

From: [Fiona Vance](#)
To: [Laura Friend](#); [Bill Kennedy](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Mitchel Kroetsch feedlot
Date: October 28, 2024 3:15:40 PM

Hello Ms. Friend and Mr. Kennedy,

I received the e-mail message below from Wanda Bednarz-Hihn and David Hihn. As the matter of application RA23022 is currently before the NRCB Board on a review, I have forwarded their message to you as a courtesy. I am copying Ms. Bednarz-Hihn and Mr. Hihn, to whom I have separately explained why I am forwarding their message to you. I also provided them with a link to information about *Water Act* applications: https://regulatoryassurance.alberta.ca/dras?id=public_notice.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:55 PM
To: Fiona Vance <Fiona.Vance@nrcb.ca>
Subject: Mitchel Kroetsch feedlot

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We are writing this letter to once again express our concerns regarding the water license for the Mitchel Kroetsch feedlot. We strongly feel even a low risk potential for contamination of our nearby wells is far too much of a risk. The fact that the low risk potential rating is in place, if everything goes according to plan, is also concerning. What happens when Mother Nature sends us a wicked rain storm? What contingents are in place then? Who will be monitoring what happens to the catchment basins then? Will the responsibility be passed from one government department to another as it is now? We are all aware that our climate is changing and storms are becoming more violent. What will happen to the catch basins if we were to receive 4 inches of rain in 2 hours as we did 5 years ago on August long weekend? Please don't dismiss this question as a general comment, but answer it. Shall we all just cross our fingers that someone is watching out for nearby farms and

acreages? I am not sure what government department has our best interests in mind anymore! Will you please study the accompanying maps and tell us how spreading the manure from 5000 head of cattle literally on top of the Hastings Coulee can be good for anyone? You should be aware that the Hastings Coulee spills into the Battle River, as we have mentioned that in our previous letter. Also, where do dead carcasses end up? We were told they will most likely be composted in the manure! If this is incorrect please advise us. The thought of approximately 50 dead carcasses also being spread across the listed land parcels, causes us great anxiety.

