



# PRAIRIE CREEK MINE ALL SEASON ROAD PUBLIC HEARING Day 1 - April 26, 2017



#### **AGENDA**

Project Description

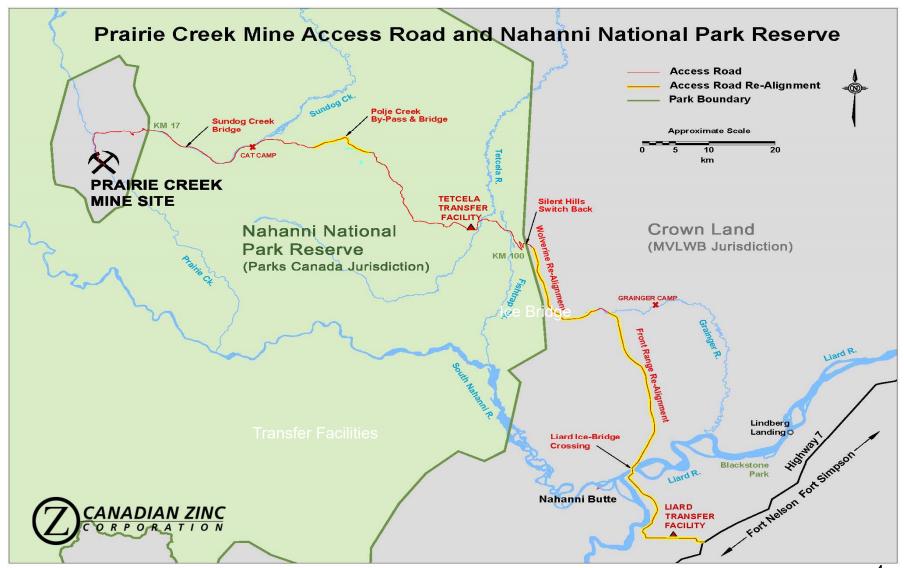
Accidents and Malfunctions

> Permafrost, Soils and Terrain

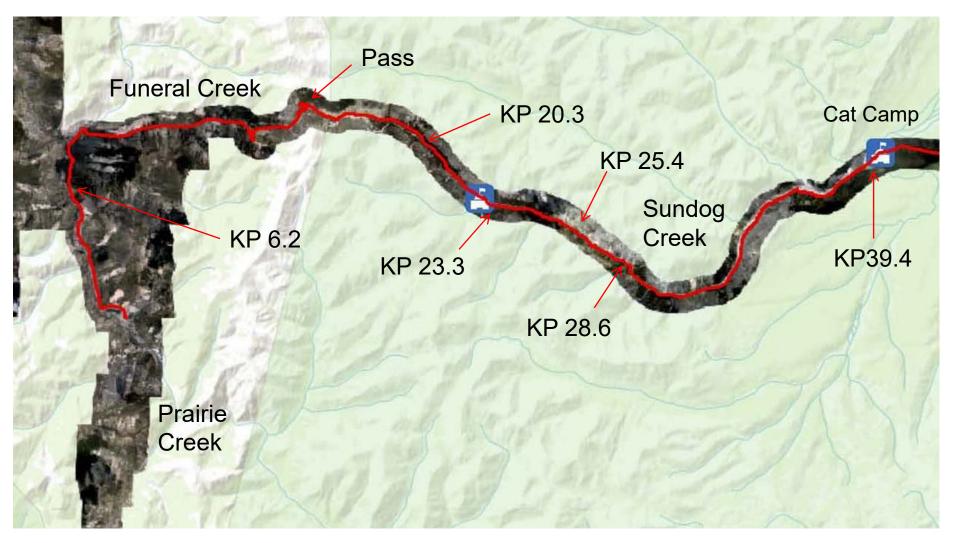
#### SUB-AGENDA

- Project Description
  - Road Alignment
  - ➤ Initial Use of Winter Alignment
  - ➤ Schedule and Timing of Road Construction
  - > Infrastructure Camps
  - > Schedule and Timing of Road Operation and Closure

