



## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

River Basin(s): Bow River

### Area:

68.0 hectares 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 2.81 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0 km/km<sup>2</sup>

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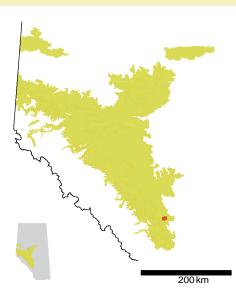
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

1,053.1 hectares 10.5 km<sup>2</sup>

Area:

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well 0.95 heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 1.16 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.51 km/km<sup>2</sup>

Red Deer River

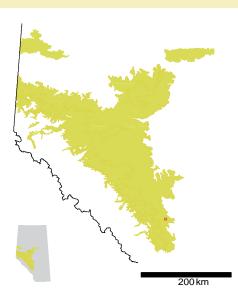




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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

gion(s): River

River Basin(s):

Red Deer River

### Area:

**66.3** hectares **0.7** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **3.02** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.53** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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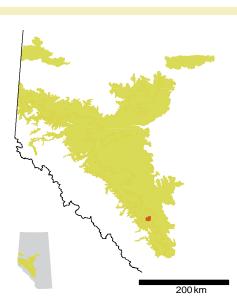




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## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain

### Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

Subalpine

River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**6,063.2** hectares **60.6** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.16** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.54** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Mosses

Anoectangium aestivum

Bryobrittonia longipes

Cynodontium schisti Encalypta brevicolla

Myurella tenerrima

Orthothecium strictum

Urn-like pogonatum

### Vascular Plants

Gymnocarpium disjunctum

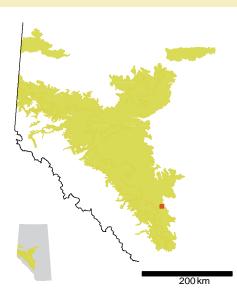
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**1,577.8** hectares **15.8** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **1.27** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.54** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.71** km/km<sup>2</sup>

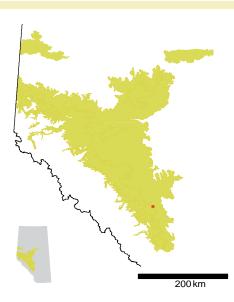




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## Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Lower Foothills Upper Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**1,708.0** hectares **17.1** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.18** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.38** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.52** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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Insects

Stygobromus secundus

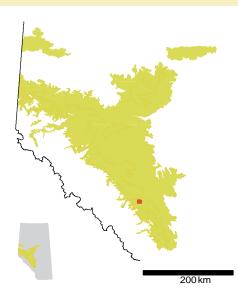
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain

### Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

Subalpine

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**6,240.0** hectares **62.4** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.11** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Vascular Plants

Alaska willow Alpine harebell Arctic wintergreen Draba fladnizensis Draba ventosa Dwarf fleabane Epilobium clavatum Flame-colored lousewort Lapland rose-bay Large-flowered lousewort Northern bladderpod Papaver radicatum ssp kluanense Porsild's whitlow-grass Rocky Mountain willowherb Smooth-leaved cinquefoil Spiderplant Trifid-leaved fleabane

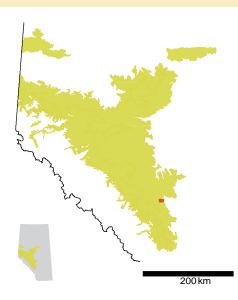
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**1,187.2** hectares **11.9** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.84** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.52** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.89** km/km<sup>2</sup> Mosses

Bryum purpurascens

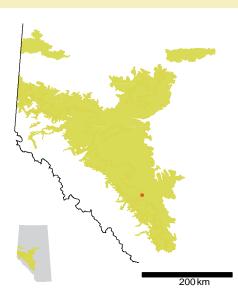
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills Lower Foothills

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**264.7** hectares **2.6** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

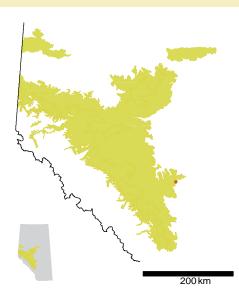




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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

River Basin(s): Red Deer River

### Area:

66.1 hectares 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>

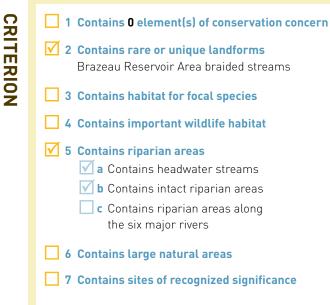
### **Density of Human Features:**

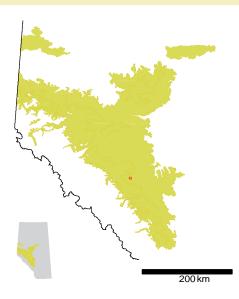
Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**66.3** hectares **0.7** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

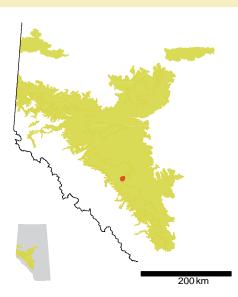
Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>





