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Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

# Intermunicipal Development Plan

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# BYLAW NO. 2015-06

## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANCHLAND NO. 66

## IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Bylaw No. 2015-06 of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 is for the purpose of adopting the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 and the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with sections 631 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

**WHEREAS** municipalities are encouraged by the province to expand intermunicipal planning efforts to address common planning issues and where the possible effects of development transcends municipal boundaries.

**AND WHEREAS** both the Councils of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 and the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 agree that it is to their mutual benefit to establish joint planning policies, and this negotiation and agreement reflects a continuing cooperative approach between the two municipalities and the desire to see well-planned, orderly, and managed growth.

**AND WHEREAS** the municipality must prepare a corresponding bylaw and provide for its consideration at a public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 duly assembled hereby enacts the following:

1. Council shall adopt the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 and Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Intermunicipal Development Plan in consultation and as agreed to with the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26.
2. This plan, upon adoption, shall be cited as the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 and Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Intermunicipal Development Plan.
3. This bylaw shall come into effect upon third and final reading thereof.

READ a **first** time this 26th day of October, 2015.

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*Reeve – Cameron Gardner*

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# BYLAW NO. 1732

## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26

## IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Bylaw No. 1732 of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 is for the purpose of adopting the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with sections 631 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

WHEREAS municipalities are encouraged by the province to expand intermunicipal planning efforts to address common planning issues and where the possible effects of development transcends municipal boundaries.

AND WHEREAS both the Councils of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 and the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 agree that it is to their mutual benefit to establish joint planning policies, and this negotiation and agreement reflects a continuing cooperative approach between the two municipalities and the desire to see well-planned, orderly, and managed growth.

AND WHEREAS the municipality must prepare a corresponding bylaw and provide for its consideration at a public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 duly assembled hereby enacts the following:

1. Council shall adopt the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Intermunicipal Development Plan in consultation and as agreed to with the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66.
2. This plan, upon adoption, shall be cited as the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Intermunicipal Development Plan
3. This bylaw shall come into effect upon third and final reading thereof.

READ a **first** time this 10th day of November , 2015.

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***Reeve – Neil Wilson*** ***Chief Administrative Officer – Cynthia Vizzutti***

READ a **third** time and finally PASSED this 10th day of November , 2015.

***Reeve – Neil Wilson*** ***Chief Administrative Officer – Cynthia Vizzutti***

# Rural Multi-jurisdictional Intermunicipal Development Plan Project

In 2012, Vulcan County and seven other rural municipalities initiated a process to create a series of 11 rural-to-rural intermunicipal development plans. The impetus of the project is to improve consultation between rural municipalities in Southern Alberta, who in many cases share expansive borders. Although the border areas are primarily used for agricultural purposes, in many cases significant ecological, mineral and hydrogeological resources exist, as well as important infrastructure including transportation and utilities.

The Rural Multi-jurisdictional Intermunicipal Development Plan Project involves the participation of:

- Cardston County
- County of Newell
- County of Warner No. 5
- Municipal District of Foothills No. 31
- Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66
- Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26
- Vulcan County
- Wheatland County

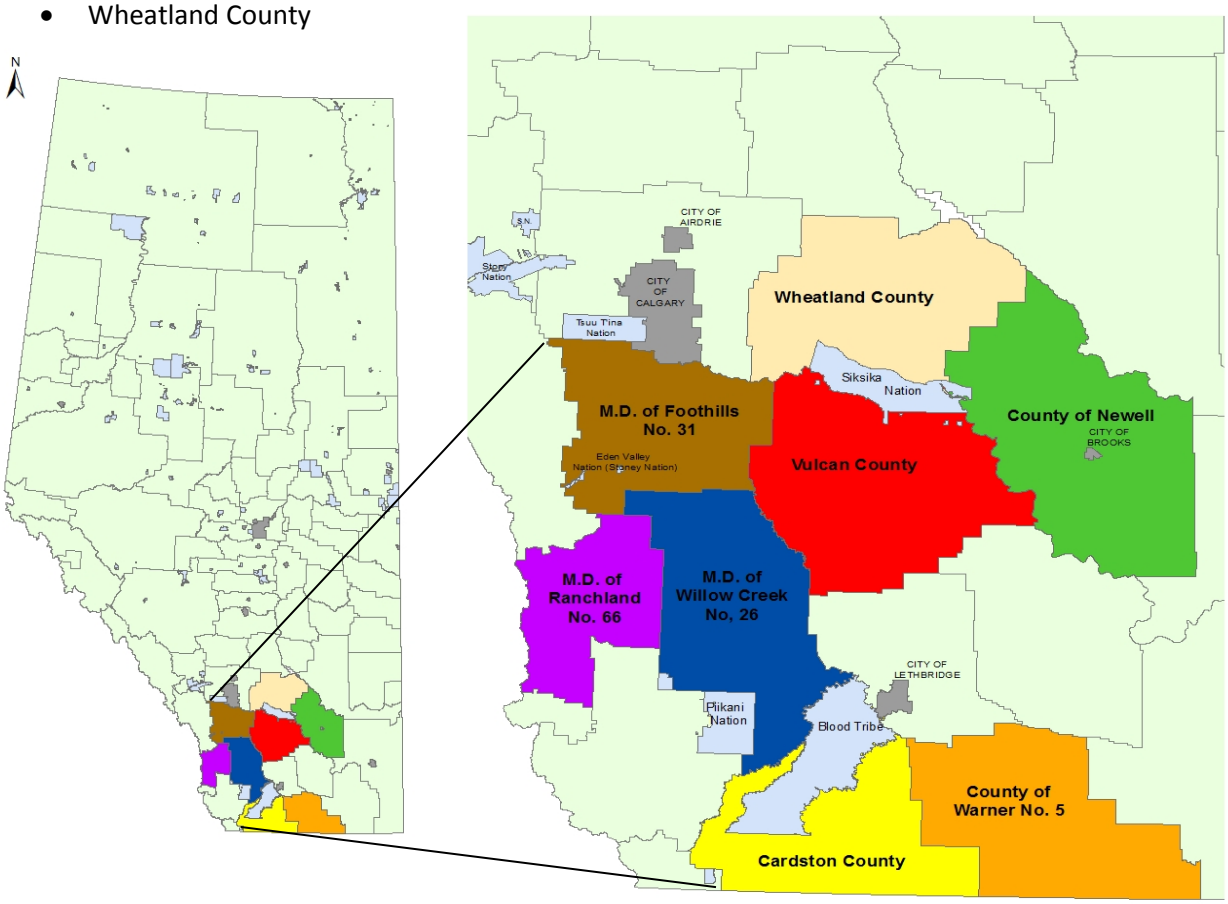



Figure 1: The eight Rural Multi-jurisdictional Development Plan Project participating municipalities

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# Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 & Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

# Intermunicipal Development Plan

## 1 | INTRODUCTION

### *1.1 Purpose of the Plan*

The purpose of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Intermunicipal Development Plan (also known as the IDP or the Plan) is to foster an inter-jurisdictional approach to address planning issues on lands that connect these municipalities. The Plan serves as a means for information exchange between the municipalities, in accordance with the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act, Statutes of Alberta 2009, Chapter A-26.8 (ALSA)* and the *Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended (MGA)*.

Municipalities are encouraged to work together to adopt IDPs to:

- promote consultation, coordination and cooperation regarding planning matters of joint interest within a defined planning area;
- provide a framework for addressing land use concerns with regard to joint planning matters;
- establish procedure for dealing with development proposals within a defined planning area; and
- address any other matters relating to development considered necessary within a joint planning area.

An IDP is a planning tool that can provide numerous benefits to participating municipalities, which may include, but are not limited to the following:

- municipal cost-savings, as a result of infrastructure and service sharing, which also provides residents with a higher quality of life;
- reinforcing and protecting both municipalities' development philosophies and goals while mitigating the potential for future intermunicipal conflict; and
- ensuring development for both municipalities occurs in an orderly, economic, efficient and harmonious manner that is sustainable by considering existing development conditions and future municipal goals.

The Plan contains policy that is to be used as a framework for working cooperatively, communicating and making decisions in each municipality. Each municipality is ultimately responsible for making decisions within their own municipal jurisdiction.

## 1.2 Municipal Profiles

### Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66

The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 covers an area of approximately 250,000 hectares (617,763 acres) with a 2013 population of 104 (Alberta Municipal Affairs, 2013). The M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 contains no designated Urban Areas, but rather encompasses vast lands of forest reserve, protected areas and open rangeland that are intended to be used for agricultural purposes and conservation. The M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 is bordered by three rural municipalities, one improvement district and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

### Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 covers an area of approximately 450,000 hectares (1.1 million acres) with a 2013 population of 5107 (Alberta Municipal Affairs, 2013). The M.D. surrounds five urban municipalities, contains four hamlets, and is bordered by six rural municipalities and two First Nations. The economy of the M.D. is largely agricultural, with ranching towards the eastern slopes. Natural resource, utility, and alternative energy developments have begun to provide non-agricultural land use pressures. The M.D. has a number of large reservoirs including Twin Valley, Clear Lake and Pine Coulee.



MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT OF
FOOTHILLS NO. 31

VULCAN
COUNTY

KANANASKIS
IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT

PROVINCE OF

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66

M.D. Of Willow Creek No. 26

LETHBRIDGE
COUNTY

MUNICIPALITY
OF CROWSNEST
PASS

PIIKANI
NATION

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF
PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

KAINAI NATION
(BLOOD TRIBE)

CARDSTON
COUNTY

# PLAN AREA BOUNDARY

LEGEND

- Plan Area Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
- M.D. Willow Creek No. 26
- First Nations Reserve Land

MAP 1

M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66 BYLAW NO. 2015-06 ) &
M.D. OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26 (BYLAW NO. 1732)
INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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## *1.3 Legislative Requirements*

In order to foster cooperation and mitigate conflict between municipalities the *MGA* includes two mechanisms that allow a municipality to:

- include policies regarding coordination of land use, future growth patterns and other infrastructure with adjacent municipalities in their municipal development plans [Section 632(3)(iii)] if no intermunicipal development plan exists with respect to those matters;
- complete and adopt an intermunicipal development plan with adjacent municipalities to address the above matters.

Specifically the *MGA* states:

*631(1) Two or more Councils, may, by each passing a bylaw in accordance with this Part or in accordance with sections 12 and 692, adopt an Intermunicipal development plan to include those areas of land lying within the boundaries of the municipalities, as they consider necessary.*

*631(2) An intermunicipal development plan*

*a) may provide for*

*i. the future land use within the area,*

*ii. the manner of and the proposals for future development in the area,*

*iii. any other matter relating to the physical, social or economic development of the area that the Councils consider necessary,*

*and*

*b) must include*

*i. a procedure to be used to resolve or attempt to resolve any conflict between the municipalities that have adopted the plan*

*ii. a procedure to be used, by one or more municipalities, to amend or repeal the plan, and*

*iii. provisions relating to the administration of the plan.*

In addition to the *MGA*, the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP) came into effect September 1, 2014. The SSRP uses a cumulative effects management approach to set policy direction for municipalities to achieve environmental, economic and social outcomes within the South Saskatchewan Region until 2024.

