

Bow North Recreation District

(South East Corner of Rocky View County)



“THE PAST THAT BUILDS THE FUTURE”

Recreation Master Plan

2009 - 2014

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1. **Introduction:**

The Bow North Recreation District Master Plan sets forth the collective objective and vision of our desired goals to keep our community prosperous, diverse and vibrant.

Mission Statement:

To cultivate a culture of respect for our rural communities, while encouraging and supporting growth in recreation and cultural facilities and activities that meet the needs of our community.

2. **Definitions:**

Recreation: Activity that refreshes, recreates and renews your health and spirit by enjoyment and relaxation.

Culture: Intellectual and artistic activity. It does not include: Literature, museums, religious denominations, or libraries, unless the library is attached to a multi-use facility.

Funding: Consists of:

1. A yearly tax levy calculated annually;
2. Cash-in-Lieu/Municipal Reserve Funds; and
3. Voluntary Recreation Contributions from Developers.

3. **Objectives:**

The Bow North Recreation Board will endeavor to:

- Support the social, recreational, cultural, economic and environmental components of the community by allocating funds to a wide range of recreational and cultural programs and facilities;
- Foster, aid and support associations and groups dedicated to cultural and recreational pursuits;
- Meet the needs of existing and future generations by encouraging community facilities to be financially self-sustaining;
- Respect the needs of other communities;
- Encourage diversity by requesting community facilities and programs to foster additional funding partnerships within the community and neighboring areas.

4. Board of Directors:

i. Structure

The Bow North Recreation Board is established by bylaw C-6215-2006 of Rocky View County

- a. The Board consists of a maximum of nine (9) members, serving without pay, appointed by resolution and is comprised of the following:

One member from Rocky View County Council;
One member from the Rocky View Schools; and
Seven members at large from the Bow North Recreation District.

- b. The Board shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and shall be renewed on an annual basis.
- c. The members shall be appointed for a three (3) year term and after each three (3) year term; members must re-apply for the position and be appointed at the approval of the Rocky View County Council.
- d. All members appointed to the Board shall be residents of the Bow North Recreation District area as set forth in bylaw C-6215-2006.

ii. Authority

- a. As per bylaw C-6215-2006 Rocky View County shall be the signing authority with respect to financial management of the Recreation Board.
- b. As per bylaw C-6215-2006, the Board has authority to recommend approval or non-approval of funding requests to Rocky View County Council on recreation and cultural programs or projects.
- c. The Board shall have the power to require written annual financial statements, reports and/or audits from groups and/or organizations requesting direct or indirect funding assistance through the Board.

5. Demographics and Infrastructure:

The Bow North District has a rich western prairie heritage consisting of farmland that produces grain fed beef, pastured lamb, free-range pork, turkey pheasants, wild turkeys, guineas, eggs, honey and a variety of fruits and vegetables.

Langdon is a quaint, friendly hamlet, located east of Calgary at the junction of Highway 560 (Glenmore Trail) and Secondary Highway 797, whose heritage dates back to the mid 1880's when the Canadian Pacific Railway moved across the prairies. In 1975, Langdon was designated a Hamlet. Due to the expanding community, the boundaries were expanded in 1999 and again in 2003. Langdon has three community halls and an ECS to grade eight school. Langdon Park provides a walking/bike path, playground, skateboard park, outdoor skating rink, ball diamonds and future school site. Future plans include an ECS to grade five school, and a multi-use facility consisting of a secondary school, soccer pitch and recreation amenities to meet the needs of the growing community.

Indus is a Hamlet located at the corner of Highway 22X and Secondary Highway 791. Indus has a recreational ice facility and an ECS to grade eight school. There are two stories about the naming of Indus. One version holds that Dr. J.M. Fulton picked a shortened version of the word "industry" which he hoped would migrate east from Calgary. The second version was that Indus was named after an Indian word meaning "constellation of the stars." In 1949 the Indus community raised funds by selling shares and built an ice rink, a few years later a curling rink was erected. Today the Indus Recreation Centre, consisting of four sheets of ice, a large hall, soccer pitch, ball diamonds and the Bill Herron Arena (converted and renovated in 1994), continues to play an active and vibrant role in the community. In 2008, the Bow Valley Agricultural Society embarked on an ambitious project to twin the ice arenas. Completion of this project is scheduled for 2011.