### **Access Road Alignment**



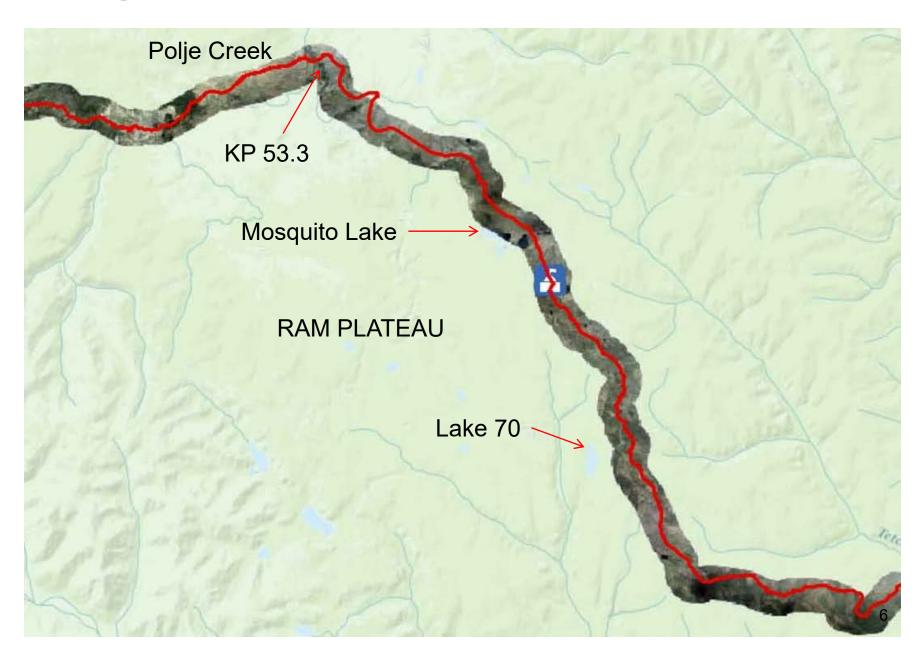
# Major Waterbodies - Mountains



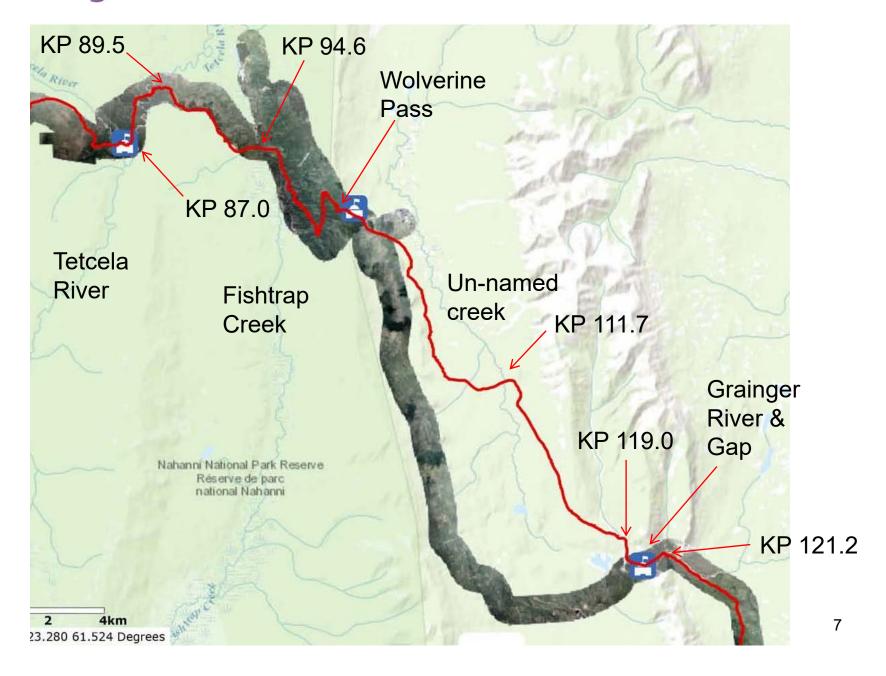
KP = Kilometre Point (KP 0 is the Mine)