Pursuant to Section 13 of the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, regional plans are legislative instruments. The SSRP has four key parts including the Introduction, Strategic Plan, Implementation Plan and Regulatory Details Plan. Pursuant to Section 15(1) of *ALSA*, the Regulatory Details of the SSRP are enforceable as law and bind the Crown, decision makers, local governments and all other persons while the remaining portions are statements of policy to inform and are not intended to have binding legal effect.

The Regional Plan is guided by the vision, outcomes and intended directions set by the Strategic Plan portion of the SSRP while the Implementation Plan establishes the objectives and the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the regional vision. As part of the Implementation Plan, Section 8:

Community Development includes guidance regarding Plan Cooperation and Integration between municipalities with the intention to foster cooperation and coordination between neighbouring municipalities and between municipalities and provincial departments, boards and agencies. Section 8 contains the following broad objectives and strategies.

***Objectives***

- *Cooperation and coordination are fostered among all land use planners and decision-makers involved in preparing and implementing land plans and strategies.*
- *Knowledge sharing among communities is encouraged to promote the use of planning tools and the principles of efficient use of land to address community development in the region.*

***Strategies***

***8.1*** *Work together to achieve the shared environmental, economic, and social outcomes in the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and minimize negative environmental cumulative effects.*

***8.2*** *Address common planning issues, especially where valued natural features and historic resources are of interests to more than one stakeholder and where the possible effect of development transcends jurisdictional boundaries.*

***8.3*** *Coordinate and work with each other in their respective planning activities (such as in the development of plans and policies) and development approval process to address issues of mutual interest.*

***8.4*** *Work together to anticipate, plan and set aside adequate land with the physical infrastructure and services required to accommodate future population growth and accompanying community development needs.*

***8.5*** *Build awareness regarding the application of land-use planning tools that reduce the impact of residential, commercial and industrial developments on the land, including approaches and best practices for promoting the efficient use of private and public lands.*

***8.6*** *Pursue joint use agreements, regional services commissions and any other joint cooperative arrangements that contribute specifically to intermunicipal land use planning.*

***8.7*** *Consider the value of intermunicipal development planning to address land use on fringe areas, airport vicinity protection plan or other areas of mutual interest.*

***8.8*** *Coordinate land use planning activities with First Nations, irrigation districts, school boards, health authorities and other agencies on areas of mutual interest.*

The above strategies were considered by both municipalities when developing policy within this IDP and will be considered when rendering land use decisions pertaining to development within the Plan Area. Other strategies contained in the SSRP should be considered in the context of each rural municipality's Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw or through policies found within this Plan.

## 1.4 Plan Preparation Process

The formation of the Plan was guided by the IDP Review Committee as established by the respective municipalities. The Review Committee was composed of two Council members from each municipality. Senior administration from both municipalities were also involved throughout the process as technical advisors. With respect to committee decision making, both parties agreed at the outset of the process that their chosen decision-making model would be based on reaching consensus on the issues discussed.

A background and study area analysis was undertaken which served as the foundation from which both municipalities could review the existing land use conditions and determine the relevant issues, goals and objectives.

Prior to identifying areas of importance and concern with the Review Committee, planners from ORRSC met with each municipality privately to clarify their municipal perspectives on general issues. Once each municipality's perspectives were identified, a draft document was prepared for review by the Review Committee. An outline of the project purpose, process, ideas and concepts was then reviewed with affected landowners, stakeholders and the general public at an Open House.

After the Open House the Review Committee and each municipal Council reviewed the draft; a refined document was then prepared and submitted for the Review Committee's final approval. Upon approval, the final draft document was then forwarded to each Council for review. As required by the *MGA*, mandatory public hearings were held by each Council and subsequent to the public hearings, the IDP was adopted by each municipality under separate municipal bylaws. Both municipalities then appointed two Councilors to the Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee to ensure continued dialogue and cooperation throughout the continued use of this Plan.



# 2 | PLAN AREA

## 2.1 Study Area Analysis

To determine the extent of the Plan Area, the municipalities began by analyzing a Study Area approximately 2 miles (3.2 km) on either side of the shared border. The following key features in the Study Area were examined:

- Land Use Designations
- Surface Water
- Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs)/ Intensive Livestock Operations (ILO's)
- Active/Potential Sites for Surface Materials Extraction
- Transportation Corridors
- Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Soil Index
- Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs)
- Historical Resource Value (HRV) Sites
- Provincial Parks and other protected areas

Maps of the above features can be found in Appendix B.

## 2.2 Defining the Intermunicipal Development Plan Area

After careful review by the Committee, the municipalities used the Study Area analysis to help define the Intermunicipal Development Plan Area (also referred to as the Plan Area). It was determined that due to the consistency of key characteristics within the Study Area, that the Plan Area boundary would encompass the entire Study Area. The Plan Area consists of approximately 42,133 hectares (104,112 acres) and is illustrated in Map 2.

Key characteristics of the Plan Area include the following:

- **Agriculture and Ranching**
  - Agriculture and grazing are the primary land use of the area.
  - No confined feeding operations or intensive livestock operations exist within the Plan Area.

- **Residential Development**
  - No designated urban areas exist within the Plan Area.

- **Forest Reserve**
  - Large tracts of land in the middle and southerly portion of the Plan Area are part of the Alberta Forest Reserve and cross into both jurisdictions.

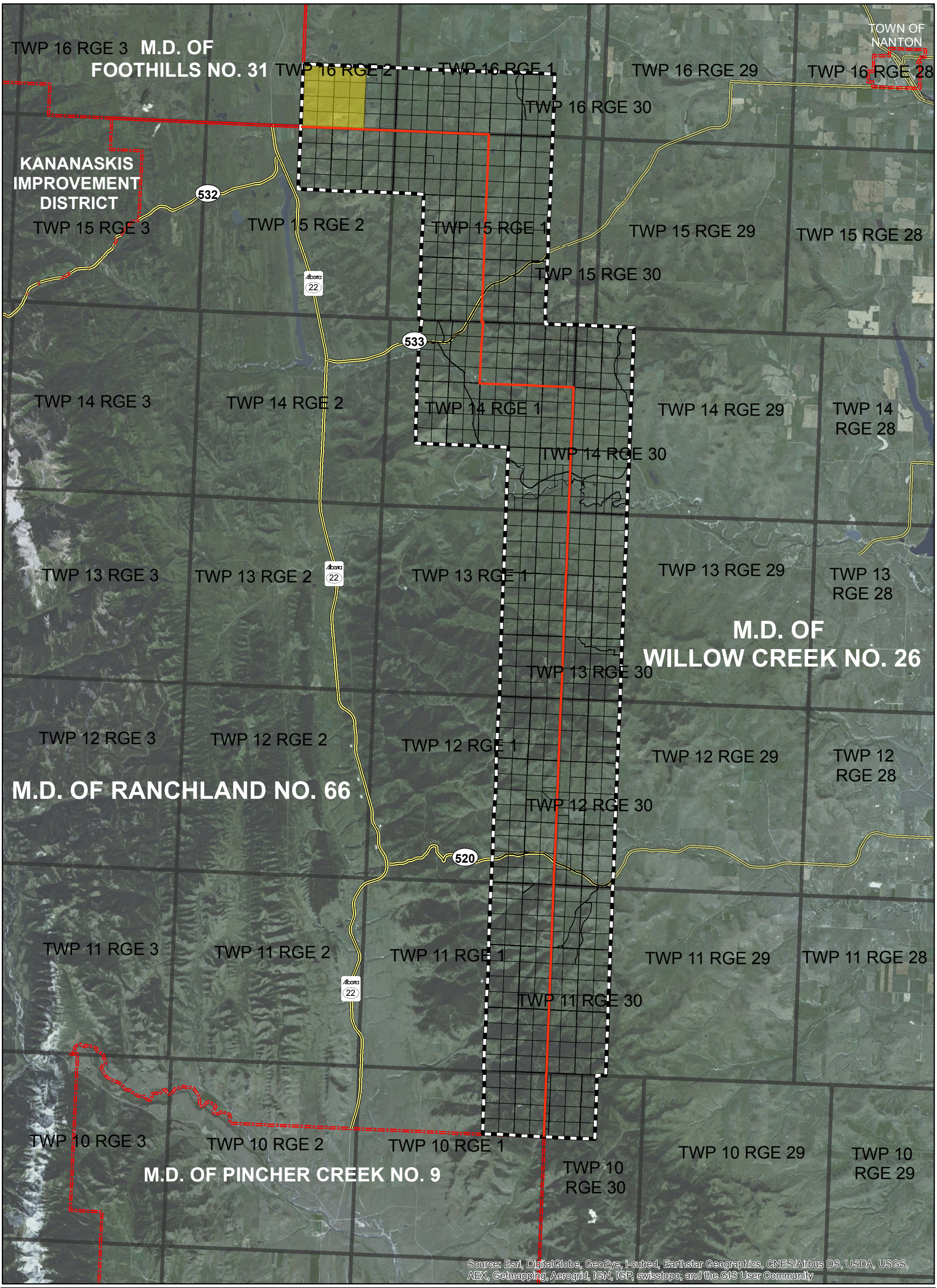
- **Transportation Infrastructure**
  - Highway 533 intersects the Plan Area east-west connecting the major transportation corridor of Highway 2 to the Cowboy Trail of Highway 22 that leads to the Crowsnest Pass.
  - Highway 520 also intersects east-west in the southerly portion of the Plan Area as another connector to Highway 22 from Highway 2.

- **Natural Resource Development**
  - Minimal sand and gravel potential exists in the Plan Area.
  - Minimal oil and gas wells or pipelines operate in the Plan Area.

- **Areas of Significance**
  - A large majority of the Plan Area is under a low level of HRV designation.
  - Outside of the Alberta Forest Reserve, no provincial parks or other protected areas exist within the Plan Area.
  - The southerly portion of the Plan Area has provincially designated ESA zones, while a small central section of the Plan Area is of national significance.
  - Central portions of the Plan Area contain land designated as Green Area.

- **Soil Characteristics**
  - Limited Canada Land Inventory data is available for soil composition in the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66, however classifications 2 through 6 are variably present in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 portion of the Plan Area.






## PLAN AREA BOUNDARY

### LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 /M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

IDP Overlap Area with M.D. of Foothills No. 31/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 IDP

### MAP 2

M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66 (BYLAW NO. 2015-06) & M.D. OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26 (BYLAW NO. 1732) INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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# 3 | IDENTIFIED THEMES

Contributions from the IDP Review Committee as well as the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 administrators and planning staff informed the development of the IDP. Together these groups identified themes of importance, both positive and negative, that addressed both municipalities' land use philosophies and goals. The following themes were then used to guide the development of the policies contained in this Plan:

### *Themes of Importance*

*Protection of Watersheds*

*Recreational Development and Activities*

*Water and Air Quality*

*Agricultural and Ranching Activities*

*Industrial Development*

*Transportation Linkages*

*Resource Extraction*

*Non-Agricultural Related Economic Development*

*Transportation, Water and Utility Infrastructure*

*Natural Resources*

*Ongoing Dialogue*

# 4 | INTERMUNICIPAL LAND USE POLICIES

The land use policies contained in this Plan are intended to provide direction to the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 administrations, subdivision and development authorities and Councils to encourage and manage the future development of lands contained within the Plan Areas.

