

## SOUTHERN REGION GRMP SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME:		HIGHWAY & KM:	PREVIOUS	INSPECTION DATE:	
S070-6 Eyrie Gap and Fir Creek		541:02 7.023	INSPECTION DATE:	May 17, 2022	
Geohazard Site			October 22, 2021	11111	
			(Call-Out)		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD 83 COO	RDINATES:	RISK ASSESMENT:		
SE-01-17-05 M5	UTM North	hing Easting	PF: 12 CF: 2	TOTAL: 24	
	11 5585	5666 673290			
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY	TRAFFIC (2021	CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):			
990 (west) & 380 (east) (Refe	erence No. 591	27	, ,		

SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:

There is no instrumentation at the S070-6 site.

LAST READING DATE: N/A

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PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Near-vertical cut slope up to 20 m in height on the north side (westbound lane) of the highway with near vertical bedding planes and a strike roughly perpendicular to the highway.

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Approximately 125 m long and up to 20 m high

DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: None.

ITEM	CONDITION		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION		NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO		YES	NO	
Pavement Distress		X	Transverse cracking observed, unlikely to be related to the rockfall.		Х	
Slope Movement		Х	Bedrock slopes with ongoing rockfall into the existing shallow catchment ditches.		X	
Erosion		X	N/A – none observed		X	
Seepage		X	N/A – none observed		Х	
Culvert Distress		Х	N/A – none observed		Х	
Rockfall	X		Rockfall and debris flow from the slope north of the highway		Х	

#### **COMMENTS**

The bedrock at the site consists of bedded coal, shale, and conglomerate. The central position of the back slope is massively bedded, potentially limestone, and approximately 20 m in height. (Photo 1 and 4).

Material is eroding and weathering along the bedding planes and has formed an erosion fan consisting of sand and gravel sized particles in the central portion of the slope. (Photos 1 through 4).

Rockfalls are active and unweathered rockfall debris (up to 0.7 m x 0.3 m x 0.35 m) was noted in the north (westbound) ditch. The site is active with small rockfalls observed during the 2022 inspection (Photo 2 and 3).

Loose angular gravel, cobble and boulder sized blocks were visible in the rock mass

The existing ditches are shallow and appear to have sufficient capacity for the rockfall debris.

A large block adjacent to the debris fan is at risk of detaching and falling into the north (westbound) ditch and rebounding into the highway (Photo 4).



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#### Maintenance/Repair/Monitoring Recommendations:

- The site should be regularly inspected by AT's MCI and during the Southern Region GRMP Section B inspections.
- Excavation of rockfall catchment ditches adjacent to the highway and spot bolting of blocks which appear
  unstable or pose a wedge failure risk. A trajectory model could be used to determine the size of lock
  block wall required to contain the rockfalls.
- The large block of material shown in Photo 4 should be assessed for stability and if needed, anchored to limit deformation/dilation and toppling.
- A lock block wall or HTCB could be considered but the impact in wildlife movement and road safety would need to be evaluated.

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GPS Track (May 16, 2022)

rrr Crest of Rock Slope

[ ] Rockfall Zone

. IMAGE SOURCE: ESRI, MAXAR, EARTHSTAR

Alberta



**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES** 

Site Plan

S070-6 - Eyrie Gap and Fir Creek Geohazard Sites Hwy 541:02, km 7.023

SCALE 1:3,000

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### **Inspection Photographs**

Photo 1 Bedrock cutting on the north side of the highway estimated as up to 20 m high. Photo taken May 16, 2022, facing north.



Photo 2 Rockfall material in the ditch and debris fan on the lower portion of the back slope. Photo taken May 16, 2022, facing west.



Photo 3 Rockfall material in the ditch and mini debris fans on the lower portion of the back slope. Photo taken May 16, 2022, facing east.



Photo 4 Large debris fan in central portion of the slope. Block adjacent to debris fan (indicated by red circle) is at risk of detaching. Photo taken May 16, 2022, facing north.

