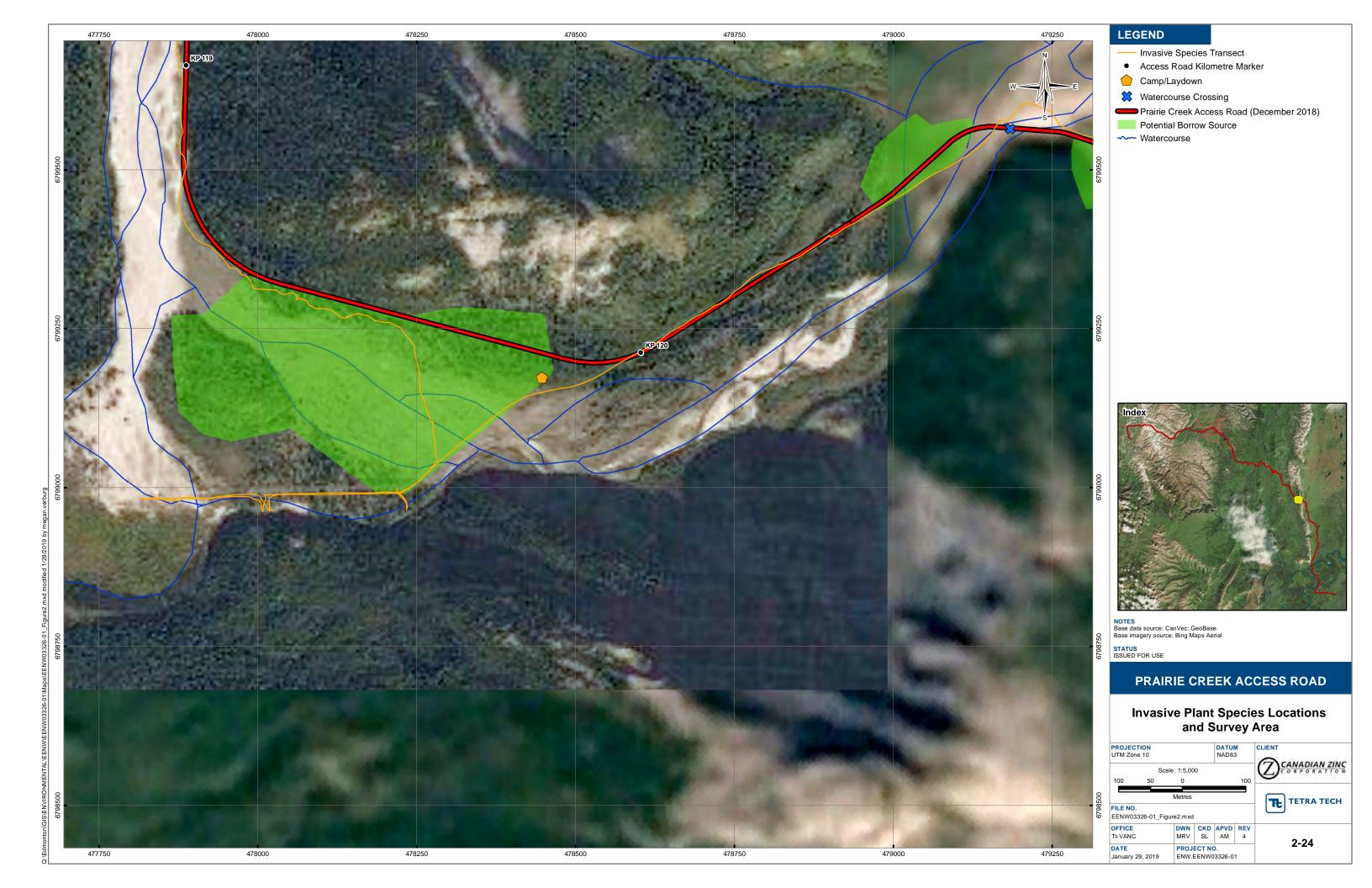


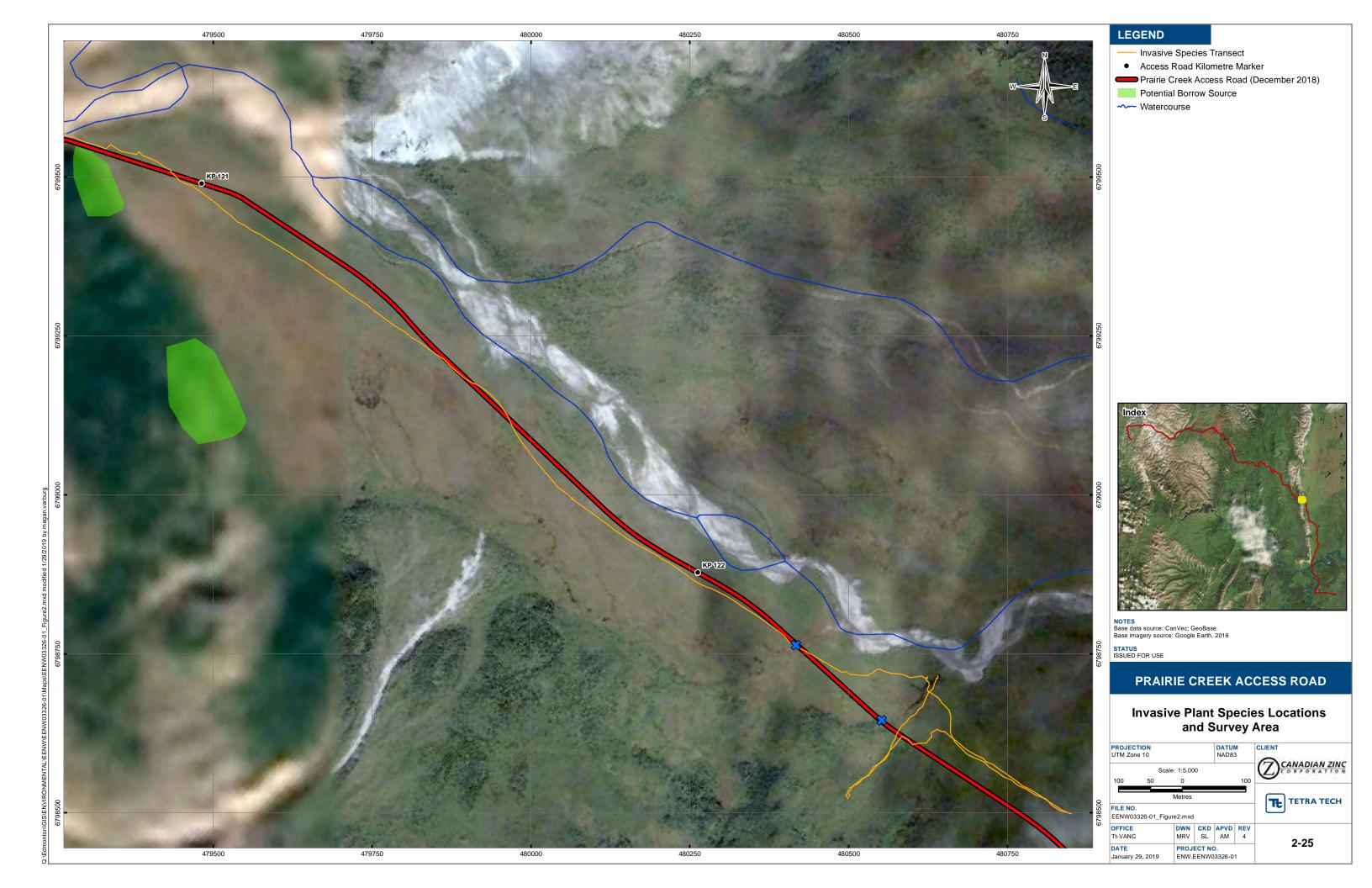


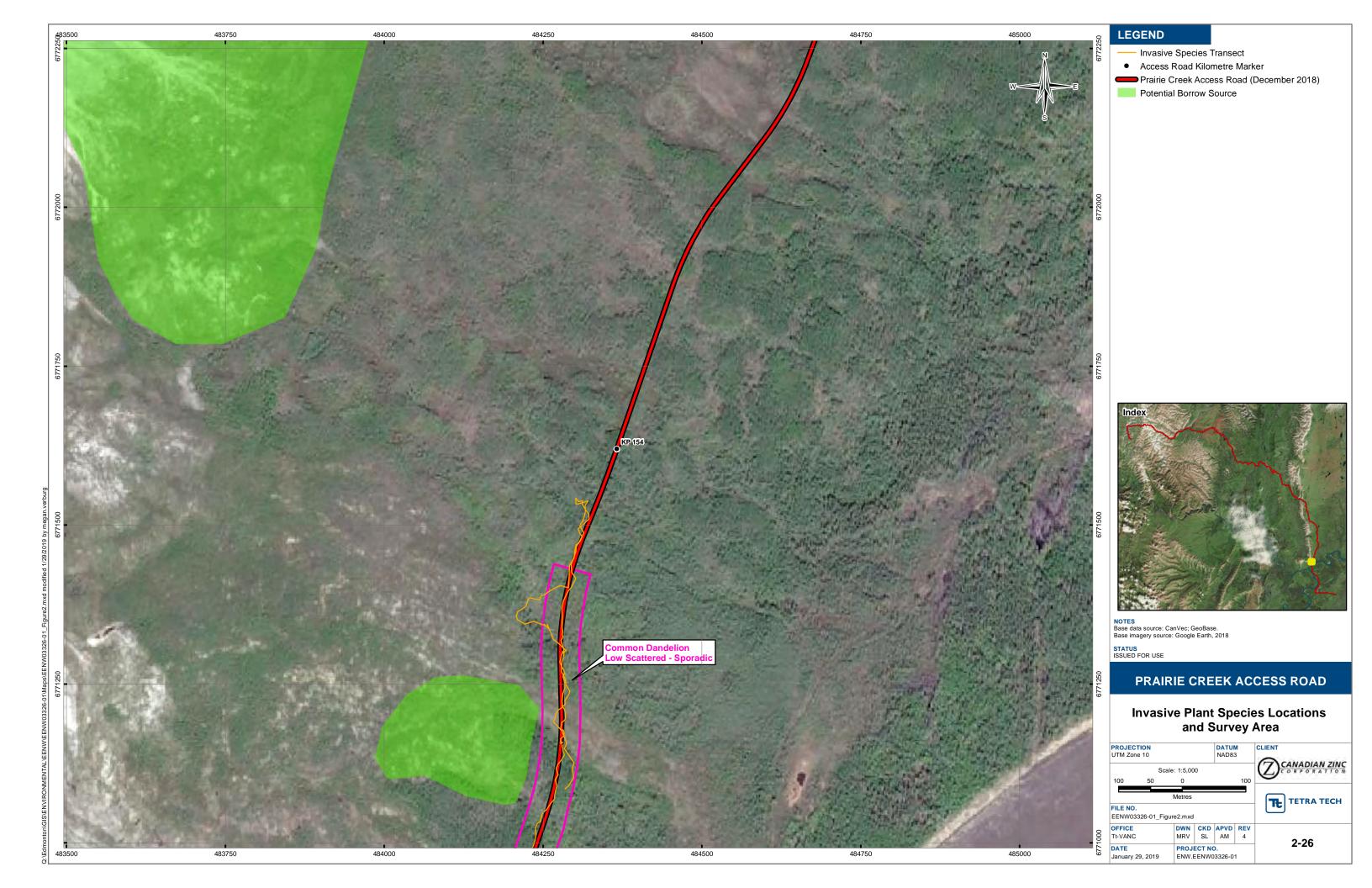