## *4.1 General Land Use Policies*

***INTENT***

The general land use policies are not intended for specific areas within the Plan, but rather are general policies that pertain to the entire Plan Area.

***POLICIES***

4.1.1 The municipalities, as per this plan, shall strive to engage in effective dialogue when considering land use in the Plan Area, while still maintaining complete jurisdiction on lands within their own boundaries.

4.1.2 The municipalities may collaborate and investigate methods of giving support to projects that may mutually benefit or enhance the quality of life of residents from both municipalities. This could be in the form of in-kind donations, materials, municipal letters of support, unified government lobbying, application for grants, or other more permanent arrangements if both municipalities agree and enter into discussions and make specific agreements for such.

4.1.3 Both municipalities agree to jointly discuss ways to cooperate with provincial and federal agencies and utility providers to help facilitate the efficient delivery of infrastructure and services that are of a mutual benefit.

4.1.4 The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 shall strive, to the best of their ability and knowledge, to refer all notices of government projects within the Plan Area to the adjacent municipality.

4.1.5 Both municipalities are encouraged to share with the adjacent municipality, the results of all publicly available technical analyses required by a Subdivision and Development Authority as part of an application, where there is the potential for impacts on lands and bodies of water within the adjacent municipality.

## 4.2 Agriculture and Ranching

***INTENT***

Agriculture and ranching practices, including grazing, will continue to be the primary use of land in the Plan Area, and non-agricultural uses should be considered only in such areas where they will not negatively impact agriculture and ranching practices.

***POLICIES***

4.2.1 Both municipalities will strive to work cooperatively to encourage good neighbour farming practices, such as dust, weed and insect control, adjacent to developed areas through best management practices and Alberta Agriculture guidelines.

4.2.2 If disputes or complaints in either municipality should arise between ratepayers and agricultural operators, the municipality receiving the complaint shall strive to direct the affected parties to the appropriate agency, government department or municipality for consultation or resolution wherever necessary.

## 4.3 Confined Feeding Operations/Intensive Livestock Operations

***INTENT***

The municipalities agree it is desirable to specifically regulate intensive agricultural operations for the defined Plan Area in an attempt to minimize potential nuisance and conflict. However, both municipalities recognize that although the Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRCB) grants and regulates confined feeding operations (CFO) of a specific threshold, the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 grants and regulates intensive livestock operations (ILO) not recognized by the NRCB threshold.

***POLICIES***

4.3.1 If either the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 or the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 are in receipt of an application for new or expanded CFO or ILO within the Plan Area, they shall forward a copy of the application to the other municipality.

## 4.4 Resource Extraction

***INTENT***

The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 recognize the importance of resource extraction to the local economy and to the maintenance of transportation routes and other infrastructure.

***POLICIES***

4.4.1 The municipalities shall consider the effects of visual intrusion, dust, noise, traffic, and air and water pollution when evaluating applications for new or expanded gravel pits, or other extractive activities, where they maintain jurisdiction.

4.4.2 If either municipality is in receipt of a notice of application for a new or expanded gravel pit, they shall forward a copy of the notice to the other municipality.

4.4.3 Each municipality must be notified of any resource development proposal in the other municipality that will result in access being required from a road under its control or management. The affected municipality must give its approval or decision in writing prior to the application being considered as complete by the other municipality.

4.4.4 Either municipality may require an agreement regarding the construction, repair, and maintenance of any municipal roads which may be impacted by resource development, when the development requires access from the other municipality's road.

4.4.5 If either the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 or the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 are in receipt of a notice for a new or expanded Alberta Transportation gravel pit within the Plan Area, they shall forward a copy of the notice to the other municipality.

## *4.5 Industry and Energy Development*

***INTENT***

The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 recognize the important role that industry and energy development play in supporting the local and regional economy. The policies in this Section address the need to ensure the compatibility of land uses.

***POLICIES***

4.5.1 Lands under consideration for industrial development that do not currently allow for a proposed use, shall be required to rezone to a suitable land use district.

4.5.2 The municipalities may consider the location of Renewable Energy developments within the Plan Area:

a) where compatible with existing land uses, and

b) in consideration of comments from the adjacent municipality.

4.5.3 Either municipality shall refer any application for a renewable energy development within the Plan Area including but not limited to:

- wind farms,
- hydroelectric development,
- solar power, or
- other related and similar developments,

to the other municipality.

## 4.6 Transportation and Road Networks

***INTENT***

As multiple provincial highways connect the two municipalities, the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 agree on the importance of considering the impact of development on municipal and provincial road infrastructure.

***POLICIES***

4.6.1 Each municipality shall be notified of any subdivision or development proposal in the other municipality that will result in access being required from a road under its control or management. The affected municipality must give its approval in writing prior to the application being considered as complete by the other municipality.

4.6.2 Either municipality may require a developer to enter into a Road Use Management Agreement to control traffic, manage dust control or maintenance issues if access to the development is required from a road under its control or jurisdiction.

4.6.3 When required by Alberta Transportation, developers shall conduct traffic studies with respect to the impact and access on the highway. Any upgrading identified by a traffic study conducted by a developer with respect to the highway shall be implemented by the developer at its sole cost and to the satisfaction of Alberta Transportation.

## 4.7 Telecommunication Towers/Utilities

***INTENT***

The continued demand for the location of telecommunications infrastructure and utility servicing has the potential to impact land use within municipalities; however the municipalities are aware that the jurisdiction of utility approvals is outside of their direct control. The following policies are to be used by the municipalities when providing comments to applicants or relevant agencies regarding applications within the Plan Area.

***POLICIES***

4.7.1 Where there is an application for a new, expanded or retrofitted telecommunications tower within the Plan Area, the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 shall notify the other municipality to seek their comments.

4.7.2 When providing a Letter of Concurrence for a new, expanded or retrofitted telecommunications tower, the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 shall request telecommunications companies to co-locate within the Plan Area where technically feasible.

4.7.3 When providing comments to provincial departments regarding utility development within the Plan Area, the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 shall request that consideration be given to the establishment of utility corridors with multiple users.

## *4.8 Recreational Development*

4.8.1 The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 shall endeavor to protect environmentally significant areas, including the Alberta Forest Reserve, and other significant natural areas and resources from inappropriate development and land use activities where possible.

4.8.2 Both municipalities may consult with other agencies to develop management plans which integrate land use, development and recreational activities.

4.8.3 If either the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 or the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 are in receipt of a notice for a new or expanded Recreational Development within the Plan Area or that may have direct impact on the Plan Area, they shall forward a copy of the notice to the other municipality for comment.

## *4.9 Interpretation*

***INTENT***

To ensure the policies and language within this Plan are communicated in the proper context so as to ensure the intent of the Plan is as clear and concise as possible.

***POLICIES***

4.9.1 Unless otherwise required by the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense; words used in the singular include the plural; and the word person includes a corporation as well as an individual. Unless otherwise stipulated, the *Interpretation Act,*

*Chapter I-8, RSA 2000* as amended, shall be used in the interpretation of this bylaw. Words have the same meaning whether they are capitalized or not.

4.9.2 All references to a specific agency, body, or department were accurate at the time of writing. It is understood that agency, body and department names change from time to time. All references throughout the Plan shall therefore be considered to be applicable to the current relevant agency, body or department.

4.9.3 The geographical or relative boundaries or any variable presented on the maps contained in this Plan, with the exception of the boundaries of the Plan Area, shall be interpreted as a rough approximation and not an accurate depiction of its actual or full extension. The Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC), the respective municipalities, or the Council, administration staff or agents of either municipality do not guarantee or endorse the accuracy of any of the information or interpretations there of as part of approval of this Plan.



# 5 | PLAN ADMINISTRATION & IMPLEMENTATION

## *5.1 Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee Policies*

***INTENT***

The implementation of this Plan is intended to be an ongoing process to ensure it is maintained and remains applicable. A committee with joint representation will ensure continued dialogue and cooperation, as the purpose of this committee is to promote active cooperation and conflict resolution through a consensus-based approach.

***POLICIES***

5.1.1 For the purposes of administering and monitoring the IDP, the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 establish the Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (the Committee) comprised of two (2) members of Council from both the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26. Each municipality may appoint an alternate Committee member in the event a regular member cannot attend a scheduled meeting. Alternate Committee members shall have standing. Quorum shall consist of four (4) voting members.

5.1.2 The term of appointment for Committee members should be four (4) years, coinciding with the election cycle. Following each election, members of the Committee shall be appointed by respective Councils at their Organizational Meeting. If a Council wishes to appoint a new member to the Committee (including the alternate), they must do so by motion of Council at a regular Council meeting. The municipalities shall notify one another upon appointing members and alternate members to the Committee.

5.1.3 The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 agree that the main functions of the Committee are to:

a) create a forum for dialogue on issues of common concern and interest;

b) address concerns regarding the policies of the Plan;

c) address proposed amendments to the Plan;

d) address rezoning applications, changes to land use districts or other land use amendments affecting the Plan Area;

e) address issues in relation to the implementation of Plan policies, and to provide comments related to subdivision and/or development proposals;

f) engage in resolving any conflicts or disputes which arise from this Plan—both municipalities will equally share costs associated with using outside assistance to resolve a dispute; and

g) address any other land use issues deemed appropriate, but which are not explicitly identified in the Plan.

5.1.4 Meetings of the Committee shall be held on an annual basis, or at the request of either municipality. Committee meetings should be held as soon as possible if any conflict arises, or if any matter is brought before it.

5.1.5 A municipality may call a meeting of the Committee at any time upon not less than five (5) days' notice of the meeting being given to all members of the Committee and support personnel, stating the date, the time, purpose and the place of the proposed meeting. The five (5) days' notice may be waived with ¾ of the Committee members' agreement noted.

5.1.6 The municipality that called the meeting of the Committee shall host and chair the meeting and is responsible for preparing and distributing agendas and minutes.

5.1.7 At least one (1) member of each municipality's administrative staff should attend each meeting in the capacity of technical, non-voting advisor.

5.1.8 Both Councils agree the Committee is not a decision making body and that the Committee shall issue a written response in the form of comments and/or recommendations to the appropriate and relevant decision making body within 10 business days from the Committee meeting date.

5.1.9 Any changes to the Committee format, composition, roles, responsibilities or any aspect of its existence or operation may be requested by either municipality.

5.1.10 Where a matter has been referred to the Committee and a resolution cannot be found, the Dispute Resolution process in Section 6 of this Plan should be adhered to.

## *5.2 Intermunicipal Referral Policies*

***INTENT***

The purpose of this section of the Plan is to establish a clear and consistent referral process whereby each municipality is able to provide comments on proposed changes to statutory and non-statutory plans as well as proposed subdivision and development applications within the Plan Area.

***POLICIES***

### *General*

5.2.1 Where an intermunicipal referral is required by the *MGA* or the policies contained in this Plan, both municipalities agree to share mailing address and property ownership information for circulation purposes with the adjacent municipality, and where applicable, the municipality's processing agency.

5.2.2 Where a plan or bylaw, including amendments, or application, requires notifications to be sent to a municipality that is external to this IDP, the referring municipality shall follow the referral requirements outlined in the *MGA*, or where applicable, those contained in a relevant Intermunicipal Development Plan.