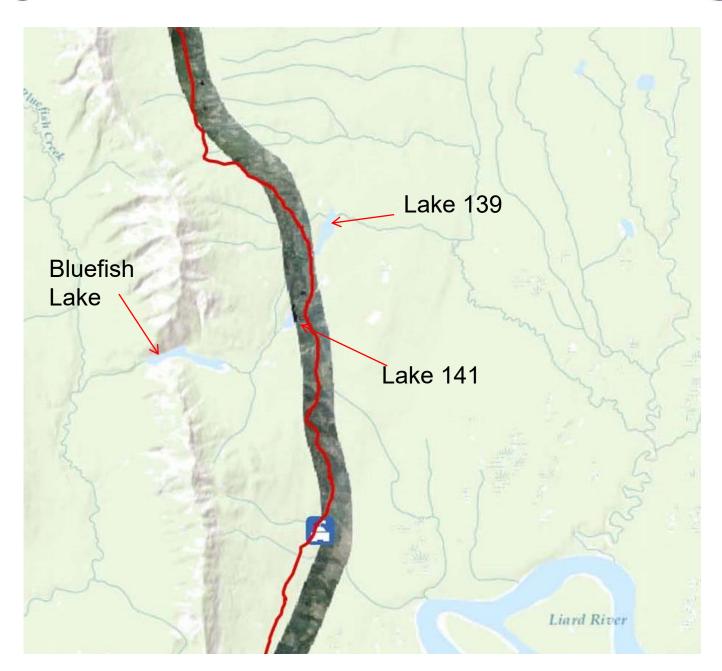
# Major Waterbodies - Ram Plateau



### Major Waterbodies - Lowlands



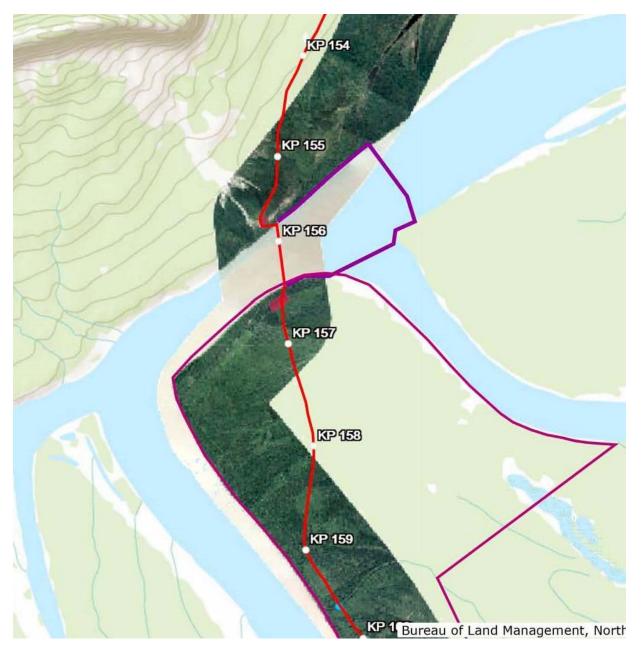
# Major Waterbodies - Front Range



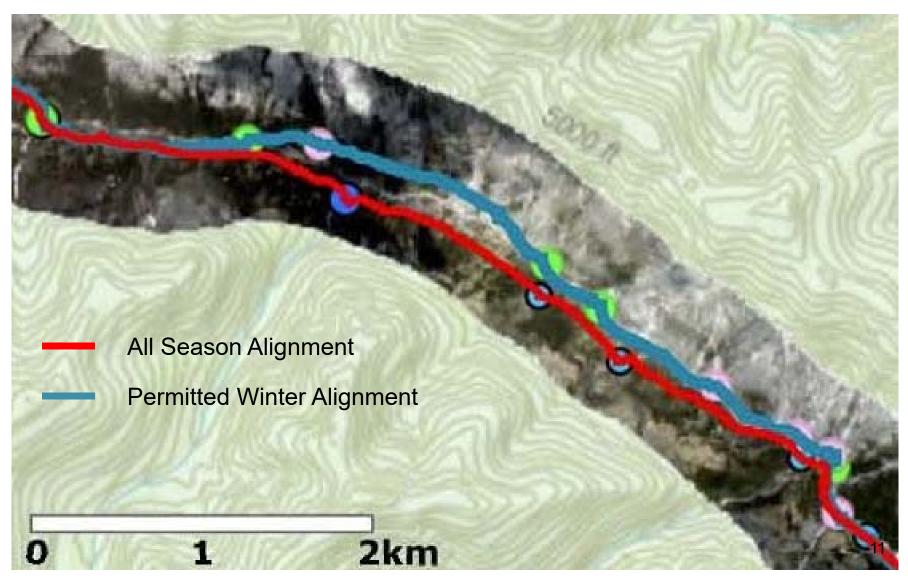
### Major Watercourses - Liard River



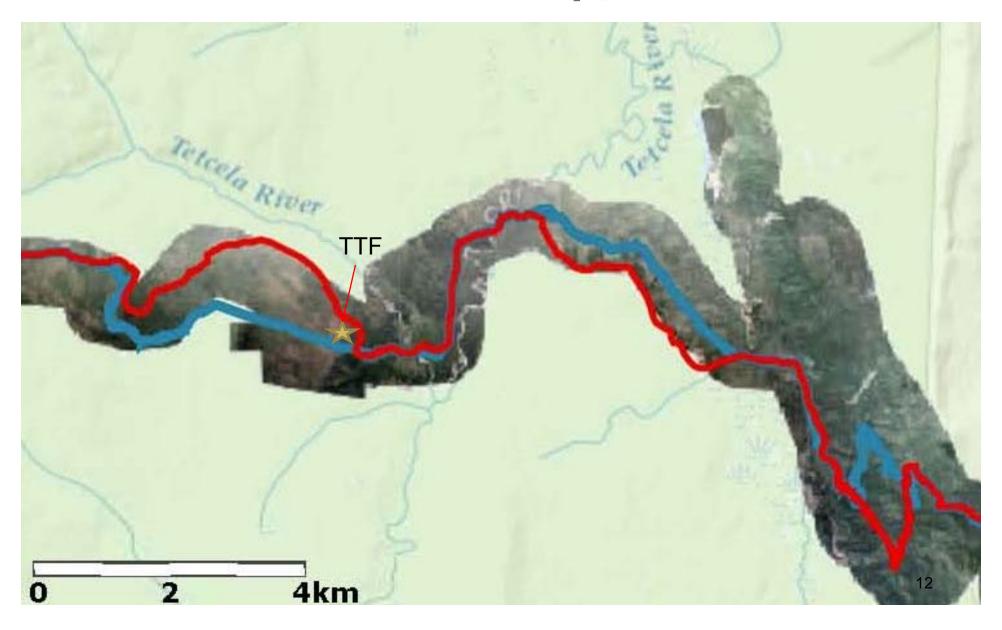
### Access Control, Leases, IAB Lands



# Initial Use of Winter Alignment Upper Sundog KP24-29



# Initial Use of Winter Alignment Tetcela to Fishtrap, KP 90-95



# Schedule and Timing Road Construction

Year 1 Winter Subgrade KP 170 to Liard R

Liard R Ice Bridge, Barge Ramps

Subgrade Liard R to Grainger G

Surfacing KP 170 to Liard R

Winter Road to Mine (Mine construction)

Fall Surfacing Liard R to Grainger G

Year 2 Winter Liard R Ice Bridge

Winter Road to Mine (equipment in)

Subgrade Grainger G to KP 102

and KP 95-59

Install major crossings to KP 87



# Schedule and Timing Construction

Year 2 Summer Surfacing Grainger G to KP 102

Subgrade KP 28 to Mine, KP 102-95

Install KP 23.3 and 25.4 crossings

Fall Surfacing KP 102-86

Sundog Creek Realignment

Mill Commissioning

Year 3 Winter Liard R Ice Bridge

Winter Road to Mine

Subgrade KP 59-39

Install remaining major crossings

Summer Surfacing KP 86-39

# Infrastructure - Camps

- > KP 23.2
- KP 40 Cat Camp\*
- > KP 65
- > KP 87\*
- > KP 102 Wolverine Pass
- KP 120 Grainger Gap\*
- > KP 148 (alternate to KP 156)
- > KP 156 Liard River
- Retain for Road Maintenance

# Camps Grey & Brown Water

- Grey Water
  - ➤ Disposal off-site or in on-site sump after filtration
  - > YTG Specifications
- Brown Water
  - Disposal off-site or in on-site treatment plant with effluent disposal to a sump
  - > Camp KP 23.2 & 40 disposal off-site

# Schedule and Timing Road Operations

Years 3-20 Mine Operations

Winter Liard R Ice Bridge construction

Haul period Jan 1 - Mar 31

Spring Break-up

Highway load restrictions

Summer Liard R Barge operation

Haul period Jun 15 - Nov 4

# Schedule and Timing Road Closure

Years 20-22 Mine Reclamation

Years 23-24 Period of road reclamation

Years 25-28 Period of Monitoring for runoff, stability and revegetation

Monitoring intensity decreases after Year 26

#### SUB-AGENDA

- > Accidents and Malfunctions
  - Concentrates and Supplies
  - Road Design
  - Road Operating Parameters
  - > Risk Assessment
  - > Spill Contingency

#### Concentrates

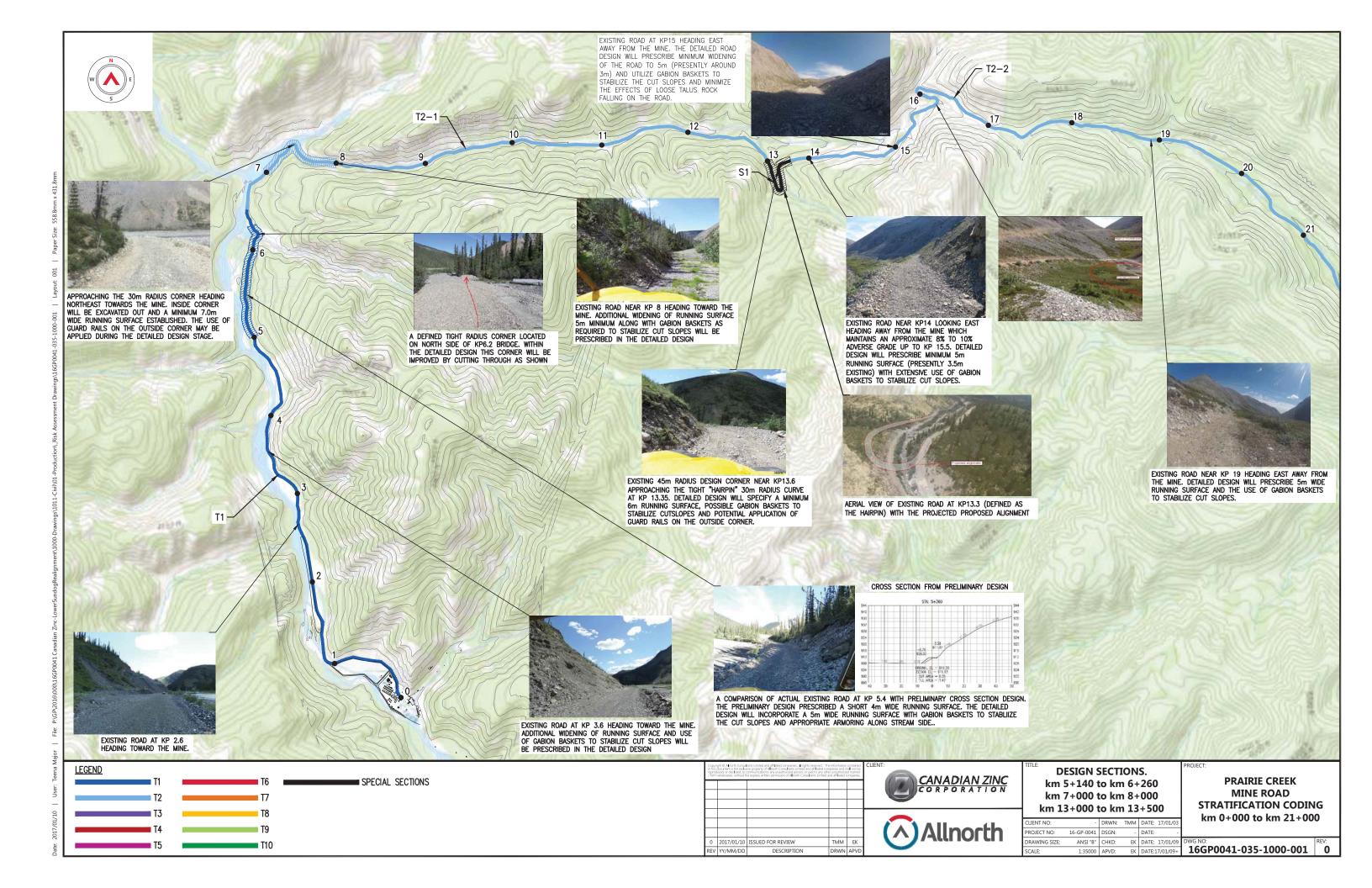
- Either in bags inside a truck box with solid lid, or
- > in bulk in lockable containers