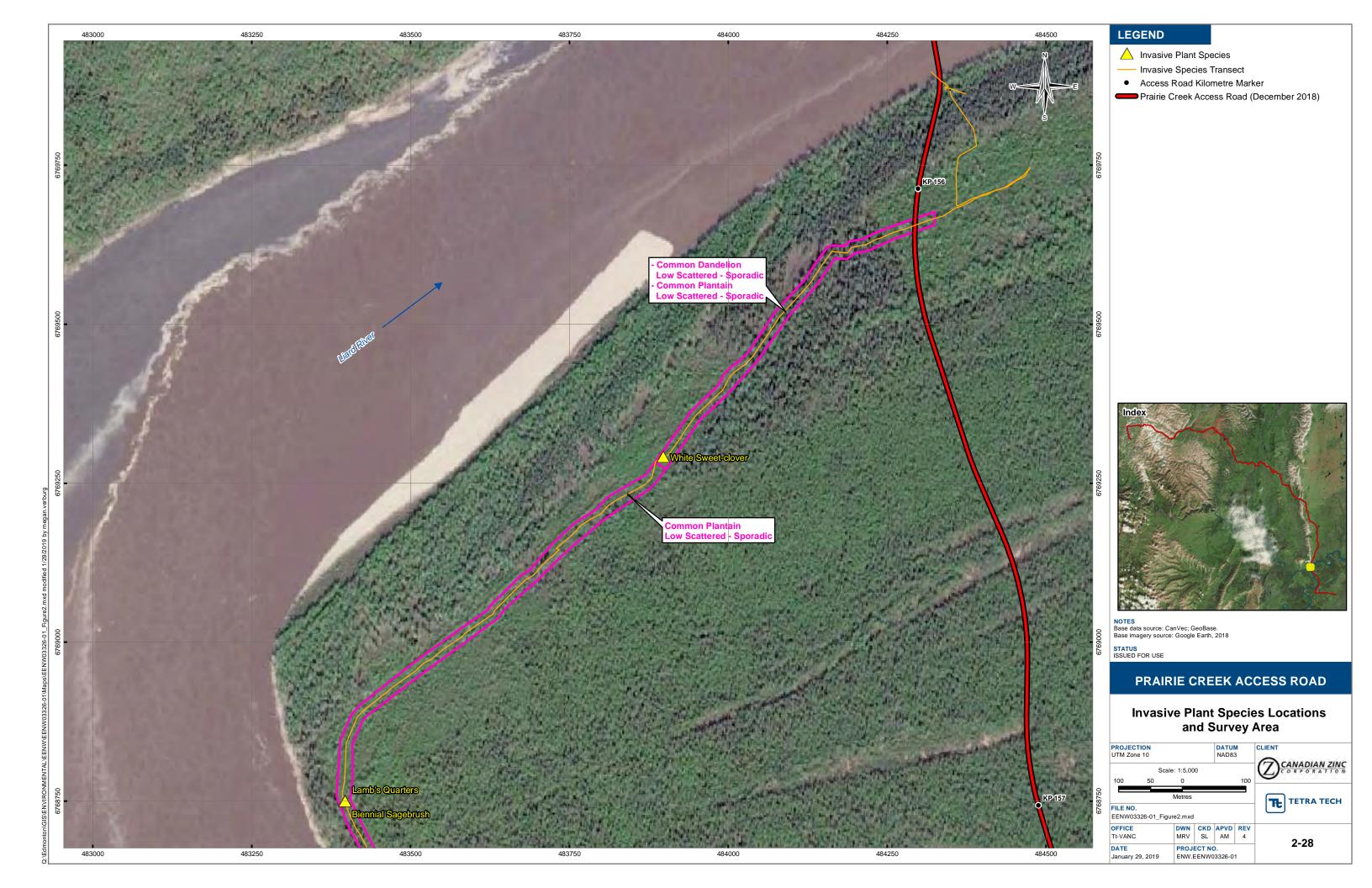


















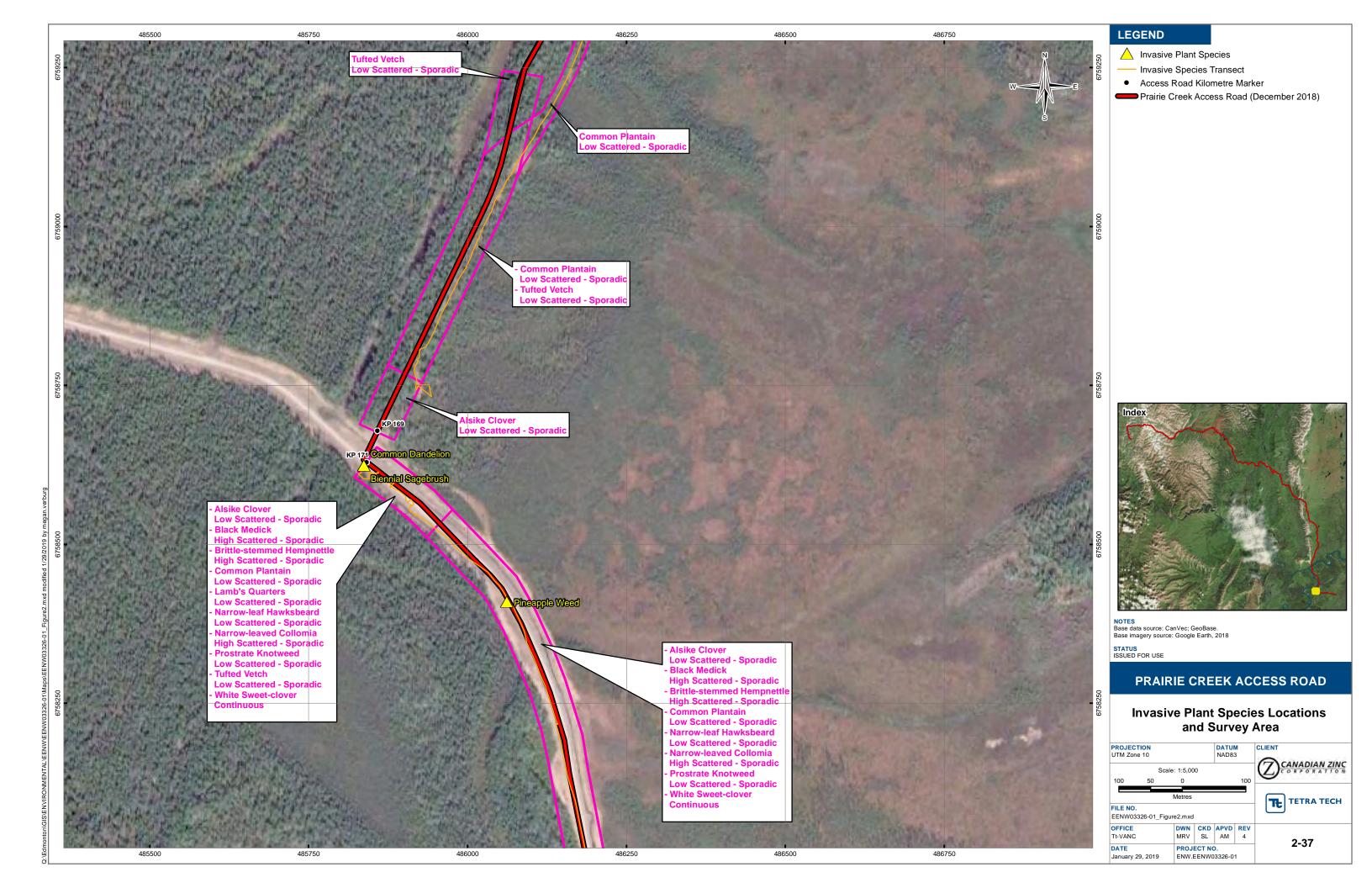


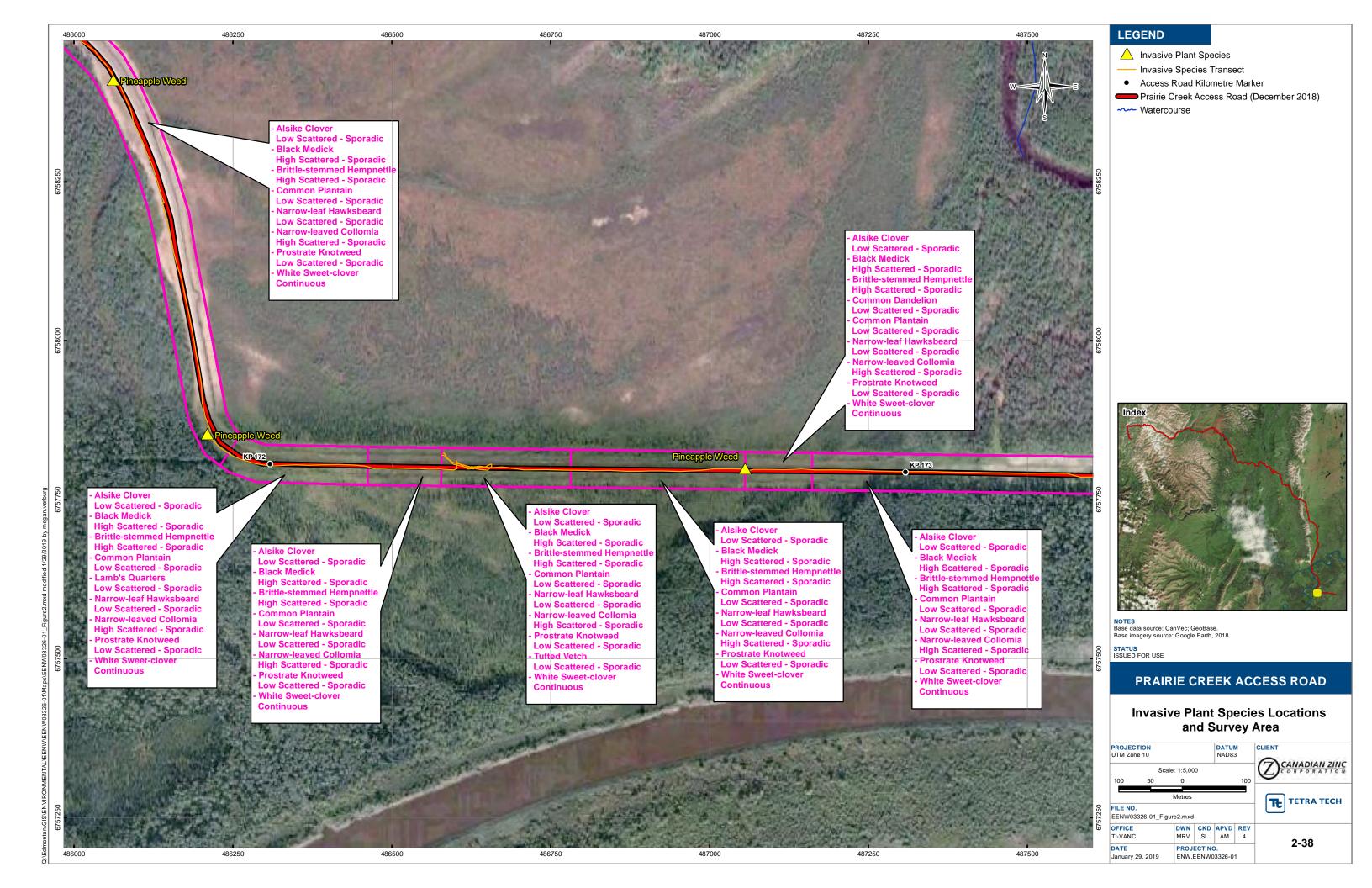