5.2.3 Administrative staff or representatives for the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 are encouraged to discuss with one another forthcoming Statutory Plans and Land Use Bylaws, including amendments, which may impact the Plan Area.

5.2.4 Administrative staff or representatives for the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 are encouraged to discuss with one another forthcoming subdivision and development applications that may impact lands within the Plan Area.

### *Municipal Development Plans*

5.2.5 A newly proposed Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Municipal Development Plan or amendment shall be referred to the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 for comment prior to a public hearing.

5.2.6 A newly proposed Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Municipal Development Plan or amendment shall be referred to Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 for comment prior to a public hearing.

### *Other Statutory Plans*

5.2.7 A newly proposed Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 statutory plan (excluding a Municipal Development Plan) or amendment that will have an impact on the Plan Area shall be referred to the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 for comment prior to a public hearing.

5.2.8 A newly proposed Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 statutory plan (excluding a Municipal Development Plan) or amendment that will have an impact on the Plan Area shall be referred to Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 for comment prior to a public hearing.

### *Land Use Bylaws*

5.2.9 All Land Use Bylaw amendments in the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 that affect lands in the Plan Area, shall be referred to the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 for comment prior to a public hearing.

5.2.10 All Land Use Bylaw amendments in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 that affect lands in the Plan Area, shall be referred to Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 for comment prior to a public hearing.

5.2.11 All redesignation applications within the Plan Area shall be referred to the other for comment prior to a public hearing.

5.2.12 A newly proposed Land Use Bylaw from either municipality shall be referred to the other for comment prior to a public hearing.

### *Design Concepts*

5.2.13 All design concepts in support of a subdivision or development in Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 that will affect lands in the Plan Area shall be referred to the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 for comment prior to Council resolution.

5.2.14 All design concepts in support of a subdivision or development in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 that will affect lands in the Plan Area shall be referred to the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 for comment prior to Council resolution.

### *Subdivision and Development*

5.2.15 All subdivision applications for lands within the Plan Area shall be referred to the other municipality for comment prior to a decision being rendered.

5.2.16 The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 shall refer all discretionary use applications within the Plan Area to the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 for comment prior to a decision being rendered.

5.2.17 The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 shall refer all discretionary use applications within the Plan Area, to the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 for comment prior to a decision being rendered.

### *Response Timelines*

5.2.18 The responding municipality shall, from the date of mailing, have the following timelines to review and provide comment on intermunicipal referrals:

a) 15 calendar days for all development applications,

b) 19 calendar days for subdivision applications, and

c) 30 calendar days for all other intermunicipal referrals.

5.2.19 In the event that either municipality or the Committee does not reply within, or request an extension by, the response time for intermunicipal referrals stipulated in this Section, it is presumed that the responding municipality and/or Committee has no comment or objection to the referred planning application or matter.

### *Consideration of Responses*

5.2.20 Comments from the responding municipality and/or the Committee regarding proposed Municipal Development Plans, other statutory plans, and Land Use Bylaws, or amendments to any of those documents, shall be considered by the municipality in which the application is being proposed, prior to a decision being rendered.

5.2.21 Comments from the responding municipality and/or the Committee regarding subdivision and development applications shall be considered by the municipality in which the application is being proposed, prior to a decision being rendered on the application.

## *5.3 Plan Validity and Amendment Policies*

***INTENT***

This Plan may require amendments from time to time to accommodate unforeseen situations, and to keep the Plan relevant. This Plan does not contain a "sunset" clause, but rather, a method of continuous updating.

***POLICIES***

### *Addressing Provincial Regional Planning Requirements*

The South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP) has been completed and came into effect September 1, 2014. The municipalities are under the mandate of this legislation and will consider the following in respect of the SSRP legislation:

5.3.1 The municipalities agree that they will comply with the adopted regional plan strategies, and are of the opinion this Plan aligns with strategies of the SSRP.

5.3.2 After the Plan's adoption, if it is subsequently determined that additional amendments are needed to the Plan to adhere to provincial requirements of the SSRP, both municipalities will review and discuss possible amendments through the Committee.

### *Addressing Municipal Amendments and Plan Validity*

5.3.3 This Plan comes into effect on the date it is adopted by the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 and remains in effect until:

a) either Council rescinds the Plan by bylaw after giving six (6) months' notice to the other municipality; or

b) mutual agreement of both municipalities to rescind the bylaw.

5.3.4 Amendments shall be adopted by both Councils using the procedures outlined in the *MGA*. No amendment shall come into force until such time as both municipalities adopt the amending bylaw.

5.3.5 Applications for amendments to this Plan by parties other than the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 or the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 (e.g., landowners and developers) shall be made to both municipalities and accompanied by the applicable fee paid for processing amendments to a statutory plan, as established by each municipality.

5.3.6 Administrative staff should review the policies of the Plan annually and discuss land use matters, issues and concerns on an on-going basis. Administrative staff may make recommendations to their respective Councils for amendment to the Plan to ensure the policies remain relevant and continue to meet the needs of both municipalities.

5.3.7 A formal review of the Plan shall occur within 10 years from the date the IDP is adopted by both municipalities.



# 6 | DISPUTE RESOLUTION

## *6.1 General Dispute Process*

***INTENT***

The policies of this Plan are designed to be general in nature, ensuring that both the Municipal District of Ranchland no. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 maintain jurisdiction over the decisions made within their borders. It is anticipated that by following the process below, any disputes or conflicts that may arise can first be avoided, and where necessary, settled at the local level. Only in those circumstances where a resolution cannot be achieved locally would the dispute be referred to outside parties.

***POLICIES***

### *General Agreement*

The municipalities agree that:

6.1.1 It is important to avoid dispute by ensuring that the Plan is adhered to as adopted, including full circulation of any permit or application that may affect the municipality as required in the Plan and prompt enforcement of the Plan policies.

6.1.2 Prior to the meeting of the Committee, each municipality through its administration, will ensure the facts of the issue have been investigated and clarified, and information is made available to both parties. Staff meetings are encouraged to discuss possible solutions.

6.1.3 The Committee should discuss the issue or dispute with the intent to seek a recommended solution by consensus.

### *Dispute Resolution*

In the case of a dispute, the following process will be followed to arrive at a solution:

6.1.4 When a potential intermunicipal issue comes to the attention of either municipality relating to a technical or procedural matter, such as inadequate notification or prescribed timelines, misinterpretation of Plan policies, or a clerical error regarding the policies of this Plan, either municipality's Land Use Bylaw, or any other plan affecting lands in the Plan area, it will be directed to the administrators of each municipality. The administrators will review the technical or procedural matter and if both administrators are in agreement, take action to rectify the matter.

6.1.5 Should either municipality identify an issue related to this Plan that may result in a dispute that cannot be administratively resolved or any other issue that may result in a dispute, the municipality should contact the other and request that a Committee meeting be scheduled

to discuss the issue. The Committee will review the issue and attempt to resolve the matter by consensus.

6.1.6 Should the Committee be unable to arrive at a consensus, the administration of each municipality will schedule a joint meeting of the two Councils to discuss possible solutions and attempt to reach consensus on the issue.

6.1.7 Should the Councils be unable to resolve the matter, either municipality may initiate a formal mediation process to facilitate resolution of the issue.

### *Filing an Intermunicipal Dispute under the Municipal Government Act*

6.1.8 In the case of a dispute involving the adoption of a statutory plan, land use bylaw or amendment to such, within 30 days of adoption, the municipality initiating the dispute may, without prejudice, file an appeal to the Municipal Government Board under section 690(1) of the *MGA* so that the provincial statutory right and timeframe to file an appeal is not lost.

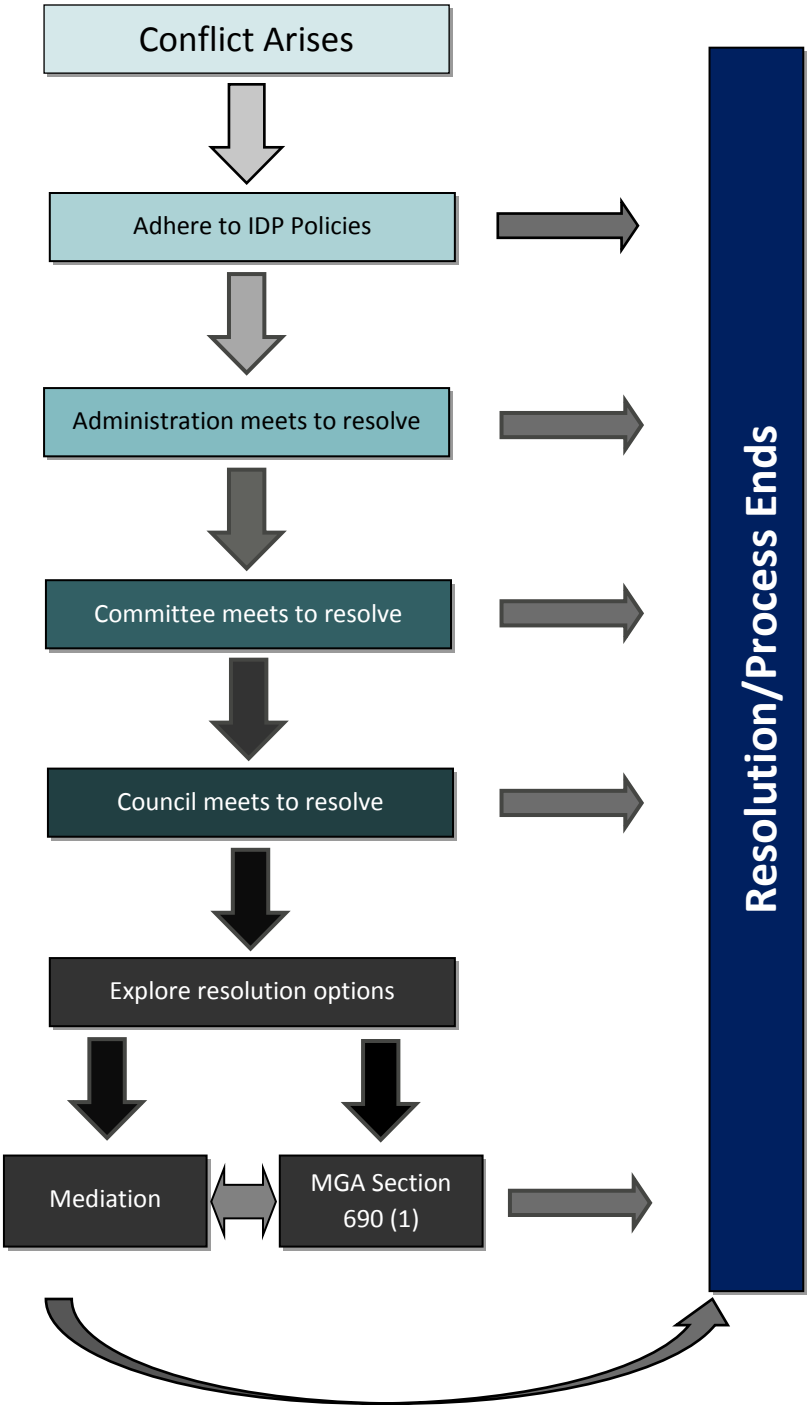
6.1.9 The appeal may then be withdrawn, without prejudice, if a solution or agreement is reached between the two municipalities prior to the Municipal Government Board meeting. This is to acknowledge and respect that the time required to seek resolution or mediation may not be able to occur within the 30 day appeal filing process as outlined in the *MGA*.