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### Natural Region(s):

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### Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills Upper Foothills

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**6,119.6** hectares **61.2** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.13** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.48** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.10** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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**Vascular Plants** Capitate sedge Hudson Bay sedge

Primrose Seaside sedge

### MUNICIPALITIES

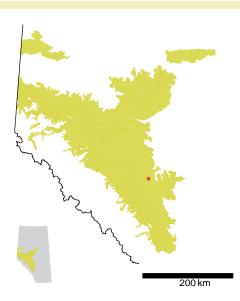
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**264.6** hectares **2.6** km<sup>2</sup>

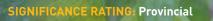
### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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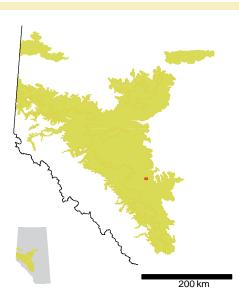
Brazeau County



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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**130.6** hectares **1.3** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>



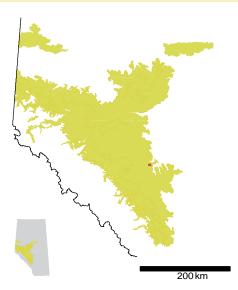
Brazeau County





🗌 6 Contains large natural areas

7 Contains sites of recognized significance



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# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River Athabasca River

### Area:

1,188.2 hectares 11.9 km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **3.20** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.24** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **1.69** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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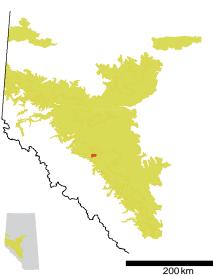
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

River Basin(s): Athabasca River

### Area:

5,677.9 hectares 56.8 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.19** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.61 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.23 km/km<sup>2</sup>

Liverworts Lophozia laxa Mosses

Neat bog moss Vascular Plants

Sand sedge

Lance-leaved grape fern

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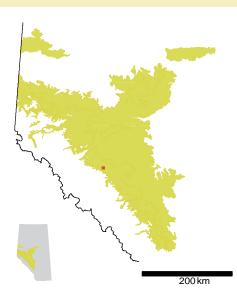
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Area:

265.7 hectares 2.7 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.01 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

Athabasca River

Mosses

Sphagnum platyphyllum

## MUNICIPALITIES

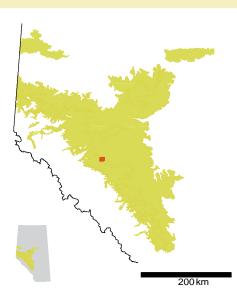
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills River Basin(s): Athabasca River

**461.6** hectares **4.6** km<sup>2</sup>

Area:

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.06** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Vascular Plants

Prairie wedge grass

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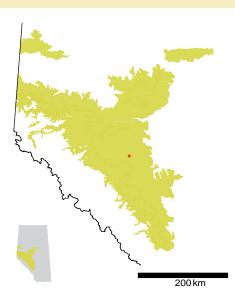
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Area:

1,362.2 hectares 13.6 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.81** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.77 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.22 km/km<sup>2</sup>

Athabasca River

Birds

Short-billed dowitcher

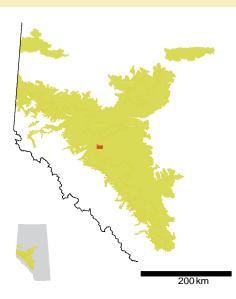
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# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

s): River Basin(s):

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Athabasca River

### Area:

**1,580.0** hectares **15.8** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.89** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.59** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.68** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Insects

Black-tipped darner

Whitehouse's emerald

Vascular Plants

Capitate sedge

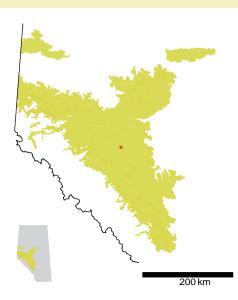
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## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills River Basin(s): Athabasca River

### Area:

**131.3** hectares **1.3** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.38** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Mosses

Fontinalis missourica

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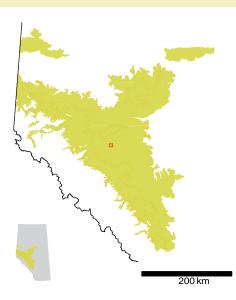
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

Area:

66.2 hectares 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 2.49 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

Athabasca River

### Mosses

Donian beardless moss

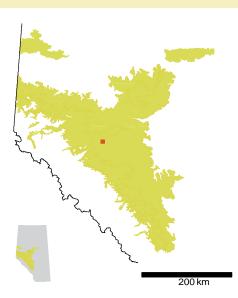
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

River Basin(s): Athabasca River

### Area:

65.8 hectares 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **1.52** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.37 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.34 km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Liverworts