The Hamlet of Dalemead is a quiet residential community which came into existence in 1913 with the construction of the CPR line from Shepard to Stoppard. Dalemead was originally called "Strathmead" but confusion with the nearby Town of Strathmore lead to it being renamed.

i. **Population**

	2000	2006	Variance
Bow North	3,600	4,513	25.36%

ii. Recreation and School Amenities

A. Indoor Amenities

- Indus Recreation Centre
 - Bill Herron Arena
 - Banquet Hall (capacity 400) and meeting rooms
 - Bow Valley Community Club – Curling
 - Seniors Live Wires Club

- Langdon IOOF Hall
- Langdon Women’s Institute
- Langdon Field House
 - Montessori Preschool

B. Outdoor Amenities

- Canal Walkway & Bike Path
- Indus Riding Arena
- Langdon Park
- Langdon Skateboard Park
- Langdon Skating Rink
- Langdon Tennis Courts
- Langdon Walking Paths
- McKinnon Flats Provincial Park
- Various Ball Diamonds, Playgrounds and Soccer Fields throughout the area

C. Rocky View Area Schools

- Chestermere High School (9-12) – Public
- Indus School (K-8) – Public
- Langdon School (K-8) – Public
- Our Lady of Wisdom (K-6) – Separate
- Prairie Waters Elementary (K-5) – Public (offers French Immersion)
- Rainbow Creek Elementary (K-5) – Public
- St. Gabriel’s the Archangel (K-12) – Separate

iii. Future Planned Amenities

- Proposed Recreation Amenities
 - Indus Recreation Centre – Twinning (completion of a second ice surface)
 - Langdon Multi-Use Facility (Phases 1, 2 & 3) (in collaboration with Rocky View Schools)
- Future Proposed Schools
 - Langdon – ECS to grade five
 - Langdon Secondary School

iv. Future Identified Recreation & Cultural Needs

- **Indoor Amenities**
 - Aquatics
 - Fitness/Wellness Centre
 - Library
 - Social/Banquet Facilities
 - Ice Arena
 - Youth Activity Centre
 - Court Sport Area
 - Walking Track
 - Child Play Area
 - Fine Arts Theatre
- **Outdoor Amenities**
 - Water Spray Park
 - Multi-Use Trails & Pathways
 - Toboggan Hills
 - Playgrounds
 - Natural Parks
 - Groomed & Community Parks
 - Dog Walking Areas
 - Events Grounds

6. Funding Criteria:

i. Scope

Inclusive with the Board's mission and goals, the following funding priorities and criteria will be considered in determining funding approval of all recreational and cultural projects to not-for-profit organizations:

- a. Promote a range of recreational and cultural programs within the Bow North Recreation Board boundaries;
- b. Remain objective to achieve fairness in the allocation of dollars;
- c. Encourage collaboration with other agencies such as the local School Board; and,
- d. For all capital funding requests, matching funds will be encouraged.

ii. Required Documents

Recreation Levy Funding:

Applications requesting operating dollars are applied for through the local Recreation District in February/March of each year. Applicants are required to submit a funding request, explaining and outlining how the funding will assist the organization or group.

Submission to include:

- a. Contact information;
- b. Description/purpose of organization;
- c. Purpose and location of project;
- d. Description of project, include diagrams where applicable;
- e. Estimated project costs;
- f. Estimated financial cost summary of operating costs for the current year; and,
- g. Estimation of number of adults and children in the Bow North District utilizing program.

Capital Projects:

Prior to the funds being approved by the Council of Rocky View County for Public Reserve (Cash-in-Lieu) and Voluntary Recreation Contribution funding, the organization or group shall be required to submit:

- a. Contact information;
- b. Description/purpose of organization;
- c. Purpose and location of project;
- d. Description of project, include diagrams where applicable;
- e. Estimated project costs;
- f. Evidence of community and/or financial involvement;
- g. Financial cost summary;
- h. Implementation plan, with proposed completion date;
- i. Needs assessment, if applicable;
- j. Five (5) year operating or business plan, if applicable;
- k. Recent financial statements, audited if available; and,
- l. Attend a Board meeting to present and/or discuss their submission.