**Note**: Using section 690(1) of the *MGA* is the final stage of dispute settlement, where the municipalities request the Municipal Government Board to intercede and resolve the issue.



### *Dispute Resolution Flow Chart*

The dispute resolution flow chart presented here is for demonstration purposes only and shall not limit the ability of either municipality to explore other methods of resolution or to choose one method in place of another.



# APPENDIX A | DEFINITIONS

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**Adjacent Land(s):** Land that abuts or is contiguous to the parcel of land that is being described and includes land that would be contiguous if not for a highway, road, lane, walkway, watercourse, utility lot, pipeline right-of-way, power line, railway or similar feature and any other land identified in a land use bylaw as adjacent for the purpose of notifications under the *Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, M-26* with amendments.

**Agricultural Operation:** If not defined in the municipality's Land Use Bylaw, it is an agricultural activity conducted on agricultural land for gain or reward or in the hope or expectation of gain or reward, and can include, but is not limited to:

a) the cultivation of land;
b) the raising of livestock, including game-production animals within the meaning of the "*Livestock Industry Diversification Act*" and poultry;
c) the raising of fur-bearing animals, pheasants or fish;
d) the production of agricultural field crops;
e) the production of fruit, vegetables, sod, trees, shrubs and other specialty horticultural crops;
f) the production of eggs and milk;
g) the production of honey (apiaries);
h) the operation of agricultural machinery and equipment, including irrigation pumps on site;
i) the application of fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides, including application by ground and aerial spraying, for agricultural purposes;
j) the collection, transportation, storage, application, use transfer and disposal of manure;
k) the abandonment and reclamation of confined feeding operations and manure storage facilities.

**Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA):** The *Alberta Land Stewardship Act, Statues of Alberta 2009, Chapter A-26.8*, as amended.

**Area Structure Plan (ASP):** A statutory plan in accordance with the *MGA* for the purpose of providing a framework for subsequent subdivision and development of an area of land in a municipality. The Plan typically provides a design that integrates land uses with the requirements for suitable parcel densities, transportation patterns (roads), stormwater drainage, fire protection and other utilities across the entire Plan Area.

**Confined Feeding Operations (CFO):** An activity on land that is fenced or enclosed or within buildings where livestock is confined for the purpose of growing, sustaining, finishing or breeding by means other than grazing and requires registration or approval under the conditions set forth in the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter A-7,* as amended from time to time, but does not include seasonal feeding and bedding sites.

**Council(s):** The Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Council of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 in the Province of Alberta.

**Development**: As defined by the *Municipal Government Act* in Part 17, section 616, means

a) an excavation or stockpile and the creation of either of them;
b) a building or an addition to or replacement or repair of a building and the construction or placing of any of them on, in, over or under land;
c) a change of use of land or a building or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the use of the land or building; or
d) a change in the intensity of the land or a building or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the intensity of use of the land or building.

**Discretionary Use:** The use of land or a building in a land use district for which a development permit may be approved at the discretion of the Development Authority with or without conditions.

**Energy Industry or Development:** Industry that uses some form of alternative energy either as the source of its operation or the result of its operation, such as, but not limited to, wind farms, solar farms, hydroelectric dams among others.

**Environmentally Significant Areas (ESA):** Means

a) "Hazard" lands and areas which are unsuitable for development in their natural state such as floodplains, permanent wetlands, and steep and unstable slopes; or which pose severe constraints on types of development such as areas of artesian flow and aeolian surficial deposits;
b) areas which perform a vital environmental, ecological or hydrological function such as aquifer recharge;
c) areas which contain unique geological or physiographic features;
d) areas which contain significant, rare or endangered species;
e) areas which are unique habitats with limited representation in the region or are a small remnant of once large habitats which have virtually disappeared;
f) areas which contain an unusual diversity of plant and/or animal communities due to a variety of geomorphological features and microclimatic effects;
g) areas which contain large and relatively undisturbed habitats and provide sheltered habitat for species which are intolerant of human disturbance;
h) areas which contain plants, animals or land forms which are unusual or of regional, provincial or national significance;
i) areas which provide an important linking function and permit the movement of wildlife over considerable distance.

**Extensive Agriculture:** The general raising of crops and grazing of livestock in a non-intensive nature.

**Extractives or Extractive Industry:** Use of lands that are governed by the location of a natural resource such as, but not limited to, sand and gravel, oil and gas, or logging which involves the extraction or onsite processing and/or storage of a natural resource.

**Historical Resource Value (HRV):** Lands that contain or are believed to contain historic resources, including primarily archeological and paleontological sites, Aboriginal traditional use sites of a historic resource nature, and historic structures.

**Intensive Agriculture:** If not defined in the respective municipalities' Land Use Bylaw, it is any concentrated method used to raise crops or to rear or keep livestock, animals, poultry or their products for market including, but not limited to, such operations as horse riding stables, poultry farms, pastures, rabbitries, fur farms, greenhouses, tree farms, sod farms, apiaries, dairies, nurseries and similar specialty uses conducted as the principal use of a building or site.

**Intensive Livestock Operation (ILO):** means any land enclosed by buildings, shelters, fences, corrals or other structures which, in the opinion of either municipality's development authority, or in accordance with their municipal Land Use Bylaw, is capable of confining, rearing, feeding, dairying or auctioning livestock, and excepting only wintering of a basic breeding herd of livestock and intensive grazing programs, and exceeds the thresholds established in the municipalities' Land Use Bylaw but is less than the thresholds established by the NRCB.

**Intermunicipal Border:** The shared border between the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26.

**Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP):** A statutory document, adopted by bylaw in accordance with section 631 of the *Municipal Government Act*, which is used by municipalities as a long-range planning tool.

**Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (the Committee):** The members assigned by each respective Council for the purposes of administering and monitoring the Intermunicipal Development Plan.

**May:** Is an operative word that means that there is a choice, with no particular direction or guidance intended.

**M.D.:** Municipal District.

**Municipalities (the Municipalities):** The municipalities of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26.

***Municipal Government Act (MGA)*:** The *Municipal Government Act, Revised Statues of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26*, as amended.

**Municipal Development Plan (MDP):** A statutory plan, adopted by bylaw in accordance with section 632 of the *Municipal Government Act* and used by municipalities as a long-range planning tool.

**Permitted Use:** The use of land or a building in a land use district for which a Development Authority shall issue a development permit with or without conditions providing all other provisions of the Bylaw are conformed with.

**Plan:** The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 and Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Intermunicipal Development Plan.

**Plan Area:** The lands defined in this document to which the policies of this document pertain.

**Provincial Highway**: A road development as such by Ministerial Order pursuant to the *Highway Development and Protection Act,* Alberta Regulation 326/2009.

**Ratepayer:** A land owner within the municipality who pays taxes to the respective municipality and is considered a stakeholder in public matter relating to the municipality.

**Renewable Resource/Energy:** A natural resource or form of energy that can replenish on its own with time.

**Shall:** Is an operative word that means the action is mandatory.

**Should:** Is an operative word that means that in order to achieve the Plan's objectives, it is strongly advised that the action be taken.

**Soil Classifications:** The classification of soils in accordance with the Canadian Land Inventory on the basis of soil survey information, and are based on intensity, rather than kind, of their limitations for agriculture. The classes include:

- **Class 1 –** Soils in this class have no significant limitations in use for crops
- **Class 2 –** Soils in this class have moderate limitations that restrict the range of crops or require moderate conservation practices
- **Class 3 –** Soils in this class have moderately severe limitations that restrict the range of crops or require special conservation practices
- **Class 4 –** Soils in this class have severe limitations that restrict the range of crops or require special conservation practices
- **Class 5 –** Soils in this class have very severe limitations that restrict their capability in producing perennial forage crops, and improvement practices are feasible
- **Class 6 –** Soils in this class are capable only of producing perennial forage crops, and improvement practices are not feasible
- **Class 7 –** Soils in this class have no capacity for arable culture or permanent pasture land

**South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP):** The regional plan and regulations established by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*.

**Stakeholder:** A person with an interest or concern in matters pertaining to this Plan.

**Statutory Plan:** As per Part 17 of the *Municipal Government Act*, is an intermunicipal development plan, a municipal development plan, an area structure plan, or an area redevelopment plan adopted by a municipality under Division 4 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**Subdivision and Development Authority:** Within the boundary of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 means the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Subdivision and Development Authority, and within the boundary of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 means the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Subdivision and Development Authority.

**Study Area:** The area identified by both municipalities that encompasses areas of importance and concern and has been identified as an area where additional study took place in order to help define the parameters of the Plan Area.

**Themes of Importance:** Developments, land uses, activities, systems, resources, geographical areas and issues that have been identified by the involved municipalities as significant for economic, environmental and or/social reasons.

# APPENDIX B | MAPS

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The following maps highlight key environmental resources, infrastructure and land use information within the Plan Area.