Moerckia hibernica

Pellia endiviifolia

Scapania glaucocephala

### Mosses

Curl-leaved fork moss

Sharp-pointed weissia

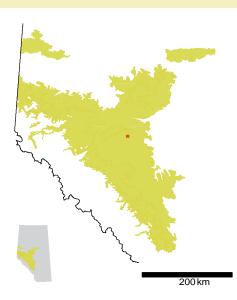
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills **River Basin(s):** Athabasca River

### Area:

**261.1** hectares **2.6** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.38** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.24** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.12** km/km<sup>2</sup>



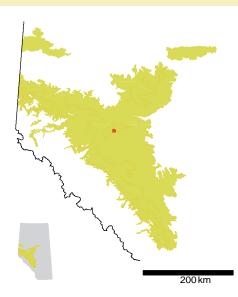
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## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

: River Basin(s): Athabasca River

#### Area:

**330.8** hectares **3.3** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.30** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.69** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

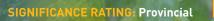
#### Liverworts

Lophozia ascendens

Vascular Plants Hairy buttercup Wavy-leaved chickweed

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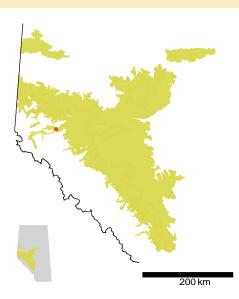
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

: Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Peace/Slave River

#### Area:

**330.1** hectares **3.3** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.68** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Liverworts

Anastrophyllum michauxii

Barbilophozia kunzeana

Calypogeia suecica

Chiloscyphus polyanthos

Lophozia excisa

Scapania curta Tritomaria exsecta

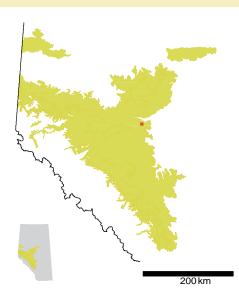
Tritomaria scitula

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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills **River Basin(s):** Athabasca River

### Area:

**328.1** hectares **3.3** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.30** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.82** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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#### Mosses

Atrichum selwynii Awl-leaved fork moss Brachythecium rutabulum

- Hair-like pogonatum
- Hygrohypnum molle
- Hygrohypnum ochraceum
- Hypnum pallescens
- Rhizomnium magnifolium

Silky fork moss

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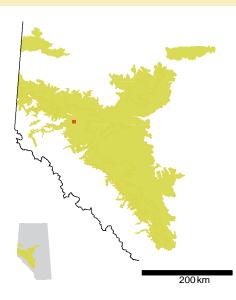
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## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

### **River Basin(s):** Peace/Slave River Athabasca River

### Area:

**553.2** hectares **5.5** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.02** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Mammals

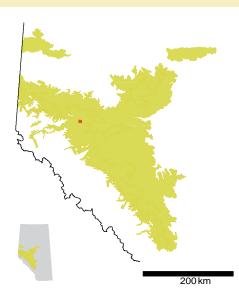
Woodland caribou boreal ecotype

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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

### River Basin(s):

Athabasca River Peace/Slave River

#### Area:

**269.3** hectares **2.7** km<sup>2</sup>

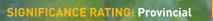
### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.77** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Mammals

Woodland caribou boreal ecotype

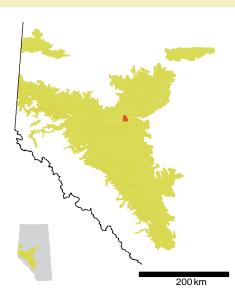
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## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s):

#### Area:

**7,260.0** hectares **72.6** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.43** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.66** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.73** km/km<sup>2</sup>

Athabasca River

#### Mosses

*Bryum uliginosum* Hair-like pogonatum

Vascular Plants

Northern beech fern

Wavy-leaved chickweed

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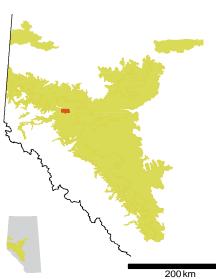
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## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills River Basin(s):

#### Peace/Slave River

#### Area:

**9,108.7** hectares **91.1** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.14** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.05** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.05** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Mammals

Woodland caribou boreal ecotype

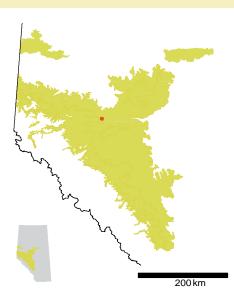
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### CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

**River Basin(s):** Peace/Slave River Athabasca River

#### Area:

**2,962.8** hectares **29.6** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.84** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.88** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.94** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Vascular Plants

Slender hair grass

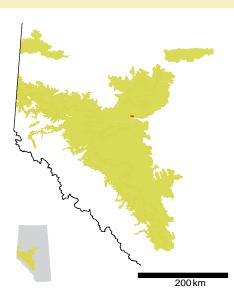
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### CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Athabasca River

#### Area:

661.9 hectares 6.6 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.15** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.14 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.86 km/km<sup>2</sup>