For projects exceeding \$50,000, organizations or groups may be required to present a needs assessment, if applicable and an overall five year operating or business plan. Should the funding be granted, the organization or group shall be required to supply an audited financial statement and report on the funds expended, once the project is completed.

iii. Applicant's Commitment

The Applicant will:

- a. Be accountable to the sincerity of the project;
- b. Complete project and access the funding within two (2) years of being approved for funding. If applicant is unable to complete the project within the two (2) year requirement, they must advise Rocky View County to request an extension;
- c. Advise the Bow North Recreation Board and Rocky View County when the project is completed; and
- d. Any projects exceeding \$2,500 in grant funding must provide a one (1) page completion report to the Bow North Recreation Board.

iv. Board's Commitment

The Board will:

- a. Notify community groups on timelines for the annual Recreation Levy funding submissions;
- b. Review each application at the next scheduled Board meeting;
- c. Notify the association or group when the submission will be considered;
- d. Advise the association or group of the success of their application within fourteen (14) days of the date the submission was reviewed by the Board; and,

- e. Submit recommendations to Rocky View County within fourteen (14) days of the date the submission was reviewed by the Board.

7. Municipal Lands:

The Bow North Recreation Board believes that municipal lands should be recognized as a valuable resource and with support from Rocky View County will endeavor to encourage growth and ensure optimum use of land through community planning and the district's area structure plan.

The Bow North Recreation Board will review and attempt to submit recommendations on immediate or long-term needs for land within the requested timelines set out by the County.

The Bow North Recreation Board, with the approval of Rocky View County Council, will investigate the viability of selling selected existing Municipal Reserves determined not to meet the needs of the community in the Bow North Recreation District.

Rocky View County is committed to working with the Bow North Recreation Board, the community associations, land owners and developers to develop parks, open spaces and natural areas as needs are identified.

8. Master Plan Review:

A Master Plan provides an inclusive framework for orderly and consistent planning, acquisition, development and administration of a community's park, pathway and recreation resources.

Developing and maintaining a master plan is consistent with the Rocky View County's policies and procedures when accessing grant opportunities and is the joint responsibility of the Bow North Recreation Board and Rocky View County.

The Bow North Recreation Board shall endeavor to review the Master Plan annually at their first scheduled meeting following the Rocky View County's organizational meeting and revise the Master Plan no less than every five (5) years.

Reeve / Deputy Reeve
Rocky View County

Municipal Secretary
Rocky View County

APPENDIX "A"

BOW NORTH RECREATION DISTRICT PUBLIC CONTACT & AMENITIES LIST

Facility	Address			Contact	Telephone Email /Website Address	Type
Ball Diamonds	Indus Recreation Centre & Langdon Park			Facility Manager	403-936-5474 events@indusrec.ca	Public
Bow Valley Ag Society	2251551, Range Road 281A	Indus	T1X 0H7	Facility Manager	403-936-5474 events@indusrec.ca	Public
Bow Valley Community Club	2251551, Range Road 281A	Indus	T1X 0H7	Facility Manager	403-936-5474 events@indusrec.ca	Sports Facility
Bill Herron Arena	2251551, Range Road 281A	Indus	T1X 0H7	Facility Manager	403-936-5474 events@indusrec.ca	Sports Facility
Indus Recreation Centre	2251551, Range Road 281A	Indus	T1X 0H7	Facility Manager	403-936-5474 events@indusrec.ca	Public
Indus Riding Arena	2251551, Range Road 281A	Indus	T1X 0H7	Facility Manager	403-936-5474 events@indusrec.ca	Public
Langdon IOOF Hall	Box 31, Site 4, RR #7 (Centre Street)	Langdon	T0J 1X2	Garry O'Connor	403-936-2443	Public
Langdon Park	34 – 4 th Street	Langdon	T0J 1X0		www.langdonliving.com	Public Outdoor Sports
Langdon Field House	34 – 4 th Street (In Langdon Park)	Langdon	T0J 1X0		www.goodlucktown.ca	Meeting Centre
Langdon Resource Centre					www.servfcss.ca	
Langdon Women's Institute Hall	11 Centre Street, North	Langdon	T0J 1X0		403-936-5726	Meeting Centre (50)
Langdon Skateboard Park	34 – 4 th Street (In Langdon Park)	Langdon	T0J 1X0			Public
Langdon Youth Council	34 4 th Street	Langdon	T0J 1X0			
Playgrounds						Public
Shepard Community Hall	10800 – 84 th Street SE	Calgary	T1X 1G9		403-723-3004	Meeting Centre
Soccer Fields					403-936-2070 www.goodlucktown.ca	Public
Walking Paths						Public

APPENDIX "B"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The Bow North Recreation District is composed of the following lands within the jurisdiction of Rocky View County:

Township 23, Range 28 West of the 4th Meridian

Sections 1 to 4 inclusive
S1/2, NE 5, SE 8 and portion of NE South of RW 30,
Sections 9 to 16 inclusive
Sections 21 to 24 inclusive