**Map 3** – Land Use Designation Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66

**Map 4** – Land Use Designation Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

**Map 5** – ESA Sites

**Map 6** – Hydrologic Features

**Map 7** – Oil/Gas and Major Pipelines

**Map 8** – Sand/Gravel Potential

**Map 9** – Historical Resource Value Sites

**Map 10** – Soil Permeability

**Map 11** – Soil Classification as Indexed by Canada Land Inventory

**Map 12** – Designated Protected Areas

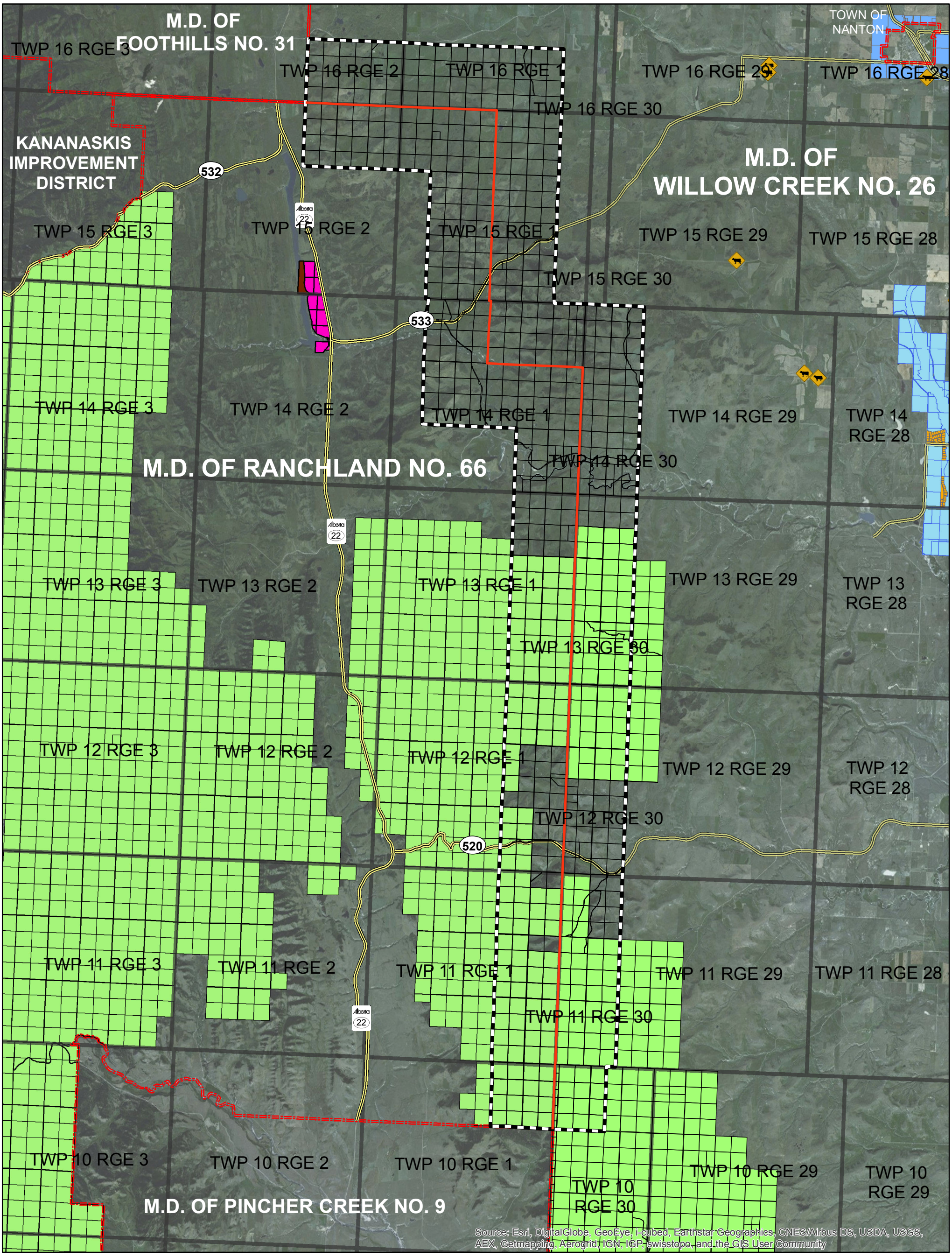
**Map 13** – South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Conservation Areas

**Map 14** – Land Ownership in the Plan Area

**Map 15** – Green and White Area Designated Land

Data source information for the maps in this Plan is found in Appendix C.

# M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66 LAND USE DESIGNATION




## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads
- CFO Locations

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 Land Use Designation

- Agriculture / White Area "AWA"
- Chain Lakes Provincial Park
- Forest Reserve "FR"
- Multiple Landuse

## MAP 3

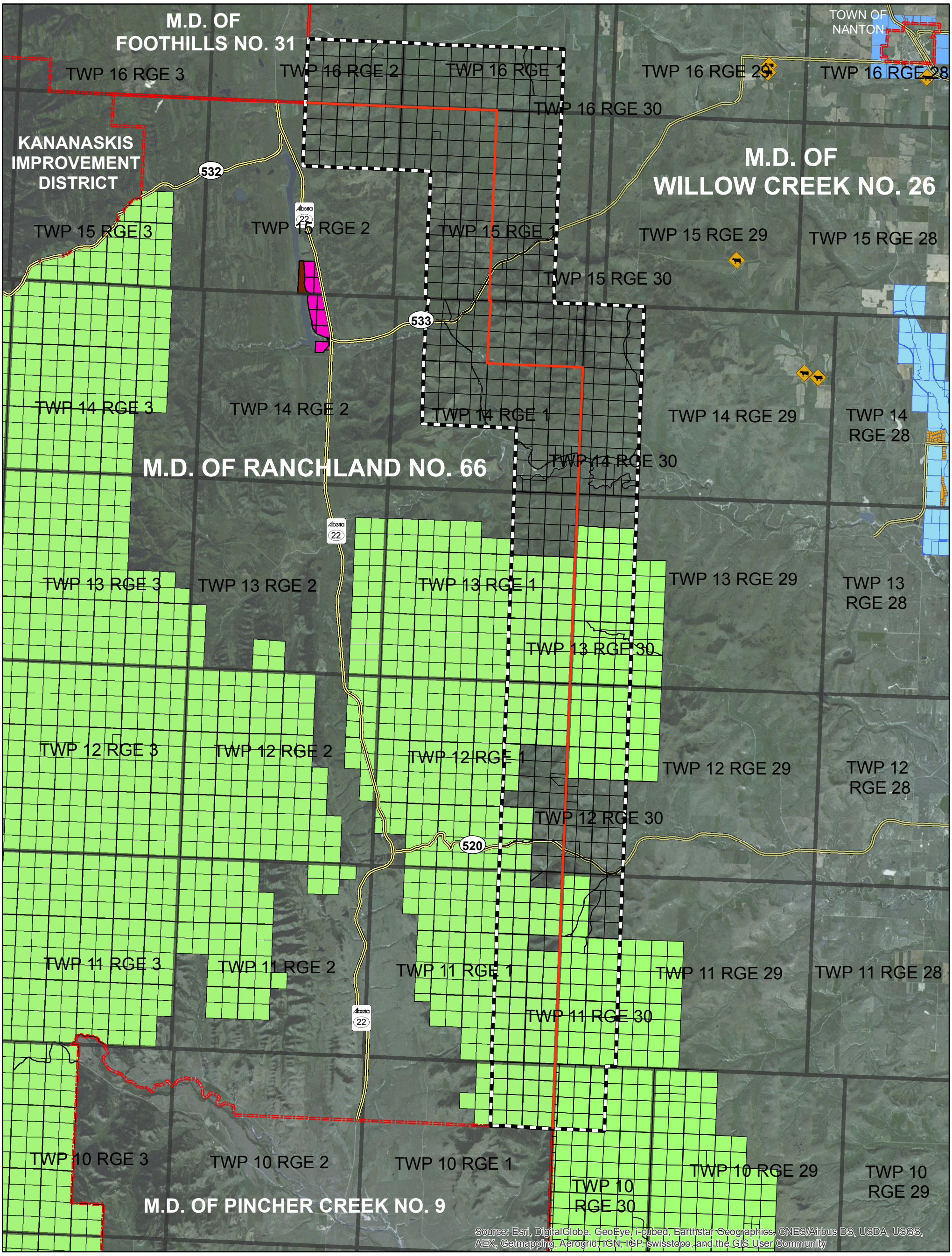
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# M.D. OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26 LAND USE DESIGNATION

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads
- CFO Locations

M.D. Willow Creek No. 26 Land Use Designation

- Rural General "RG/NA"
- Grouped Country Residential "GCR"
- Reservoir Vicinity "RV"
- Urban Fringe "UF"
- Forest Reserve

## MAP 4

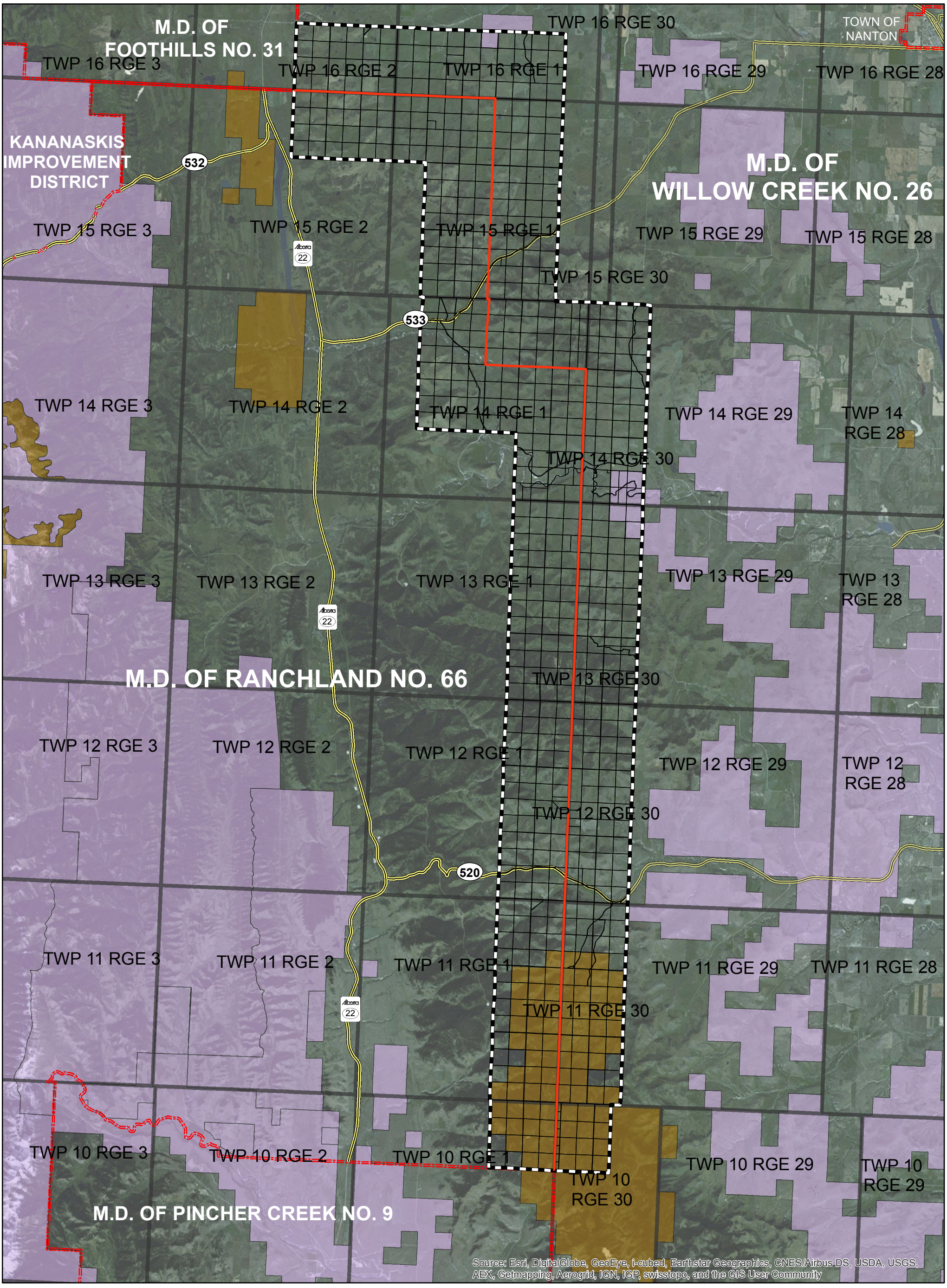
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## ESA SITES

LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 /M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

ESA significance level

- National
- Provincial

MAP 5

M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66 (BYLAW NO. 2015-06) & M.D. OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26 (BYLAW NO. 1732) INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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# MAJOR HYDROLOGIC FEATURES

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads
- Major Rivers/Tributaries
- Major Waterbodies