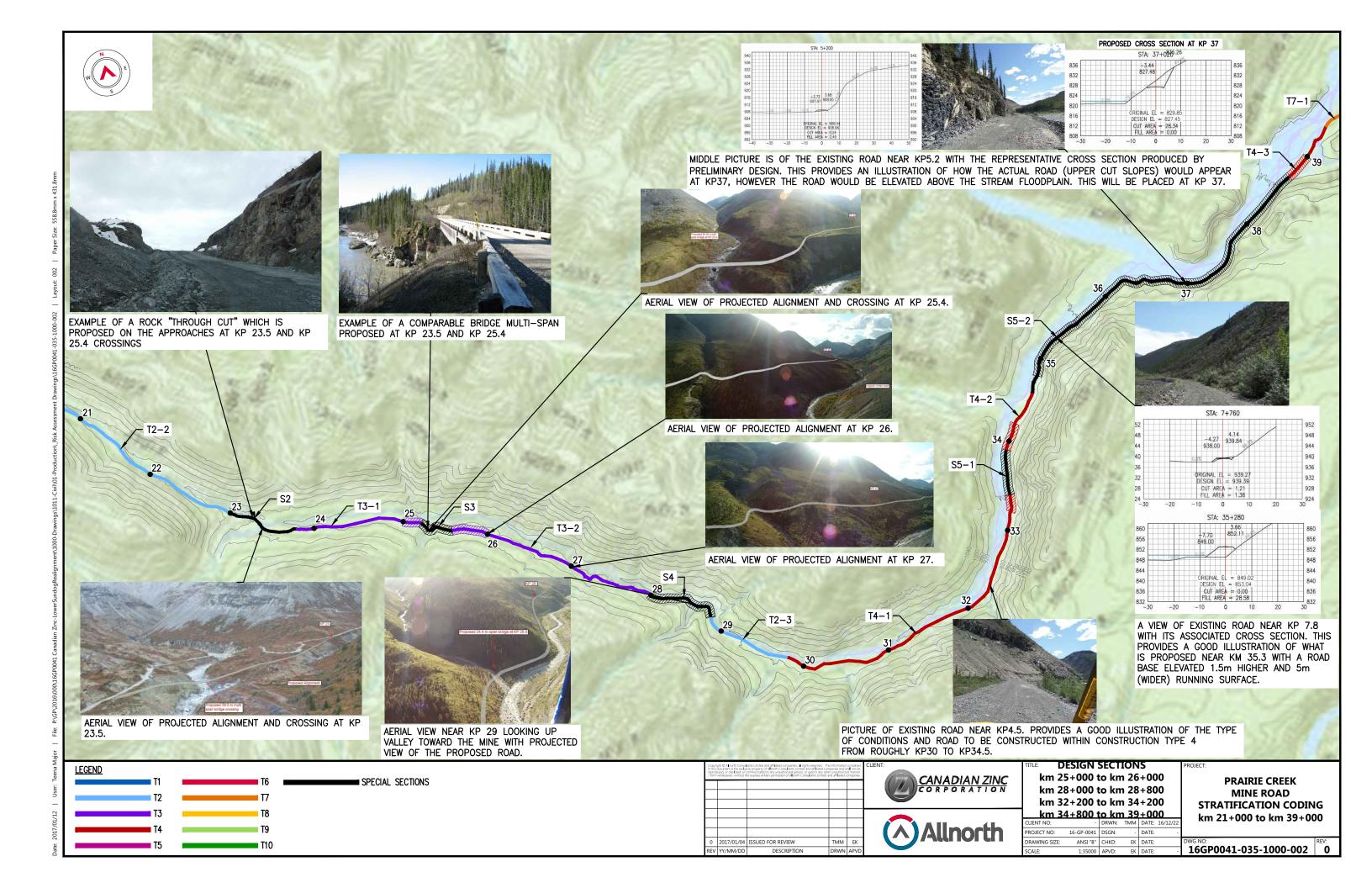
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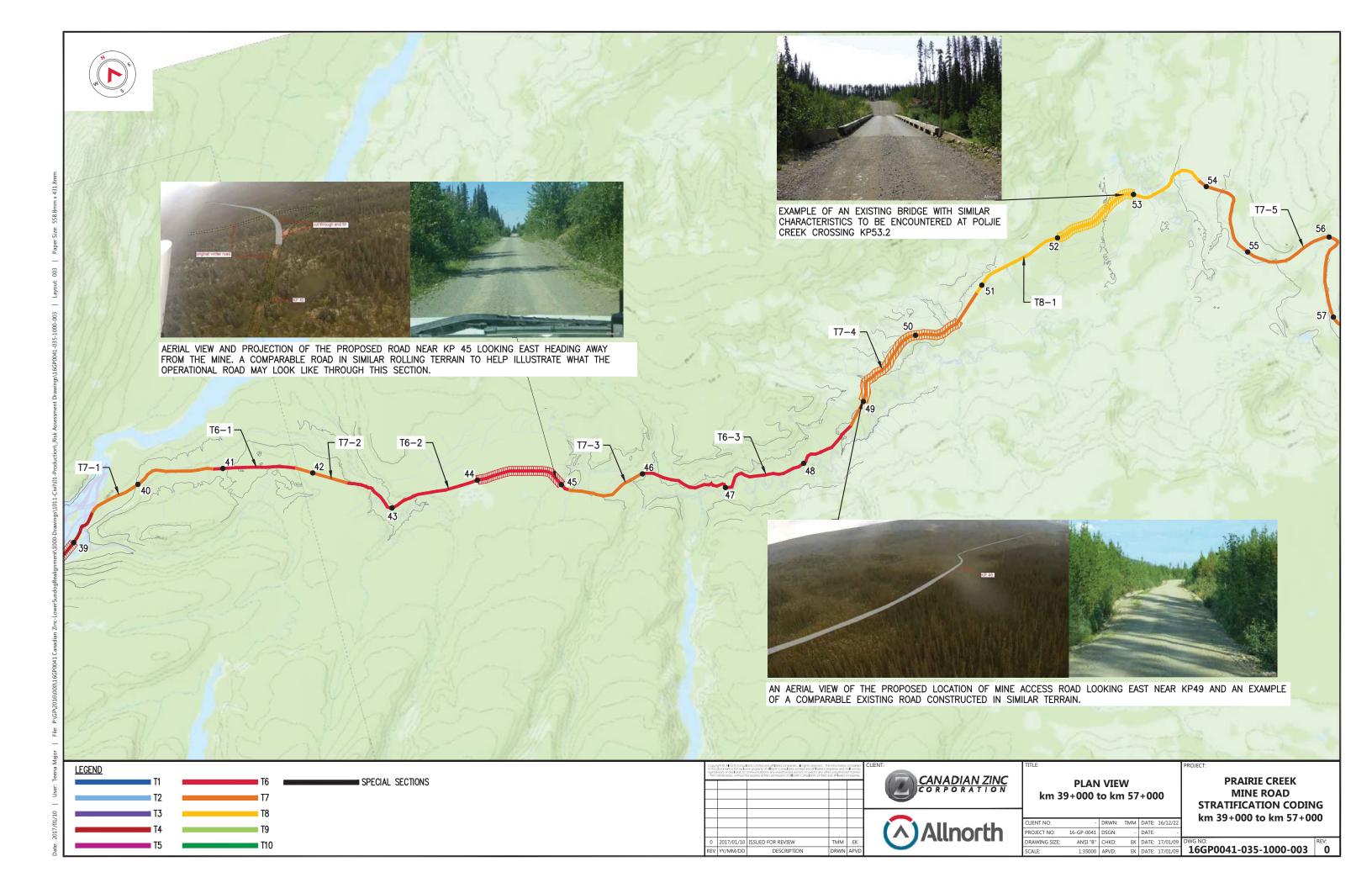
- Diesel
- Reagents (sodium sulphide, acid)
- Explosives (ammonium nitrate)

