

## SOUTHERN REGION GRMP SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME:		HIGHWAY & KM:		PREVIOUS			INSPECTION DATE:	
S042-I & -II		742:02, 10.799 & 10.968		INSPECTION DATE:			July 6, 2021	
Spray Lakes Rockfall Ba	July 6, 2020		•••·· <b>J</b> •, <u>-</u> •-·					
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD 83 COORDINATES:			RISK ASSESMENT:				
SW-25-024-11 W5M	UTM	Northing	Easting	PF: 13	CF: 4 1	ΓΟΤΑ	AL: 52 (Small rockfalls)	
13-24-024-11 W5M	11	5658604	611006	PF: 7	CF: 7 1	ΓΟΤΑ	AL: 49 (Large rockfalls)	
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAIL	CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):							
1220 (west), 1540 (east), (Ref. No. 70000698)				28				

SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:

None

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LAST READING DATE: N/A

PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Rockfall from steep, high rock slope, large rockfall in 2013, dilated rock mass, active processes. Large rockfalls are defined as generally >15 m<sup>3</sup> in size.

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Slope height at Site I is approximately 150 m.

DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: Fencing installed at S042-I between 2016 and 2017 inspections. Material behind the fence appears to have been cleared out (by TransAlta).

ITEM	CONDITION EXISTS		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION		NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO		YES	NO	
Pavement Distress		Х	Gravel road.		Х	
Slope Movement	х		Previously fallen rocks (small and large) are visible and have been pushed off the roadway.		х	
Erosion	Х		Differential weathering, freeze thaw, ice jacking, and seepage eroding rock mass.		х	
Seepage	Х		Evidence of seepage out of cracks and below the overhang.		х	
Culvert Distress		Х			Х	
Rockfall	х		Mainly single rockfalls and ongoing raveling. Possible signs of rock mass failures above the narrowest section of road, and at the north end of S042-I.		Х	

## COMMENTS

Large rock mass falls are possible (including areas with visible disaggregated rock at the north end of S042-I). Rockfalls are potentially triggered by deep seated water build up in cracks and ice damming during freezing trend (early winter).

Smaller rockfalls may be triggered by precipitation and ice jacking during thawing trend (late winter). Small rockfalls could also be caused by rock climbers or wildlife, although this is difficult to quantify.

<u>S042-I</u>

Rockfall event reported to AT on May 6, 2019 at Site I, in the order of 0.3 m<sup>3</sup> to 0.5 m<sup>3</sup>. Small rockfalls appear to be ongoing because fresh unweathered rockfall debris with sharp edges was noted in the ditch, indicating recent detachment from the slope.





No significant changes to the rock slope were noted in 2021 when compared to 2020 observations.

There is a build-up of rockfall debris behind the existing rockfall fence at the toe of the slope and a tear in the fence mesh was noted in 2020.

Proposed short-term management recommendations include LiDAR / radar survey to monitor the location and frequency of rockfalls, as well as any potential continued dilation of larger volumes of rock. Additional road signage is recommended to warn road uses of risk of fallen rocks on highway.

KCB submitted a design report to AT in March 2021.Repair options include installation of a rockfall fence, rock slope scaling, installation of a mesh attenuation curtain, and ongoing monitoring. At the closest point, the powerline appears to be 3 m to 5 m away from the rock slope, which could restrict drape mesh placement locations.

The rock slope is the site of several climbing routes. Alberta Environment are planning to construct an improved parking area for cars and buses at the north limit of the site. The additional traffic and exposure to rockfall needs to be considered.

## <u>S042-II</u>

Work on this site is not included in KCB's work scope for repair/mitigation design.

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Photo 1 Source area for rockfall, north of highway. Photo taken facing northwest on July 6, 2021.



Photo 2 Rock slope north of the highway. Photo was taken facing west on July 6, 2021.