Major Watersheds

- Bow River Watershed Basin
- Oldman River Watershed Basin

## MAP 6

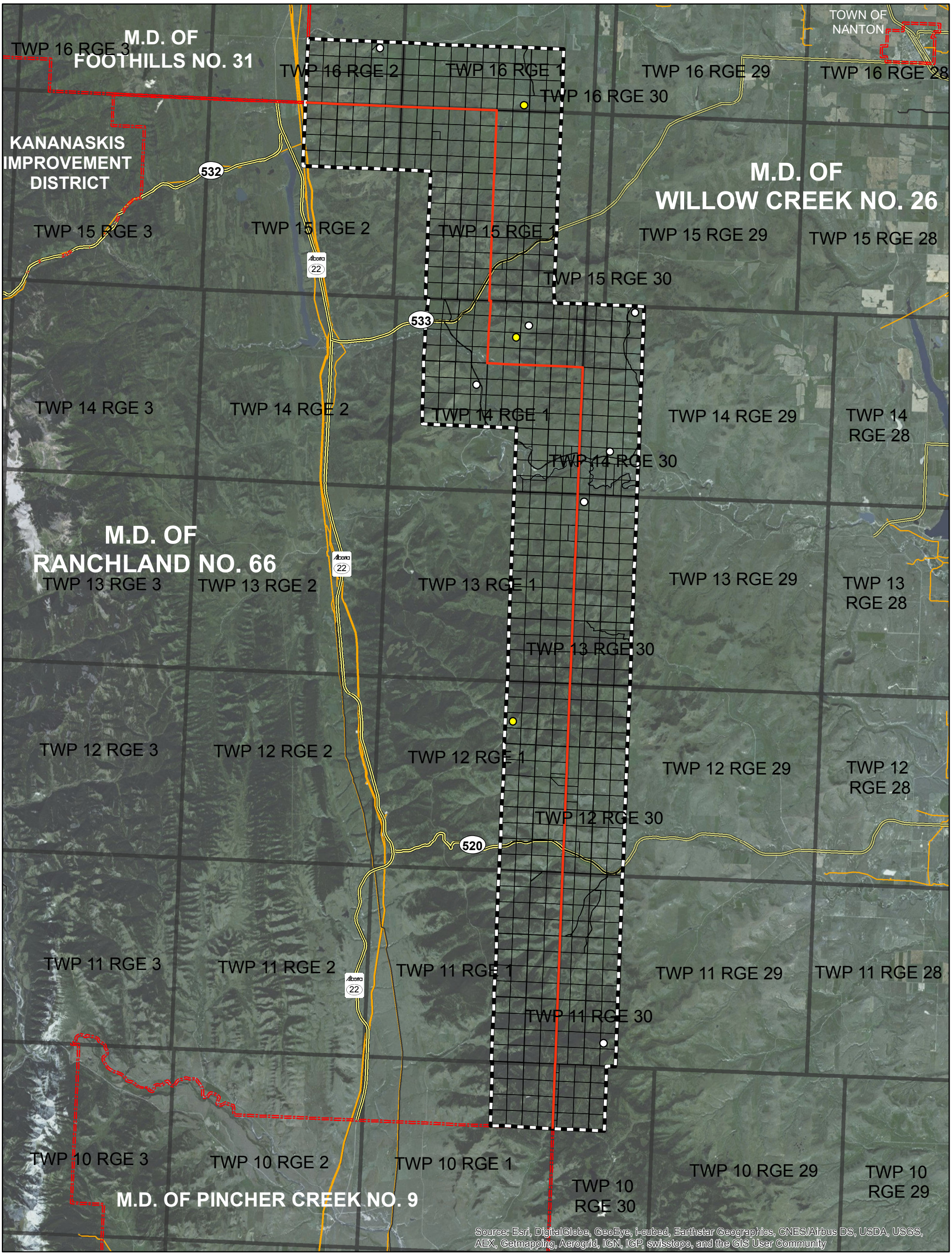
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# OIL/GAS AND MAJOR PIPELINES

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

IDP Well/Pipeline Designation

- Abandoned/Unknown
- Gas:Flowing
- Abandoned/Discontinued
- Operating/Permitted

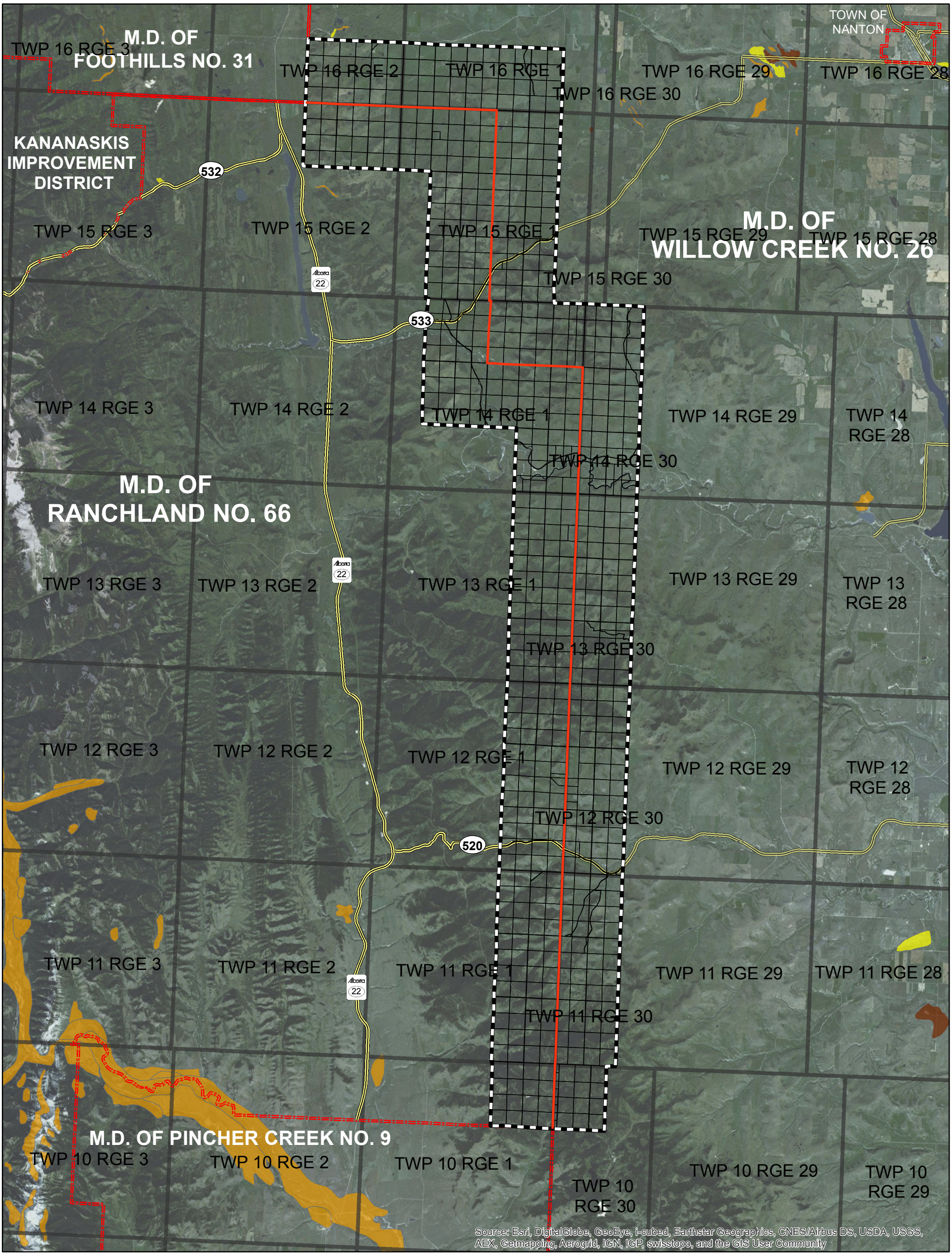
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# SAND/GRAVEL POTENTIAL

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

Sand/Gravel Deposit Potential

- Sand/Gravel Confirmed (By AGS testing)
- Sand/Gravel Potential (By AGS testing)
- Sand/Gravel Assumed (Determined by Remote Sensing Only)

## MAP 8

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# HISTORICAL RESOURCE VALUE SITES

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

HRV Importance Rank

- 1 (Provincial or World Heritage Sites: Avoidance Required)
- 2 (Municipal Heritage Site Avoidance Required)
- 3 (Contains HRV: Avoidance is likely)
- 4 (Likely Contains HRV: Avoidance may be required)
- 5 (May Contains HRV: Avoidance Low)

## MAP 9

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# SOIL PERMEABILITY WITHIN IDP BOUNDARY

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

Soil Permeability

- No data
- Lower permeability
- Varied permeability
- Highly permeable

## MAP 10

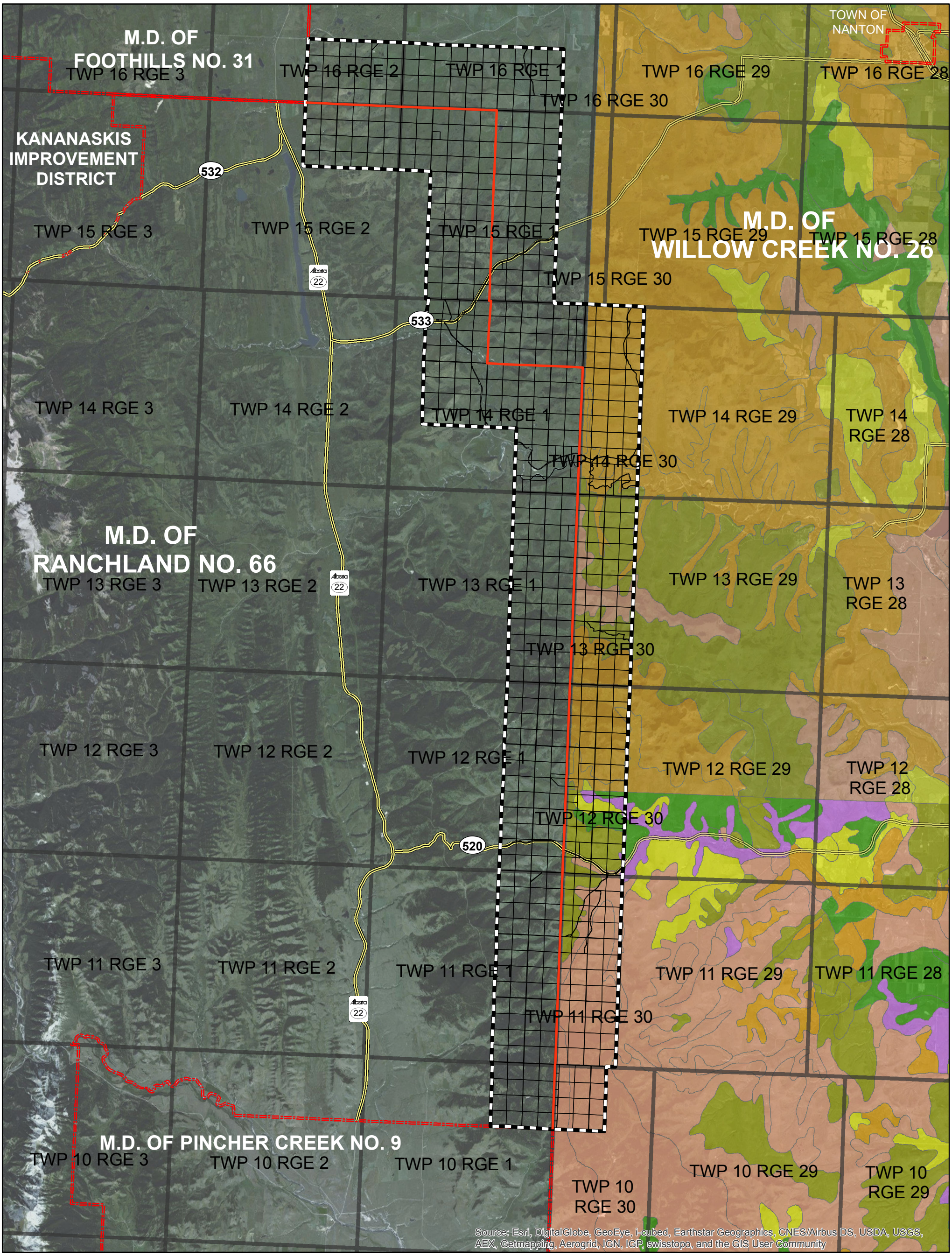
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# SOIL CLASSIFICATION AS INDEXED BY THE CANADA LAND INVENTORY