#### Road Design

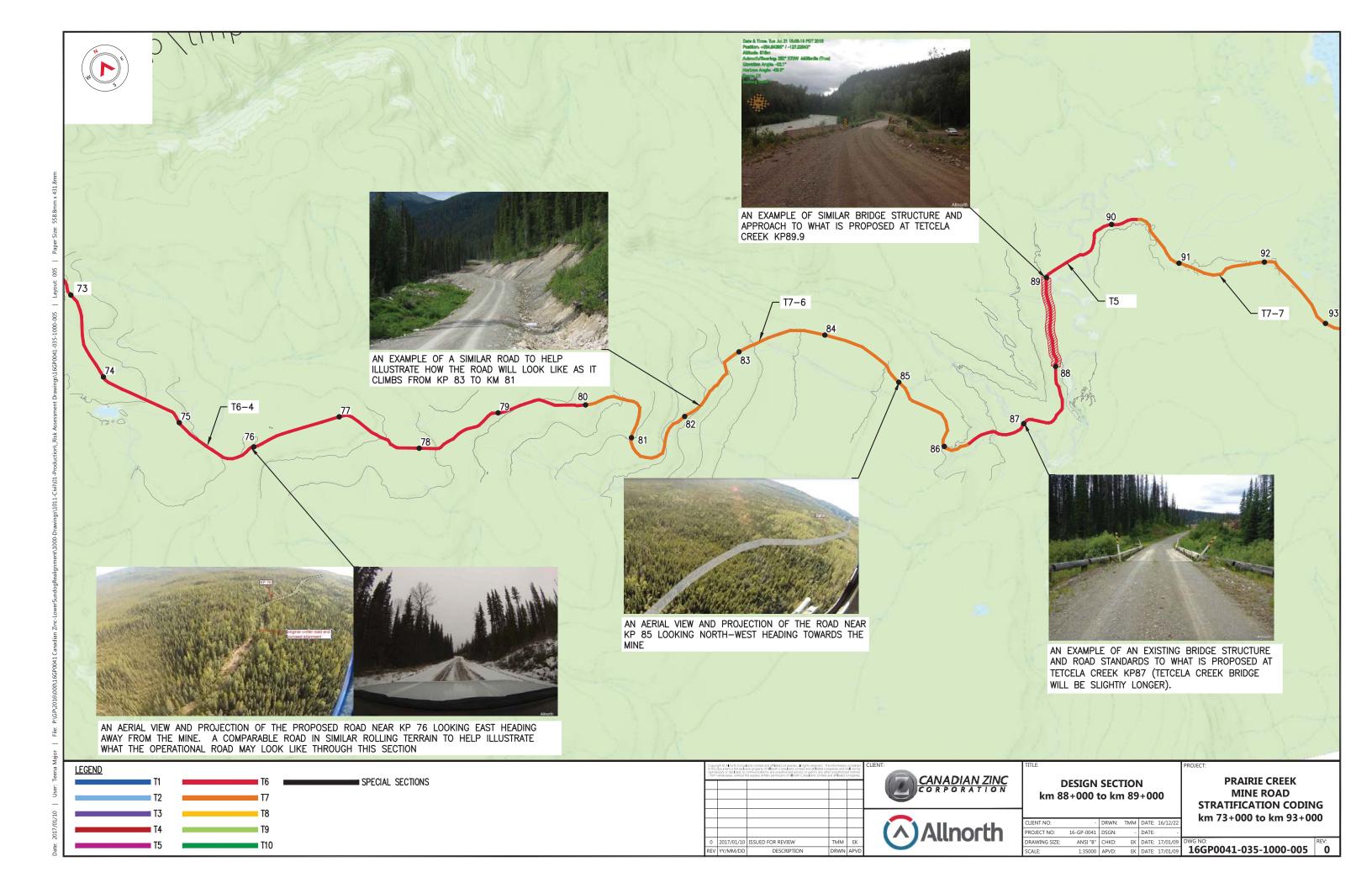
- MoF Guidelines
- > 5 m width, except for 550 m in controlled rock-cut areas, 330 m of which are "cut-through's"
- > Straightening, improved corners and grade reduction of winter road
- Crossings and drainage management
- Signage (speed limits, bends, hazards)