#### Liverworts

Lophozia badensis

Riccardia palmata

Mosses

Hygroamblystegium tenax

### Vascular Plants

Capitate sedge

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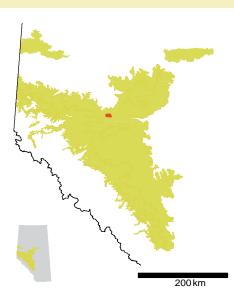
Woodlands County



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### CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills

### **River Basin(s):** Peace/Slave River Athabasca River

#### Area:

**5,738.7** hectares **57.4** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **1.13** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.85** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **1.23** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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#### Mosses

Awl-leaved fork moss

Brachythecium rutabulum

Hair-like pogonatum

Luminous moss

Silky fork moss

### **Vascular Plants**

Tall blue lettuce

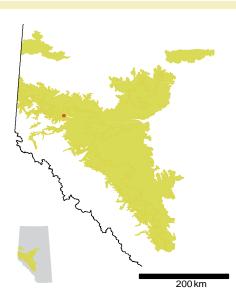
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### CRITERION





## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills River Basin(s):

#### Peace/Slave River

#### Area:

**1,974.6** hectares **19.7** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.25** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.07** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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#### Liverworts

Gymnocolea inflata

Mosses

Rhizomnium magnifolium

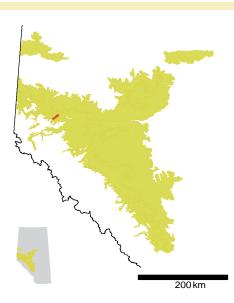
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### CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills Montane

Upper Foothills

River Basin(s):

Peace/Slave River

#### Area:

**2,641.9** hectares **26.4** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

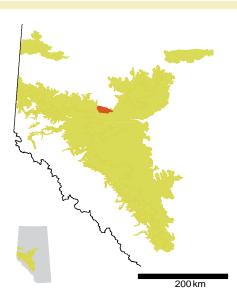


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### CRITERION



- **b** Contains intact riparian areas
- **c** Contains riparian areas along the six major rivers
- 🗌 6 Contains large natural areas
- 7 Contains sites of recognized significance



### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Boreal

### Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills Central Mixedwood River Basin(s):

Peace/Slave River

### Area:

**29,019.7** hectares **290.2** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **1.10** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.86** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **1.33** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Liverworts

Barbilophozia attenuata

### Mosses

Bryum pallens Luminous moss

### Vascular Plants

Clinton's bulrush Hairy buttercup Northern beech fern Umbellate sedge

MUNICIPALITIES

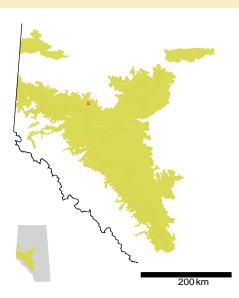
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Peace/Slave River

### Area:

**68.1** hectares **0.7** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Vascular Plants

Broad-lipped twayblade Wood anemone

MUNICIPALITIES

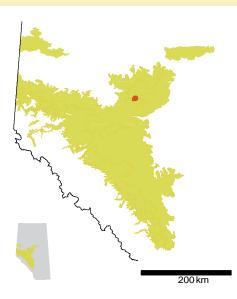
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills River Basin(s):

### Athabasca River

### Area:

**3,557.5** hectares **35.6** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **1.77** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.63** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **2.25** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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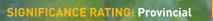
Mosses

Awl-leaved fork moss

Bug on a stick

### MUNICIPALITIES

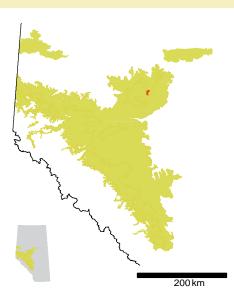
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

River Basin(s): Athabasca River

### Area:

1,913.2 hectares **19.1** km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **1.72** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 1.75 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 1.98 km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Liverworts

Barbilophozia kunzeana

### Mosses

Fontinalis neomexicana

Slender splachnum

### Vascular Plants

Marsh rush

Sand sedge

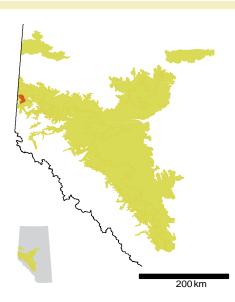
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### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Upper Foothills Lower Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s):

Peace/Slave River

### Area:

10,454.6 hectares 104.5 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well 0.05 heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.05 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.03 km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Mammals

Woodland caribou mountain ecotype

MUNICIPALITIES

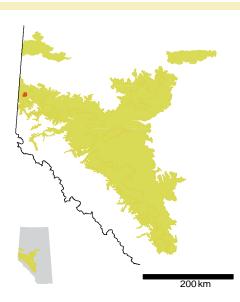
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Lower Foothills Upper Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s):

Peace/Slave River

### Area:

**985.6** hectares **9.9** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.16** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Mammals