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

CLI Soil Classification

- 1 - No significant crop limitations
- 2 - Moderate limitations on crop type
- 3 - Moderate/severe limitations on crop type
- 4 - Severe limitations on crop type
- 5- Restricted growth on perennial crops
- 6 - Capable of producing perenial crop only
- 7 - No crop capability or permanent pasture land

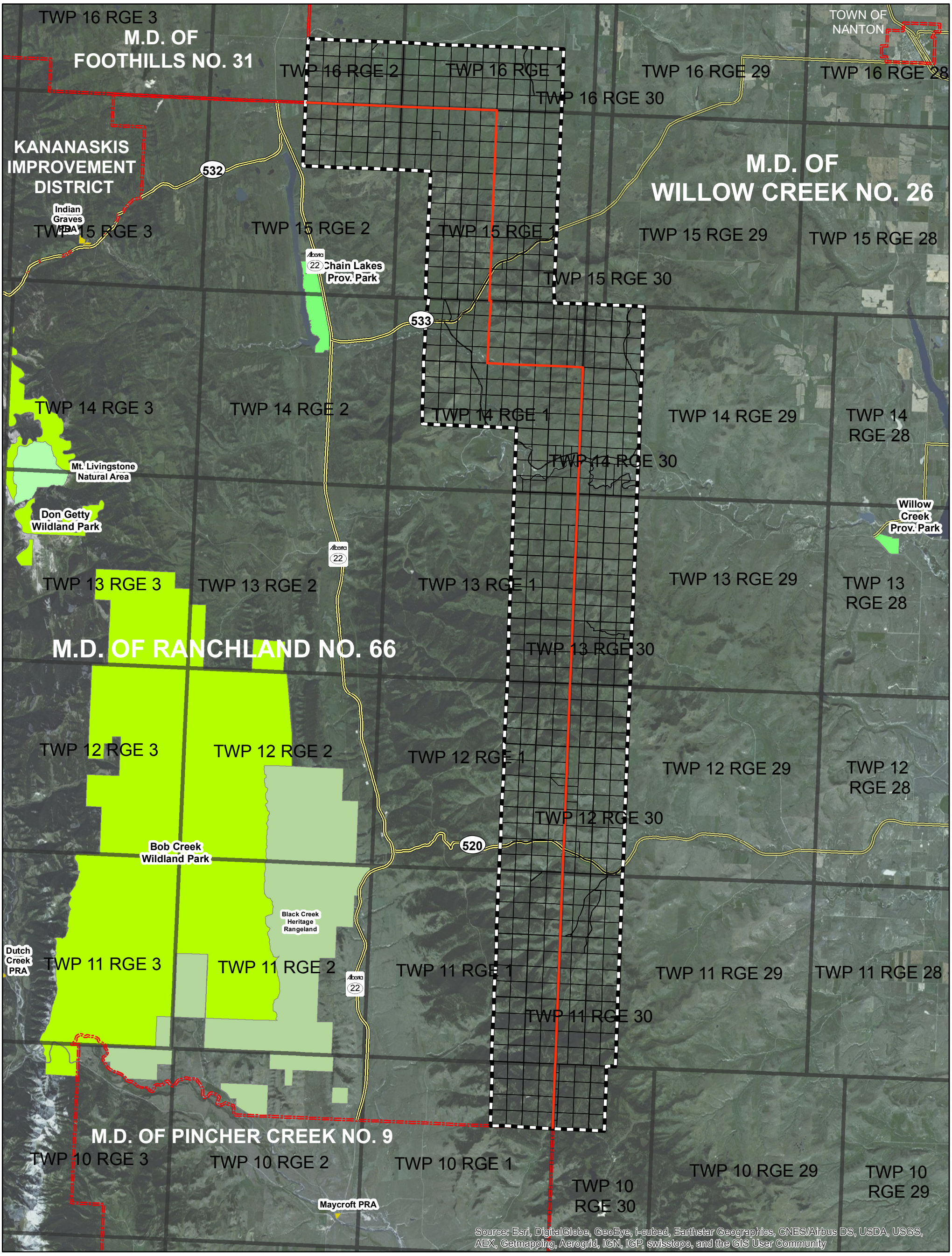
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# DESIGNATED PROTECTED AREAS

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

Protected Area Designation

- Wildland Park
- Provincial Park - PP
- Heritage Rangeland - HR
- Natural Area - NA
- Provincial Recreation Area - PRA

## MAP 12

M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66 (BYLAW NO. 2015-06) & M.D. OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26 (BYLAW NO. 1732) INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Pekisko
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# SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL PLAN CONSERVATION AREAS

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66/ M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

SSRP Conservation/Recreation Areas

- Bob Creek Expansion Wildland Provincial Park
- Livingstone Range Wildland Provincial Park
- Pekisko Heritage Rangeland

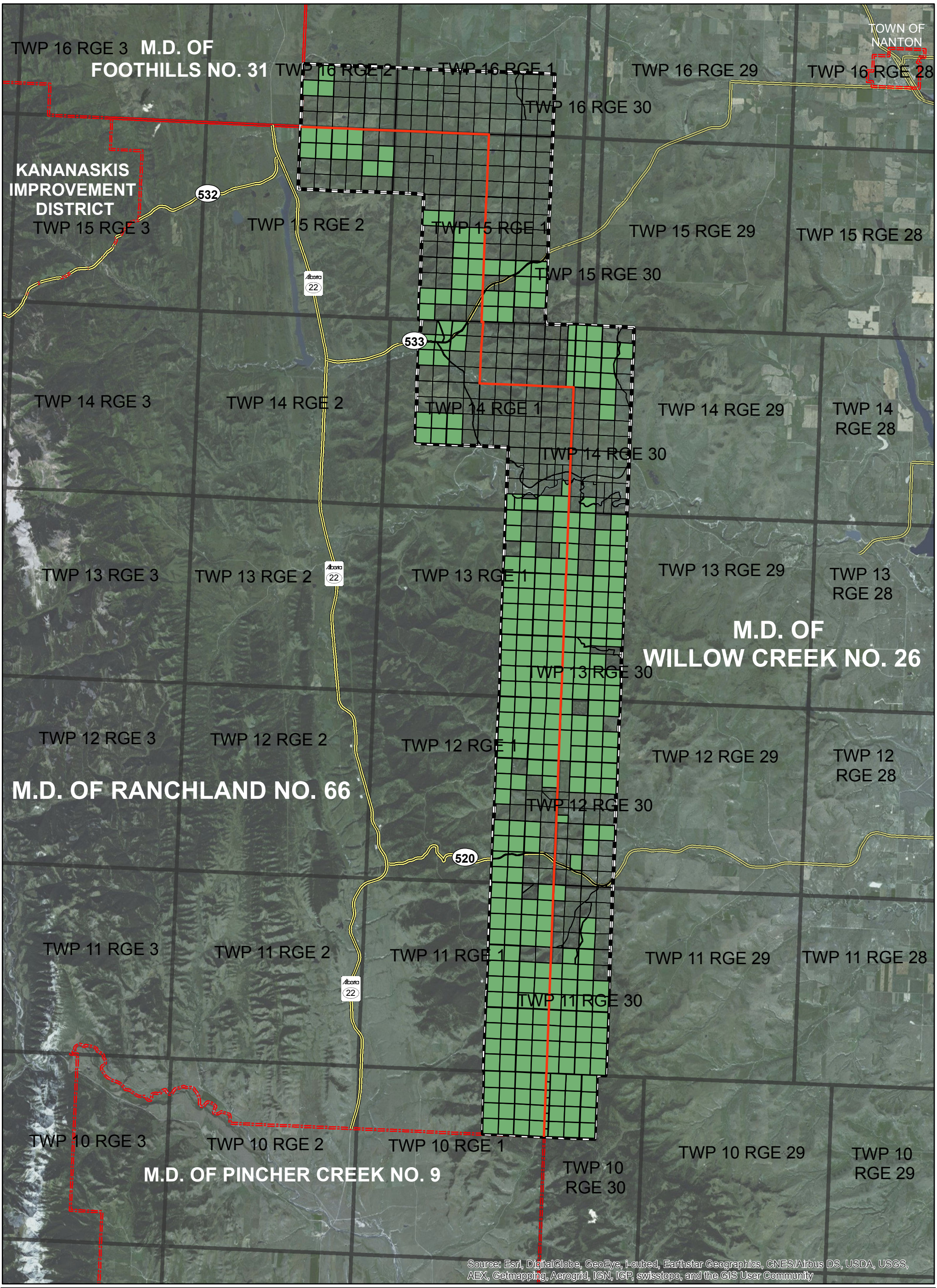
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# LAND OWNERSHIP IN PLAN AREA

## LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 /M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads

Land Ownership

- Crown Land
- Private Land Owner

## MAP 14

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**M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9**

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## GREEN AND WHITE AREA DESIGNATED LAND

### LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary
- M.D. of Ranchland No. 66 /M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 Border
- Plan Area Boundary
- Major Arterial Roads
- Green Area
- White Area

### MAP 15

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The following is a list of data used to generate the Maps used in this Plan. All information was retrieved between March 1, 2014 and June 1, 2014.

### Resources Consistent with all Maps

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Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB). (2014). Personal Request to the NRCB. Confined Feeding Operation Locations Data 2002-2014.

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The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Land Use Bylaw No. 02/05. Retrieved from www.orrsc.com

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### Map 6: Hydrologic Features

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### Map 9: Historical Resource Value Sites

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### Map 10: Soil Permeability

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### Map 11: Soil Classification as Indexed by Canada Land Inventory

Canada Land Inventory, National Soil DataBase, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. 1998. Updated 2013.

**Map 12: Designated Protected Areas**

Alberta Protected Areas, (2009), Alberta Parks Shapefile.
http://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/library/downloadable-data-sets.aspx

**Map 13: South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Conservation Areas**

South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. (2014). Alberta Environment and Parks. South Saskatchewan Conservation Area Shapefile.
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**Map 14: Land Ownership in Plan Area**

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**Map 15: Green and White Area**

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# APPENDIX D | ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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