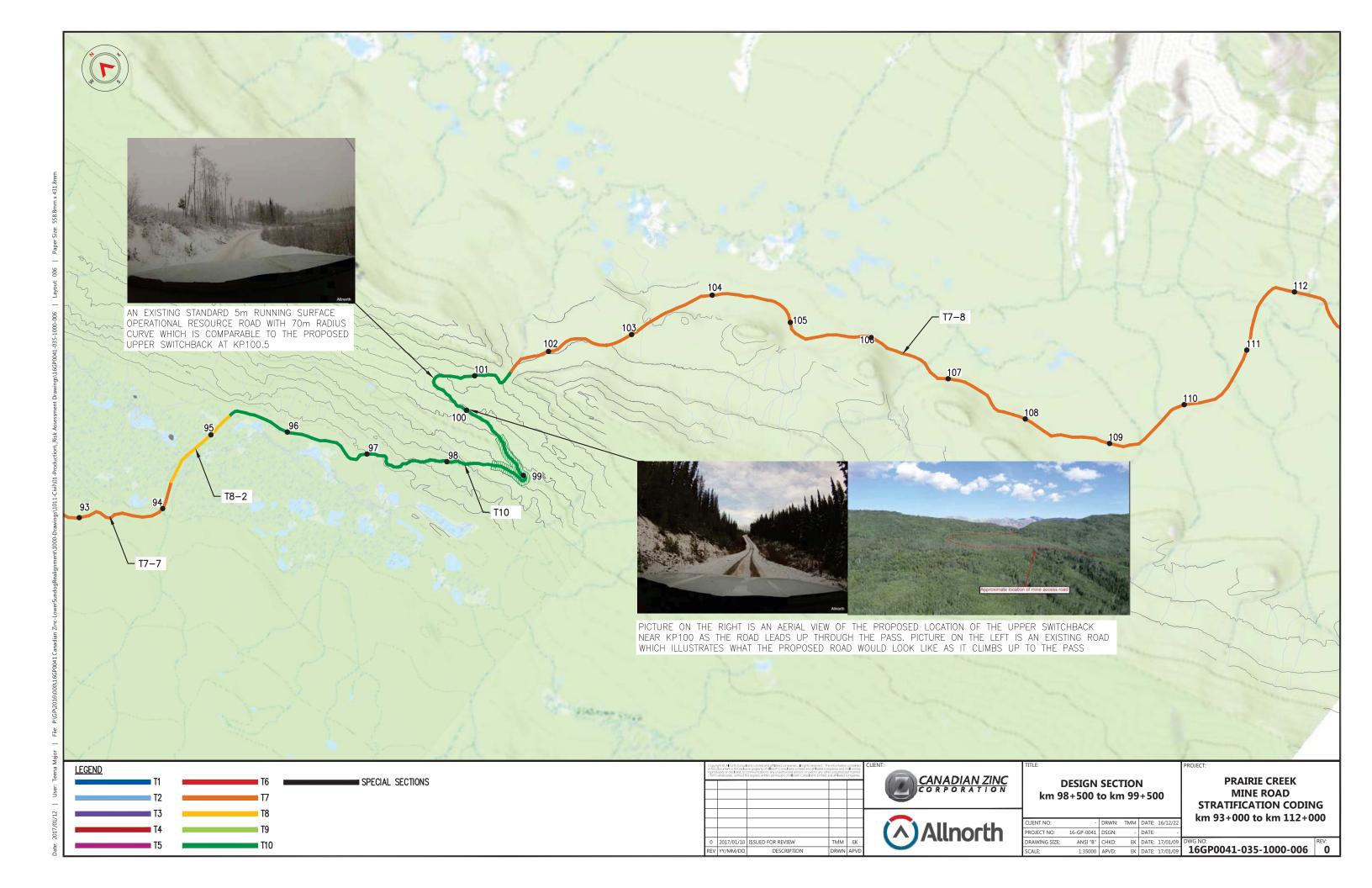


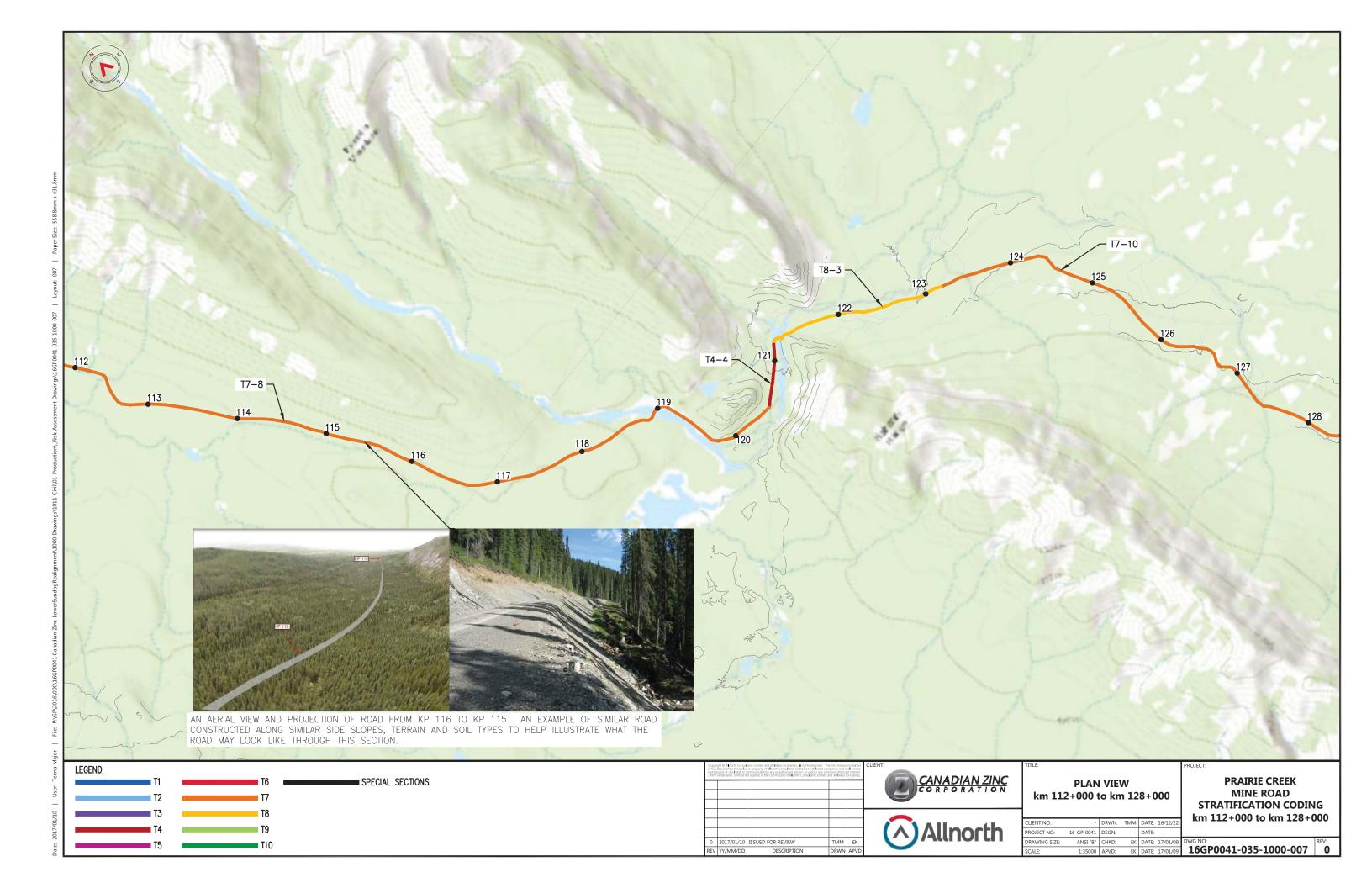


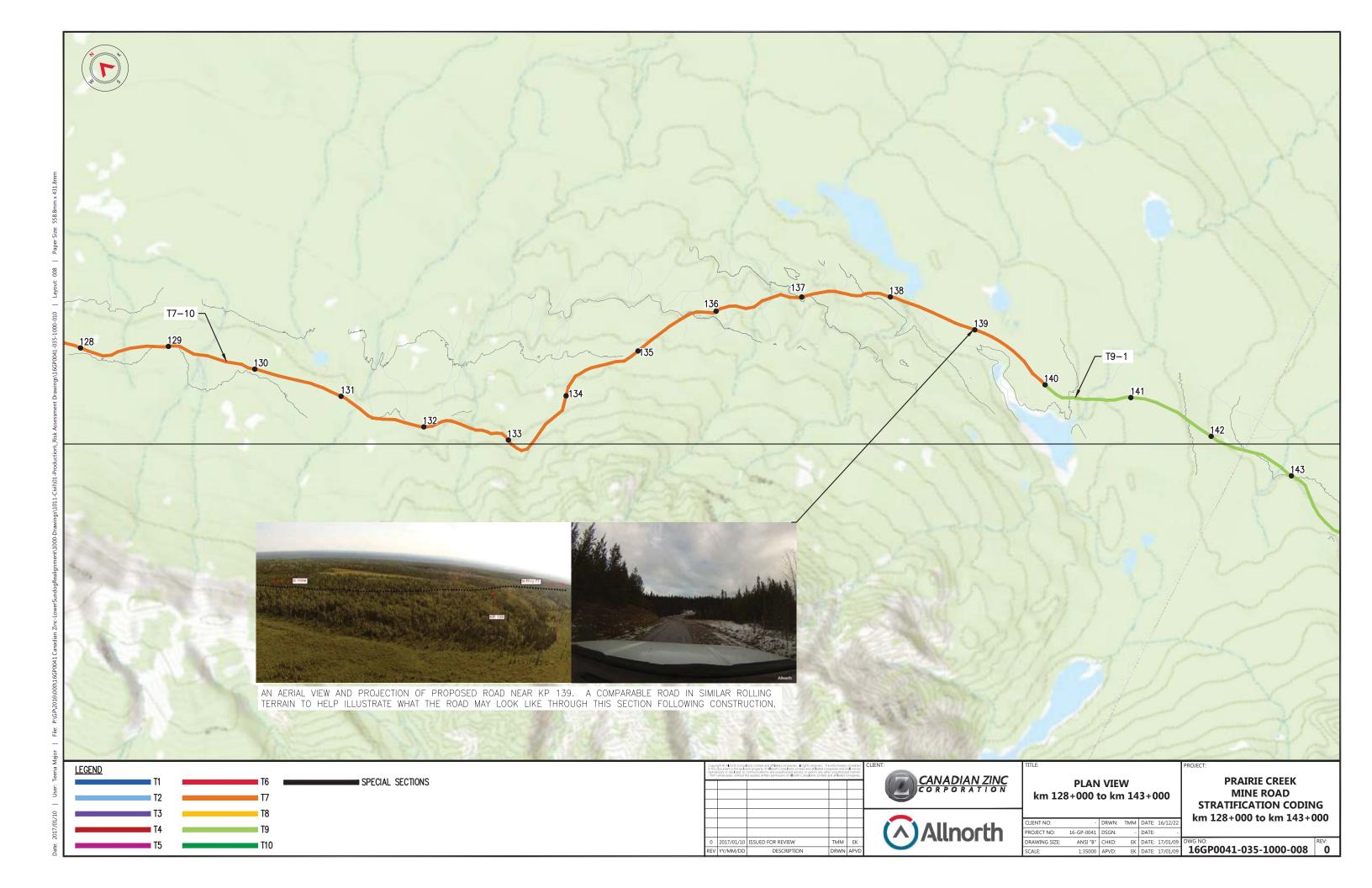


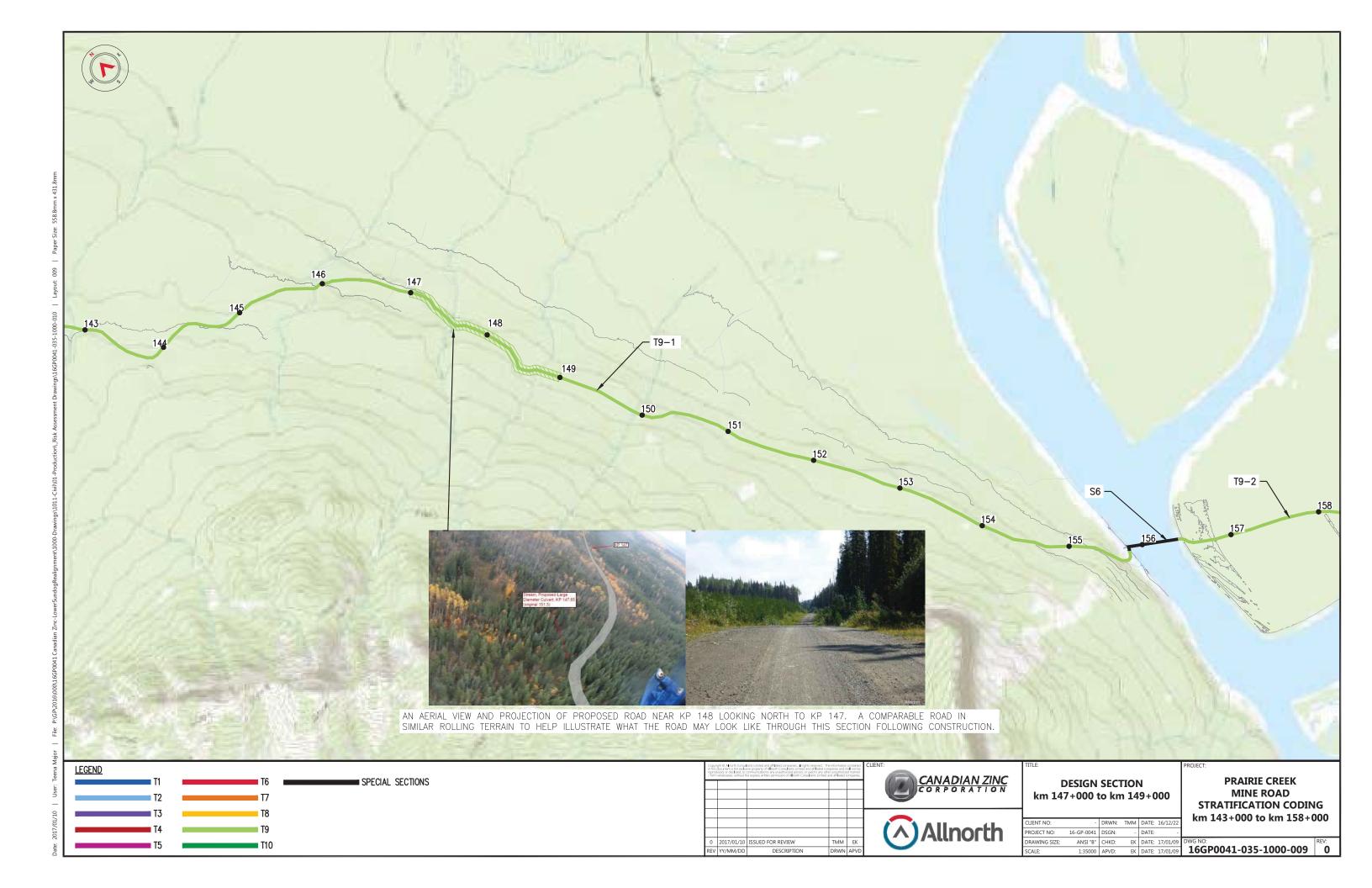


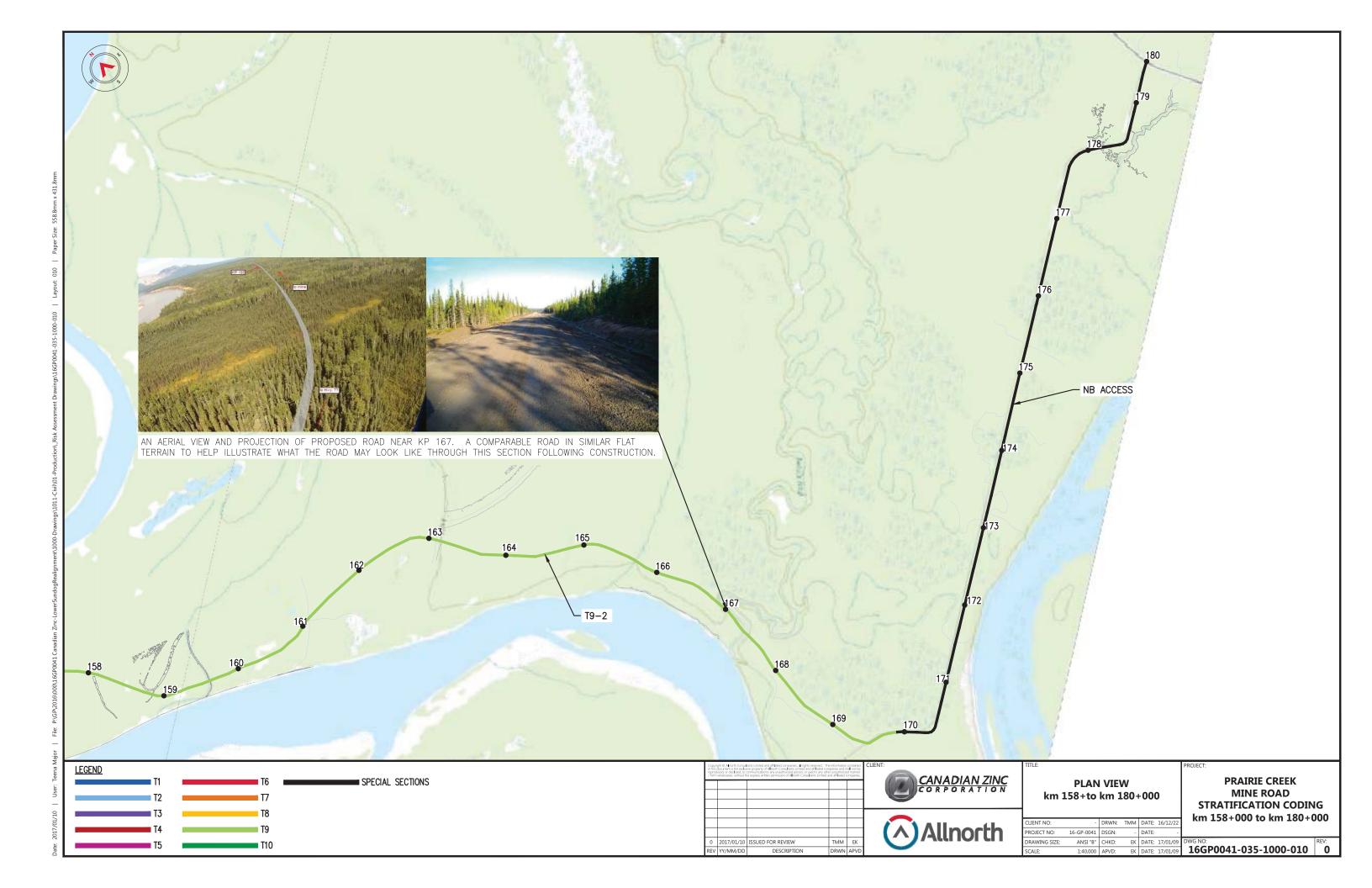












#### Road Operating Parameters

- Supervisor and Monitors
- Journey Management System
- Pre-trip checks and tail-gates
- Radio/GPS communication
- > Convoys, road rules, speeds
- Access control

#### Risk Assessment

- Accident likelihood
  - ➤ All season lower risk than winter only
  - > Road bed sloped in
  - > 30 km/h average speed, speed reductions
  - > Operating procedures/monitoring no "seed"

#### Risk Assessment (cont.)

- Consequence
  - Cargo properties and effects
  - > Fish bearing streams
  - > Karst