Woodland caribou mountain ecotype

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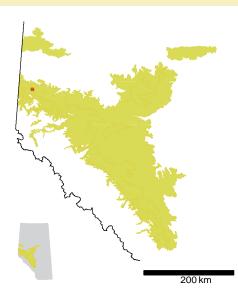
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills River Basin(s):

### Peace/Slave River

### Area:

**399.1** hectares **4.0** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.75** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.82** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.66** km/km<sup>2</sup>



### **Vegetation Communities**

Aspen / thimbleberry / wild sarsaparilla

MUNICIPALITIES

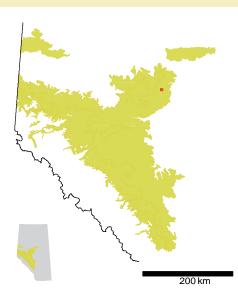
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Athabasca River

### Area:

262.5 hectares 2.6 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

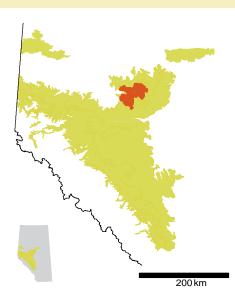


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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Boreal

### Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

Lower Foothills

Central Mixedwood

### River Basin(s):

Athabasca River Peace/Slave River

### Area:

**207,647.5** hectares **2,076.5** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.31** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.31** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.17** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Liverworts

Barbilophozia kunzeana Chiloscyphus polyanthos Jungermannia atrovirens Pellia neesiana Scapania curta Scapania paludicola Scapania undulata Mammals Grizzly bear Mosses Brachythecium rutabulum Curl-leaved fork moss Fontinalis neomexicana Hair-like pogonatum Large-fruited splachnum Lindberg's bog moss Naked weissia Neat bog moss Rhizomnium magnifolium Slender hairy-cap Slender splachnum Urn-like pogonatum **Vascular Plants** Changeable willow Epilobium leptocarpum

Ground-fir Hudson Bay sedge Luzula acuminata Marsh rush Mountain bladder fern Mountain club-moss Mountain cress Northern beech fern Northern bur-reed Sand sedge Short-tail rush Tufted tall manna grass Twisted-stalk Wavy-leaved chickweed White lettuce **Vegetation Communities** Mud sedge / pendant branch peat moss

MUNICIPALITIES

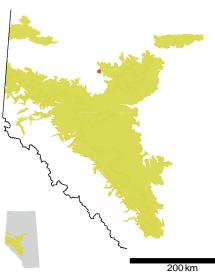
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Boreal

### Natural Subregion(s):

Lower Foothills Central Mixedwood River Basin(s):

Peace/Slave River

### Area:

2,763.0 hectares 27.6 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well 0.07 heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.32 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Vascular Plants

Mountain club-moss Reddish wood-rush

MUNICIPALITIES

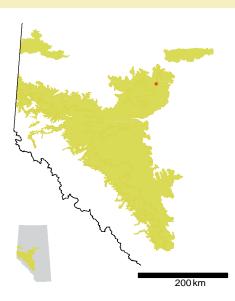
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### Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills Lower Foothills River Basin(s):

Athabasca River

### Area:

**2,968.1** hectares **29.7** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.94** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.38** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.40** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Mosses

Aulacomnium androgynum Drepanocladus crassicostatus

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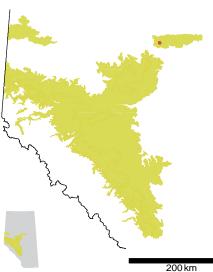
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s):

### Athabasca River

### Area:

**1,784.4** hectares **17.8** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124



### CRITERION



- 6 Contains large natural areas
- 7 Contains sites of recognized significance



### Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Boreal Rocky Mountain

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills Central Mixedwood Montane

River Basin(s):

Athabasca River

### Area:

71,265.6 hectares 712.7 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.38** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.58 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.28 km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Birds

Peregrine falcon Trumpeter swan Fish Pygmy white**fish** Liverworts Lophozia badensis Riccardia palmata Tritomaria scitula Mammals Long-legged bat Mosses Aloe-like rigid screw moss Aongstroemia longipes Bryobrittonia longipes Bryum algovicum Entodon concinnus Hair-like pogonatum Hygroamblystegium tenax Maidenhair moss Pohlia atropurpurea Short-beaked rigid screw moss Small-kettle moss **Vascular Plants** Browned sedge Capitate sedge

MUNICIPALITIES

Woodlands County Yellowhead County Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 County of Barrhead No. 11 Lac Ste. Anne County Linear-leaved pondweed Narrow sedge *Pellaea glabella ssp simplex* Pinesap Sitka willow Smooth woodsia White adder's-mouth



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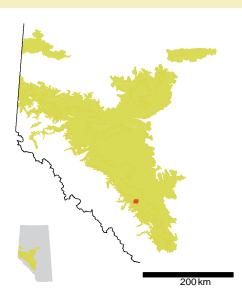
### CRITERION



- ✓ 2 Contains rare or unique landforms Shunda Area water gaps
- 3 Contains habitat for focal species
- 4 Contains important wildlife habitat