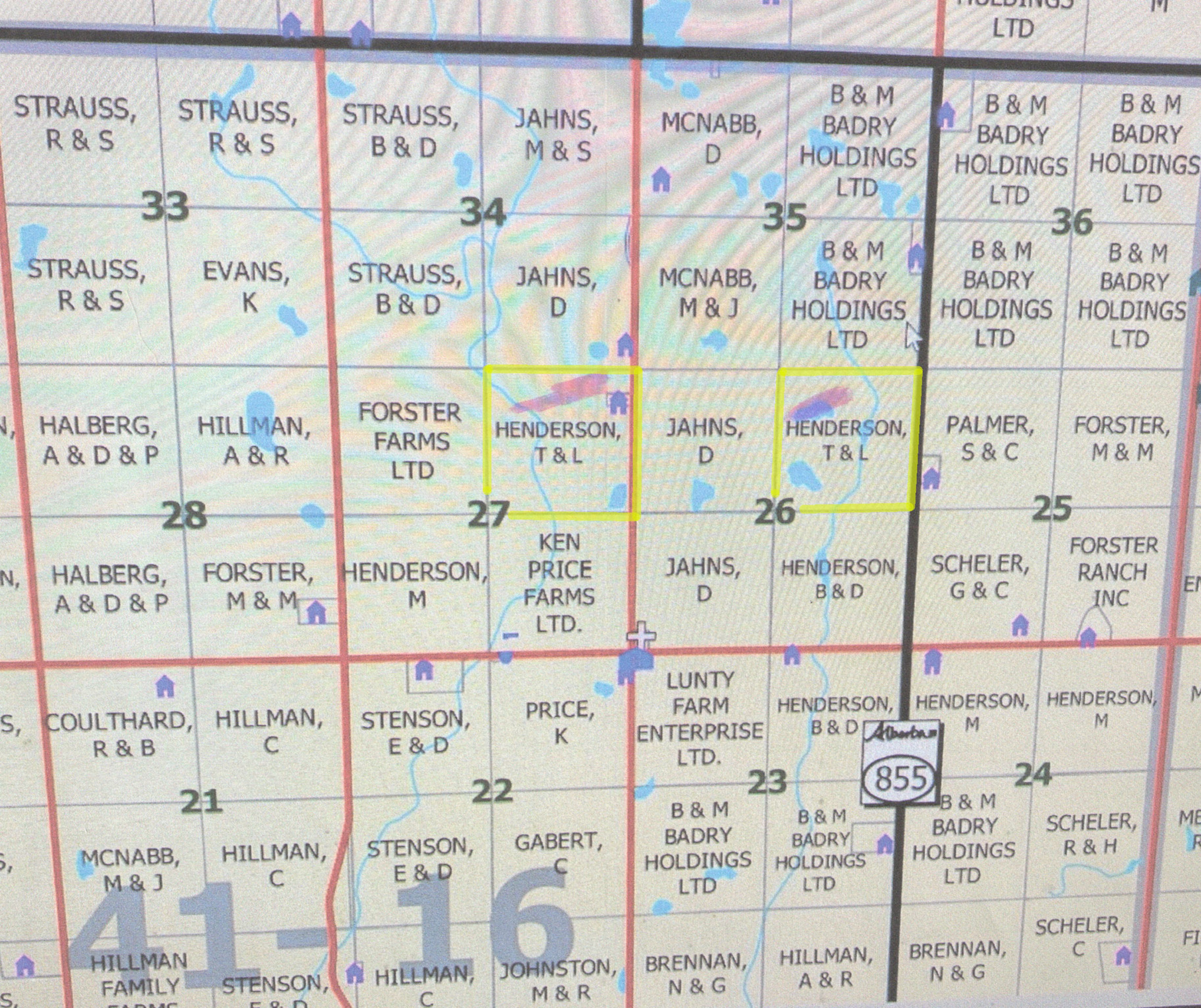
Did the NRCB approve catchment basins that have already proved to be in the wrong place, as they hit water? Who is responsible for monitoring situations like this when/if the feedlot is approved? Does the water table not change yearly? The water table is lower than usual as we have had an extremely dry year, but still the catchment basins were approved at 3.5 metres. When Mr. Kroetsch encountered the water table at 4 metres (which did not meet the requirements of the liner not being less than

1 metre above the water table) work was stopped. Perhaps the approval officer, being assisted by the NRCB Environmental Specialist got it wrong?

Any concerns we previously stated have been dismissed as general in nature. You either said the feedlot would cause minimal disruption in our lives or it wasn't your department. Please take a good look at the accompanying maps and tell us how you think the manure from 5000 cattle along with the carcasses of 50 animals will have a low potential risk if spread across these land parcels? Please look for the squiggly blue line also known as the Hastings Coulee. We would think with a title of Natural Resources Conservation Board, your job would be clear, help us protect and conserve our water sources for now and future generations! Protect the Hastings Coulee, the Battle River, and the aquifer we all rely upon?