#### Risk Assessment (cont.)

- Risk Matrix
  - > Very high, Km 12-17.2
  - > High, Km 7.4-12, 23.5-40.2, 95.8-102
- > Mitigation
  - Road design/operation review
  - > Spill Response

#### Risk Assessment (cont.)

- Oboni assessment
  - Inappropriate example comparisons
  - > ORE results not transparent or explained
  - ➤ Off-road excursion estimates an order of magnitude greater than BC Forestry road statistics
  - > Incorrect consequence assumptions
  - ➤ No constructive response to review, only defensive argument, unreliable opinions and unprofessional sarcasm and hyperbole

#### Revised Risk Assessment

- Additional mitigation
  - Cab safety belts
  - Cargo anchoring
  - ➤ Consider 0.5-1 m widening and/or perimeter barriers for high risk sections
  - > Operations level risk assessment

#### Spill Contingency

- Spill kits and training
- Response teams
- > Equipment and trailers
- Control points

# Permafrost, Soils and Terrain

#### Permafrost

- Discontinuous presence in lowland soils expected
- Overland construction minimizes effects
- Investigation of suspect areas and borrows
- Mitigation and monitoring plans

# Permafrost, Soils and Terrain

#### Soils

- Baseline metals concentrations
- Dustfall monitoring
- > Operations Monitoring

# Permafrost, Soils and Terrain

#### Terrain

- Mapping, hazard identification, mitigation
- No major slope stability issues
- Some rockfall protection may be required
- Monitoring for debris flows

# Thank You