### **5** Contains riparian areas

- 🗹 a Contains headwater streams
- 🗹 b Contains intact riparian areas
- **c** Contains riparian areas along the six major rivers
- 6 Contains large natural areas
- 7 Contains sites of recognized significance



### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain

### Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills Lower Foothills

Subalpine

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**1,853.3** hectares **18.5** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.12** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>



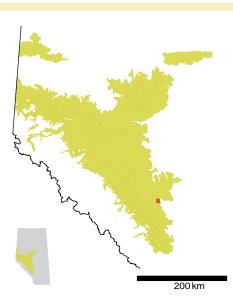
Clearwater County



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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

### River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

### Area:

**5,423.5** hectares **54.2** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **1.57** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **1.44** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **1.48** km/km<sup>2</sup>

### Amphibians and Reptiles

Leopard frog

### Mosses

Bryum purpurascens

### Vascular Plants

Broad-leaved arrowhead

Browned sedge

Slender-leaved sundew

### MUNICIPALITIES

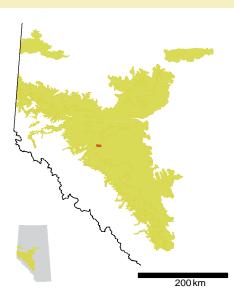
Clearwater County



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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## ESA CHARACTERISTICS

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Lower Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s):

### Athabasca River

### Area:

4,409.2 hectares **44.1** km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.20** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.15 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.42 km/km<sup>2</sup>

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### Birds

Cape may warbler

### Insects

Black-tipped darner

Whitehouse's emerald

### Vascular Plants

Capitate sedge

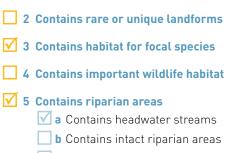
### MUNICIPALITIES

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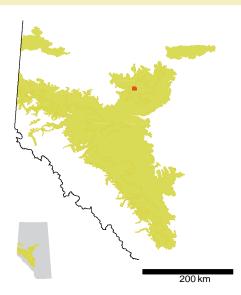
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### CRITERION



✓ 1 Contains 17 element(s) of conservation concern

- **c** Contains riparian areas along the six major rivers
- ✓ 6 Contains large natural areas
- **7** Contains sites of recognized significance Goose Mountain Ecological Reserve



### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

River Basin(s):

### Area:

1,270.4 hectares 12.7 km<sup>2</sup>

### **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.36 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0 km/km<sup>2</sup>

Athabasca River

### Mammals

Grizzly bear

### Mosses

- Brachythecium rutabulum
- Hair-like pogonatum
- Large-fruited splachnum
- Rhizomnium magnifolium

### Vascular Plants

- Changeable willow
- Epilobium leptocarpum
- Hairy buttercup
- Hudson Bay sedge
- Marsh rush
- Mountain bladder fern
- Mountain club-moss
- Mountain cress
- Northern bur-reed
- Sand sedge
- Tufted tall manna grass
- Wavy-leaved chickweed
- White lettuce

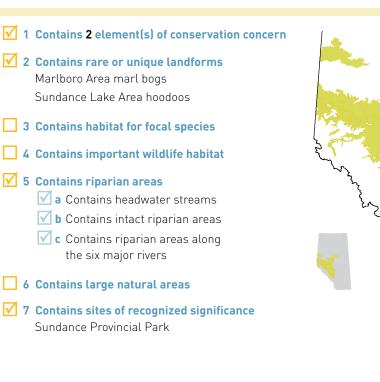
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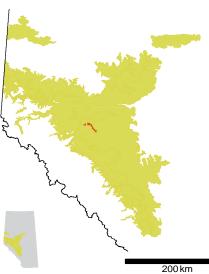
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### CRITERION





### Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

### Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Lower Foothills Upper Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s):

Athabasca River

### Area:

**5,172.2** hectares **51.7** km<sup>2</sup>

### Density of Human Features:

Well **0.27** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.21** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.32** km/km<sup>2</sup>

# **ELEMENTS OF CONSERVATION CONCERN**

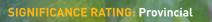
Birds

Trumpeter swan Vascular Plants

Slender-leaved sundew

MUNICIPALITIES

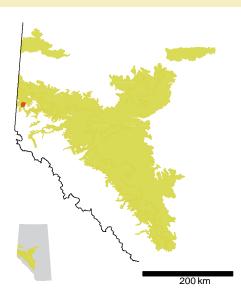
Yellowhead County



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## CRITERION

- 1 Contains 2 element(s) of conservation concern
  2 Contains rare or unique landforms Stinking Creek-South Torren River warm springs
- ✓ 3 Contains habitat for focal species
- 4 Contains important wildlife habitat
- 🗹 5 Contains riparian areas
  - 🗹 a Contains headwater streams
  - **b** Contains intact riparian areas
  - **c** Contains riparian areas along the six major rivers
- 6 Contains large natural areas
- ✓ 7 Contains sites of recognized significance Two Lakes Provincial Park



## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

Subalpine

River Basin(s):