Sincerely, Wanda Bednarz-Hihn

David Hihn



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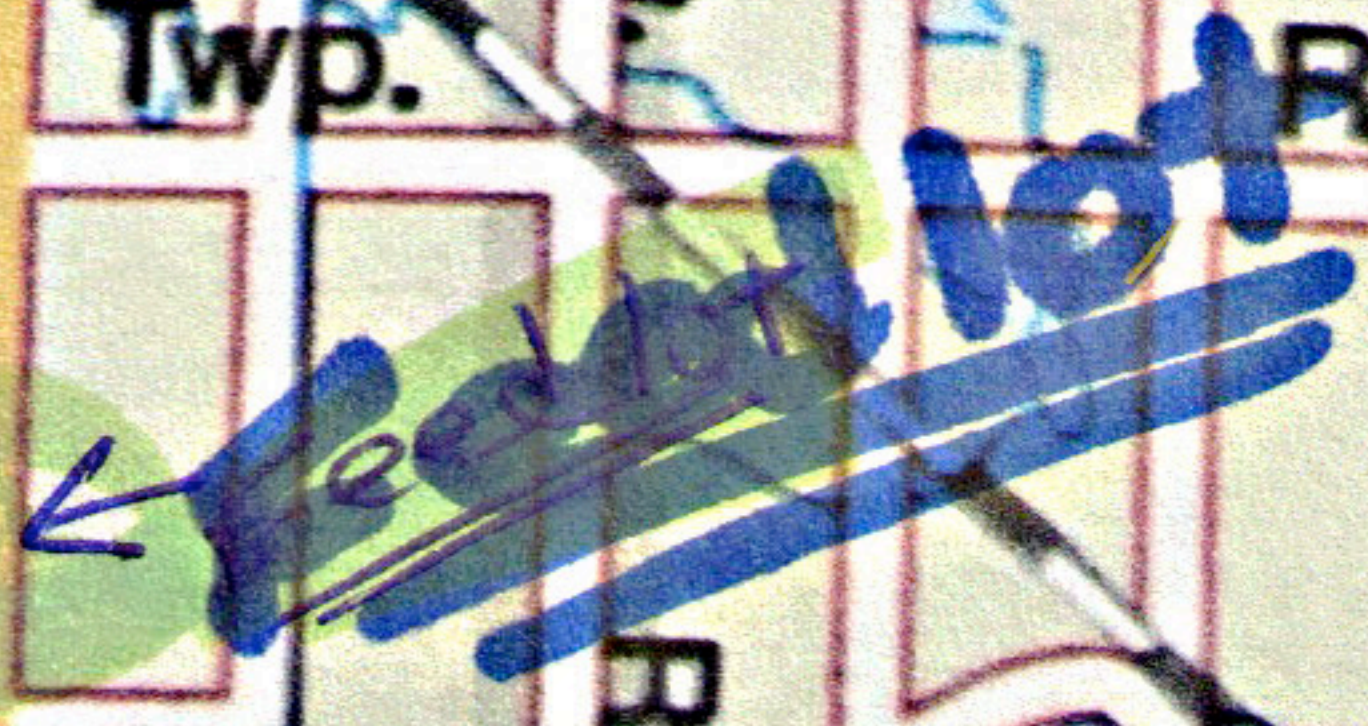
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Note: a small dugout was located on west side - but filled in - it was very small & always contained water. This may indicate shallow water seams feeding into it. -- as most small dug-outs this year are dry.



Title:
 Detailed Site Layout Plan
 Part II Technical Requirements
 Mitchel Kroetsch
 NW-15-042-16-W4M
 Flagstaff County, Alberta