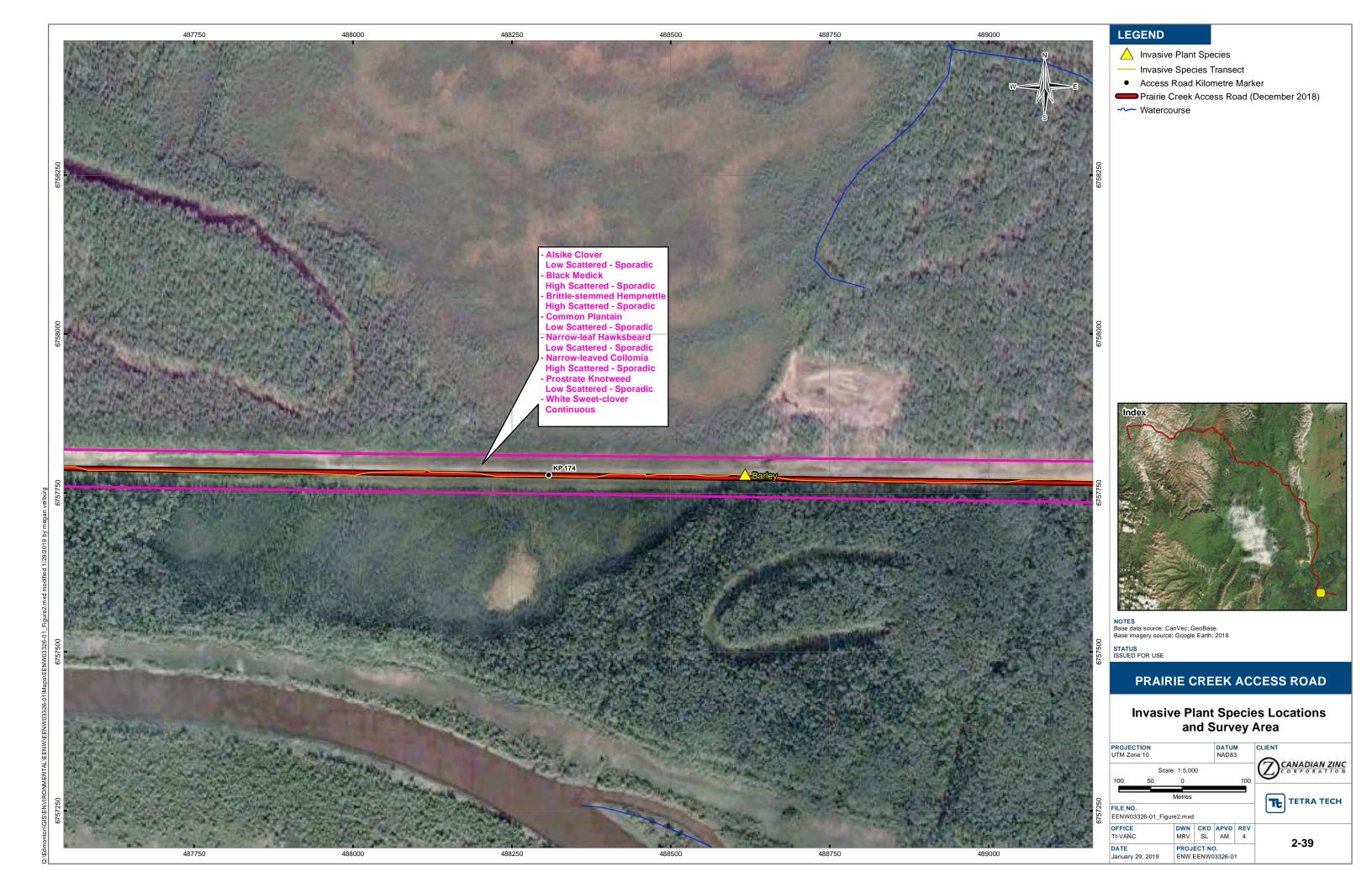






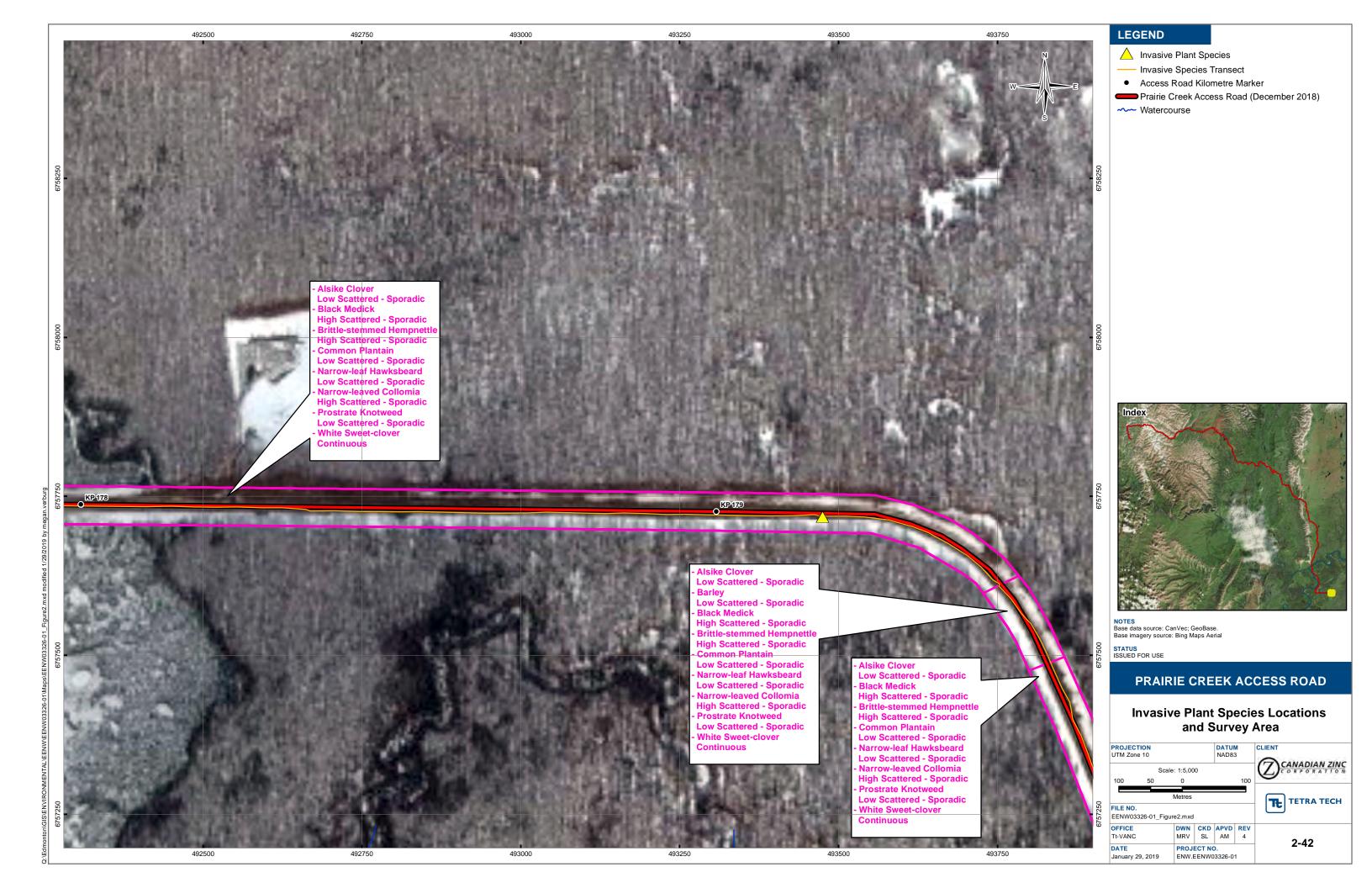


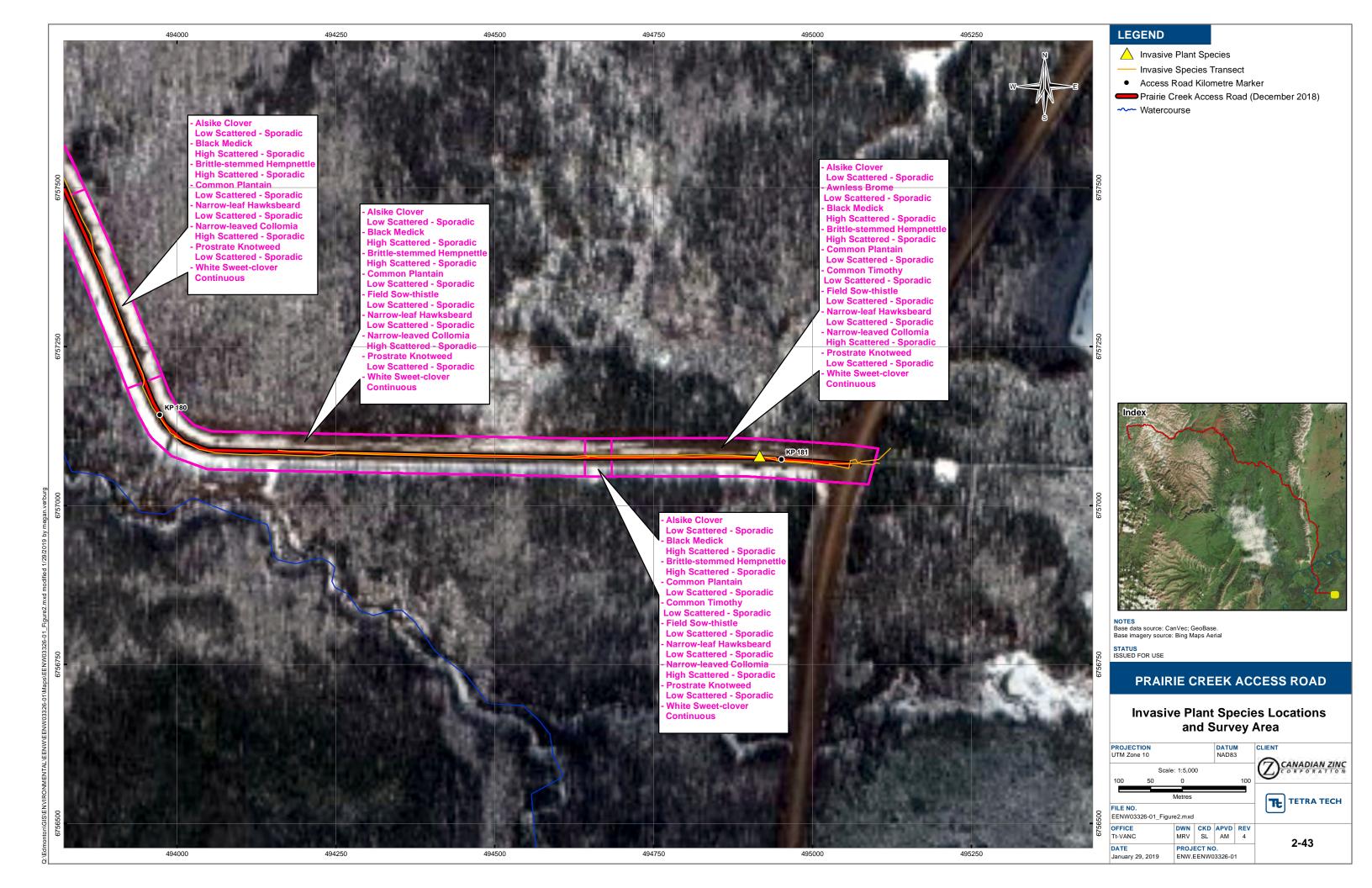












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PHOTOGRAPHS





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Photo 4: Brittle-stemmed Hempnettle (Galeopsis tetrahit) with Fox-Tail Barley and Alsike clover



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Photo 9: Narrow-leaved Collomia (Collomia linearis) Red Raspberry (Rubus idaeus)



Photo 10: Lamb's Quarters (*Chenopodium album*) with White Sweet-Clover, Field Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*) and Norwegian Cinquefoil (*Potentilla norvegica*)



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Photo 23: Dense-flower Pepperwort (Lepidium densiflorum)



Photo 24: Bison trail and wallow

APPENDIX B

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