Peace/Slave River

## Area:

**1,567.8** hectares **15.7** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.06** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.78** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

## Mammals

Grizzly bear

Woodland caribou mountain ecotype

## **Vascular Plants**

Mingan grape fern

Sitka columbine

MUNICIPALITIES

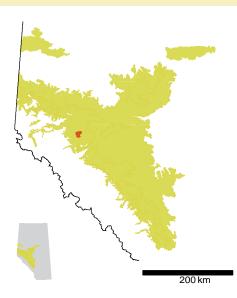
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## CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills **River Basin(s):** Athabasca River

## Area:

**1,232.0** hectares **12.3** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>



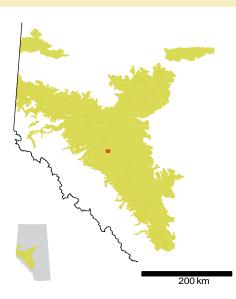
Yellowhead County



## 107

## CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s): Athabasca River

## Area:

1,152.1 hectares 11.5 km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.43** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.14** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.03** km/km<sup>2</sup>



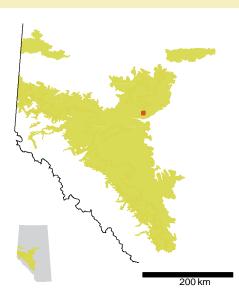
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## 108

## CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills

River Basin(s):

1,540.6 hectares 15.4 km<sup>2</sup>

Area:

## **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.39** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 1.25 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.28 km/km<sup>2</sup>

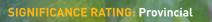
Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

Athabasca River

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Woodlands County

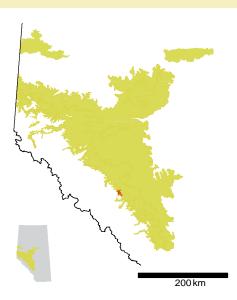


## 109

## CRITERION



- ✓ 6 Contains large natural areas
- ✓ 7 Contains sites of recognized significance Wapiabi Provincial Recreation Area



## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain

## Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

Subalpine

## River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

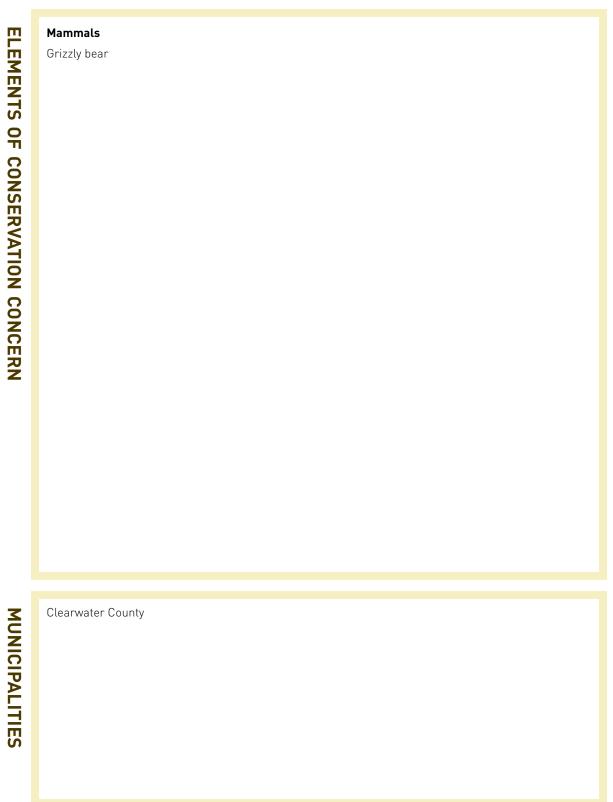
## Area:

**4,030.6** hectares **40.3** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.02** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.12** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.11** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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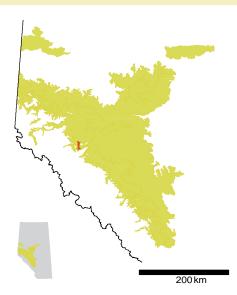


## 10

## CRITERION



**7** Contains sites of recognized significance William A. Switzer Provincial Park



## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills

Montane

River Basin(s):

Athabasca River

## Area:

6,095.1 hectares 61.0 km<sup>2</sup>

## **Density of Human Features:**

Well **0.03** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.54 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0.01 km/km<sup>2</sup>

Upper Foothills

## Insects

Little copper

## Liverworts

Pellia endiviifolia Tritomaria scitula

## Mosses

Aloe-like rigid screw moss

Atrichum selwynii

Globe-fruited splachnum

Hypnum pallescens

## **Vascular Plants**

Botrychium crenulatum

Meadow bitter cress

Mountain cress

MUNICIPALITIES

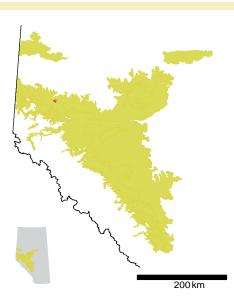
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## 111

## CRITERION





## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills River Basin(s):