Project No:
 2304-43021

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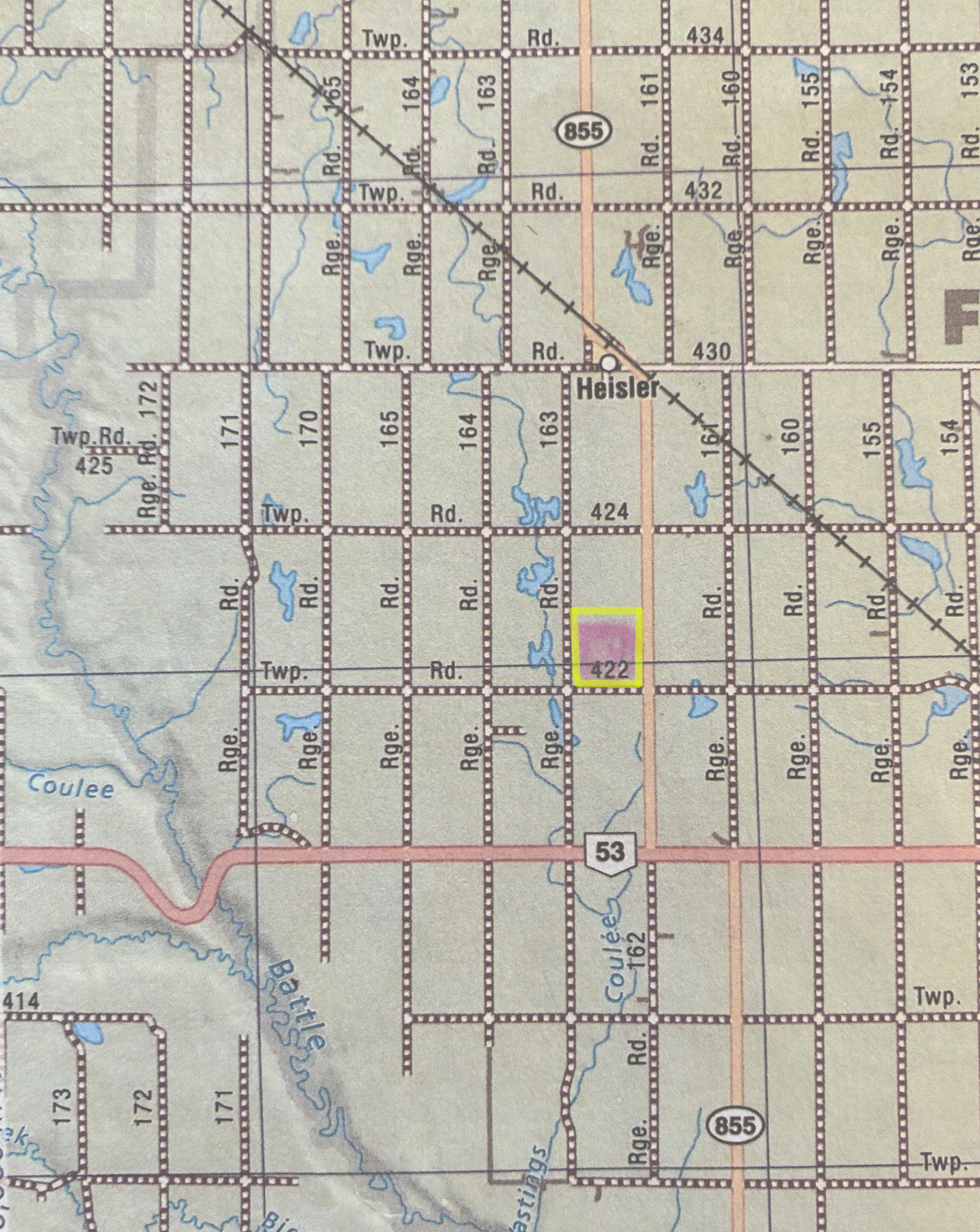
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Name of Landowners	Land Location	Acres	Soil Zone
Barbara and Colin Kroetsch	SW-3-43-16-W4	117	Black
Barbara and Colin Kroetsch	SE-31-43-16-W4	110	Black
Barbara and Colin Kroetsch	SW-31-43-16-W4	148	Black
Barbara and Colin Kroetsch	NE-24-43-17-W4	130	Black
Betty and Debbie Henderson	E½-29-41-16-W4	264	Black
Betty and Debbie Henderson	SW-29-41-16-W4	150	Black
Betty and Debbie Henderson	SE-30-41-16-W4	150	Black
Lorraine J Henderson	NE-26-41-16-W4	155	Black
Lorraine J Henderson	NE-27-41-16-W4	143	Black
Lorraine J Henderson	SW-6-42-15-W4	147	Black

