

Red Earth Sub-regional Plan

Access management

The plan takes a coordinated approach to road development, supporting economic resource development while prioritizing the removal of roads no longer needed to reduce impact to natural values. Flexibility for industry roads is maintained for energy-related project areas.

Key components of the plan

Long-term road network

- The plan establishes a network of primary roads that coordinates long-term/permanent access to resources and important areas. Allows new primary roads to be identified as future access needs arise.

Restoration of transitional roads

- The plan phases out on-going use of industry roads when the activity the road supports has been completed.

Flexibility for energy

- In situ project areas are exempt from the access management rules providing flexibility for all types of roads within a project area.

Temporary road exemptions

- Temporary roads that will be restored after a few years are not affected by the access management requirements.

Appended development

- Concentrates new development along primary roads and minimizes land disturbance.

Access management facts

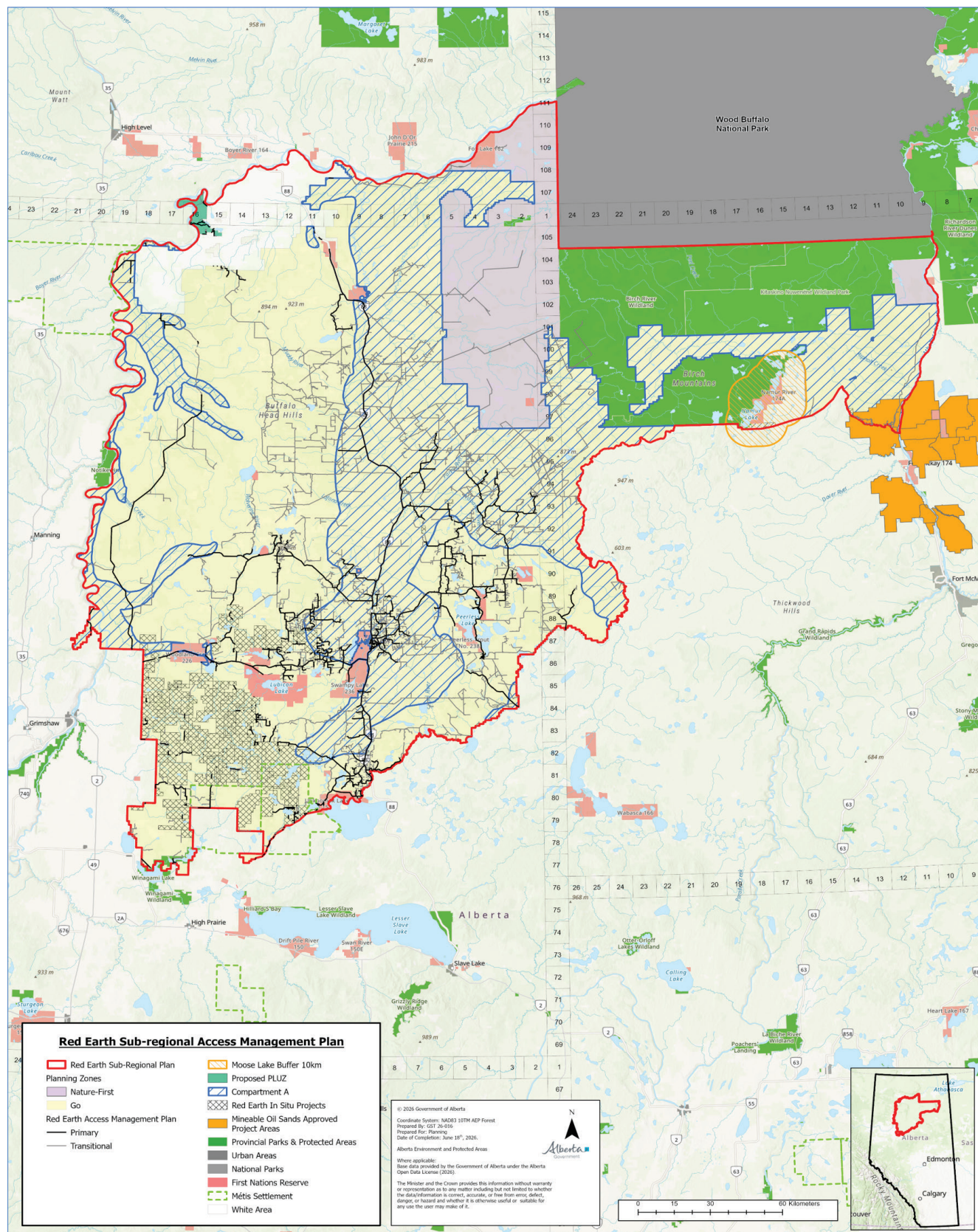
In this sub-region:

- In the two zones (Go Zone, including Compartment A, and Nature-first Zone), there are roughly 8,820km of road outside of in situ project areas.

Did you know...

- The access management requirements only apply to roads approved as formal dispositions under the *Public Lands Act*.
- A formal disposition for a road can be issued for up to 25 years.
- Temporary roads (such as those under Temporary Field Authorization or annual operating roads under the *Forest Act*) are not affected by this plan.
- The access management approach gradually creates larger areas of intact landscape.

Figure 1: Access management approach for the Red Earth Sub-region.



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