## Peace/Slave River

## Area:

**1,906.4** hectares **19.1** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.05** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.36** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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# **ELEMENTS OF CONSERVATION CONCERN**

Birds

Fish

Trumpeter swan

Brassy minnow

MUNICIPALITIES

Municipal District of Greenview No. 16



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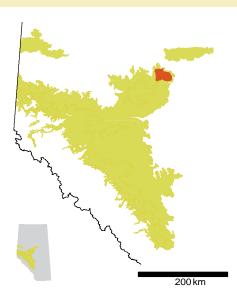
## CRITERION



4 Contains important wildlife habitat

## 🗹 5 Contains riparian areas

- 🗹 a Contains headwater streams
- 🔲 b Contains intact riparian areas
- **c** Contains riparian areas along the six major rivers
- ✓ 6 Contains large natural areas
- ✓ 7 Contains sites of recognized significance Grizzly Ridge Wildland Provincial Park



## Foothills

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills Boreal Natural Subregion(s): Lower Foothills Upper Foothills

Central Mixedwood

River Basin(s):

Athabasca River

## Area:

**79,331.7** hectares **793.3** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.09** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.04** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.09** km/km<sup>2</sup>

## Mammals

Grizzly bear

## Mosses

Sphagnum fallax

Vascular Plants

Northern beech fern

## **Vegetation Communities**

Thread rush / peat moss

MUNICIPALITIES

Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 Municipal District of Big Lakes



## 113

## CRITERION

## 1 Contains 3 element(s) of conservation concern

## 2 Contains rare or unique landforms

Cardinal/Brazeau Confluence Area eskers Nordegg Area tufa depositing springs Thistle Creek-Brazeau River Area blue-hole springs

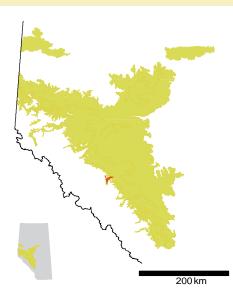
- ✓ 3 Contains habitat for focal species
- 4 Contains important wildlife habitat

## 🗹 5 Contains riparian areas

- 🗹 a Contains headwater streams
- **b** Contains intact riparian areas
- **c** Contains riparian areas along the six major rivers
- ✓ 6 Contains large natural areas

## 7 Contains sites of recognized significance Brazeau Canyon Wildland Provincial Park

Canadian Rocky Mountains World Heritage Site



## Foothills

## **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills Rocky Mountain

## Natural Subregion(s):

Upper Foothills

Subalpine

## River Basin(s):

North Saskatchewan River

## Area:

**4,772.1** hectares **47.7** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.06** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.10** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

## Mammals

Grizzly bear

## Mosses

Dicranum spadiceum

## Vascular Plants

Dwarf bulrush

Primrose

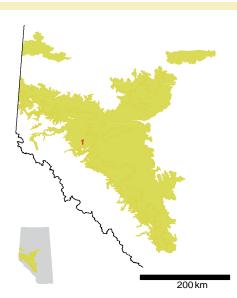
Yellowhead County Clearwater County Improvement District No. 12 (Jasper)



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## CRITERION





## Foothills

# ESA CHARACTERISTICS

## Natural Region(s):

Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills **River Basin(s):** Athabasca River

## Area:

**2,475.8** hectares **24.8** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0** km/km<sup>2</sup>

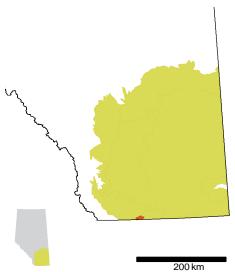


Yellowhead County



## CRITERION





## Grassland

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# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Grassland

Foothills Fescue Mixedgrass

Natural Subregion(s):

River Basin(s): Milk River

## Area:

5,929.7 hectares **59.3** km<sup>2</sup>

## **Density of Human Features:**

Well 0.19 heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road 0.83 km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline 0 km/km<sup>2</sup>

## Ferruginous hawk Western burrowing owl

Birds

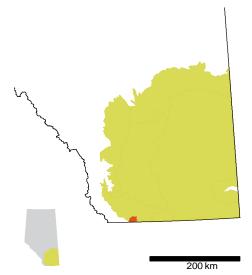
Vascular Plants Hare-footed locoweed

Cardston County



## CRITERION





## Grassland

16

# **ESA CHARACTERISTICS**

## Natural Region(s):

Grassland

Natural Subregion(s): Foothills Fescue **River Basin(s):** Oldman River

## Area:

**5,623.8** hectares **56.2** km<sup>2</sup>

## Density of Human Features:

Well **0.18** heads/km<sup>2</sup> Road **0.46** km/km<sup>2</sup> Pipeline **0.10** km/km<sup>2</sup>

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## Birds

Ferruginous hawk

Western burrowing owl Fish

Mottled sculpin

Vascular Plants

Blue camas

Meadow aster

Small-flowered rockstar

Waterpod

Western blue flag

MUNICIPALITIES

Cardston County