AO Note: The applicant has provided 1,514 ac of land with black soil



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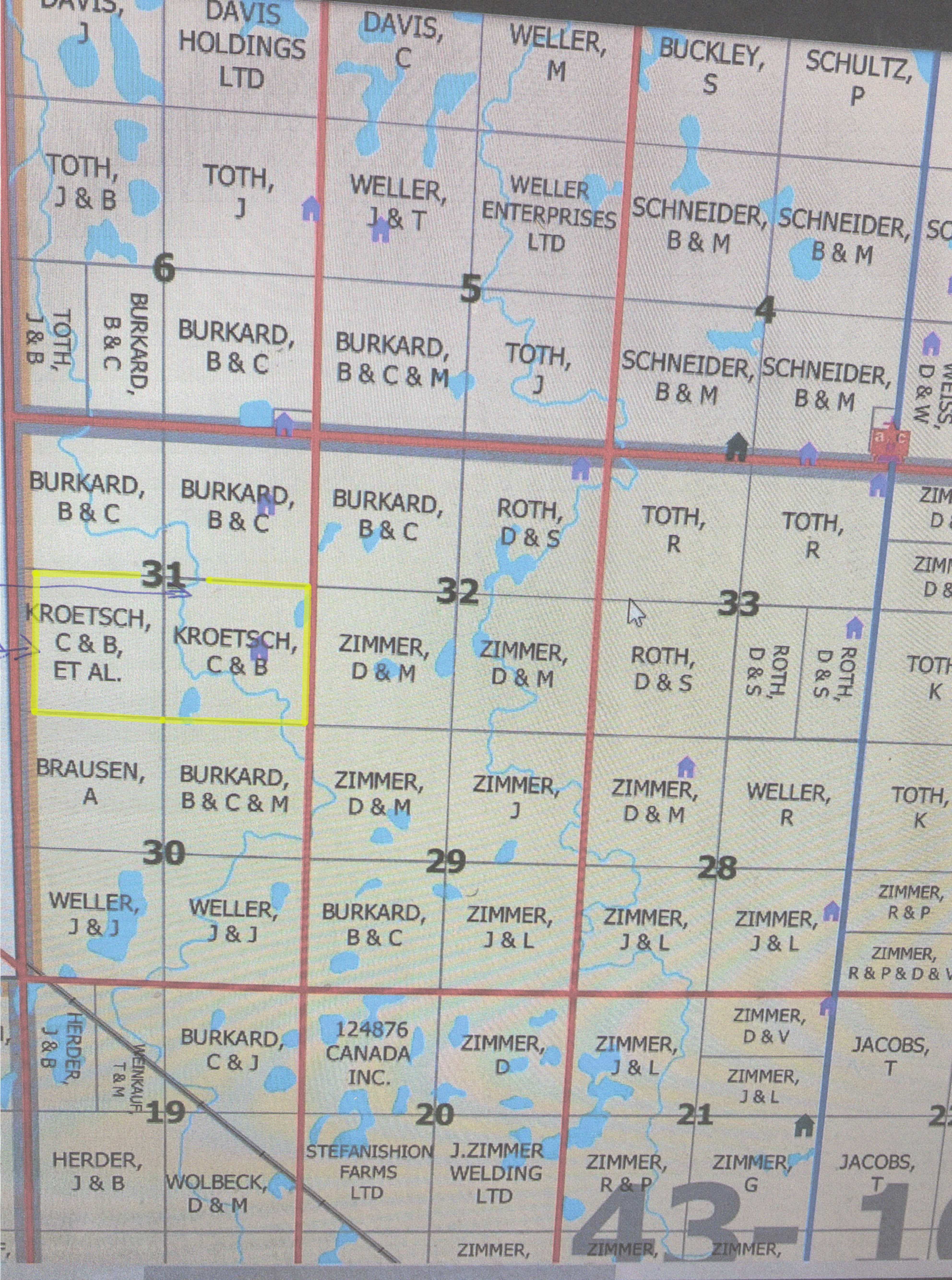
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