Township 23, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian

Sections 1-36 inclusive

Township 22, Range 28, West of the 4th Meridian

Sections 1, 2, 9, 17, 20-29, 32-36 inclusive
Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 portions lying north and east of the Bow River

Township 22, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian

Sections 1-36 inclusive

Township 21, Range 28, West of the 4th Meridian

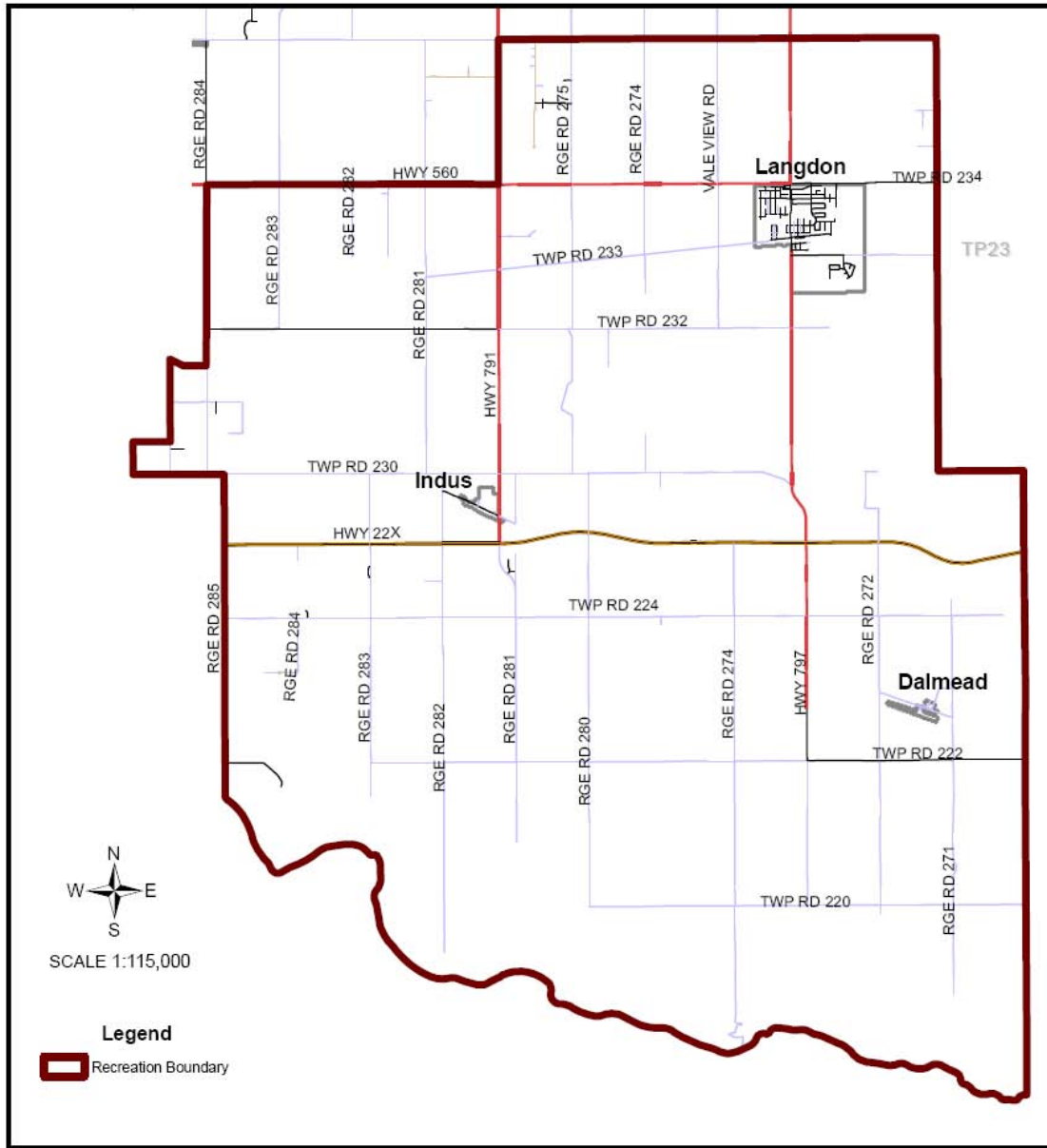
Sections 25, 26, 34, 35 and 36 portions lying north and east of the Bow River

Township 21, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian

Sections 25, 26, 31 to 36 inclusive
Sections 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30, portions lying north and east of the Bow River

APPENDIX "C"

DISTRICT MAP



Rocky View
COUNTY

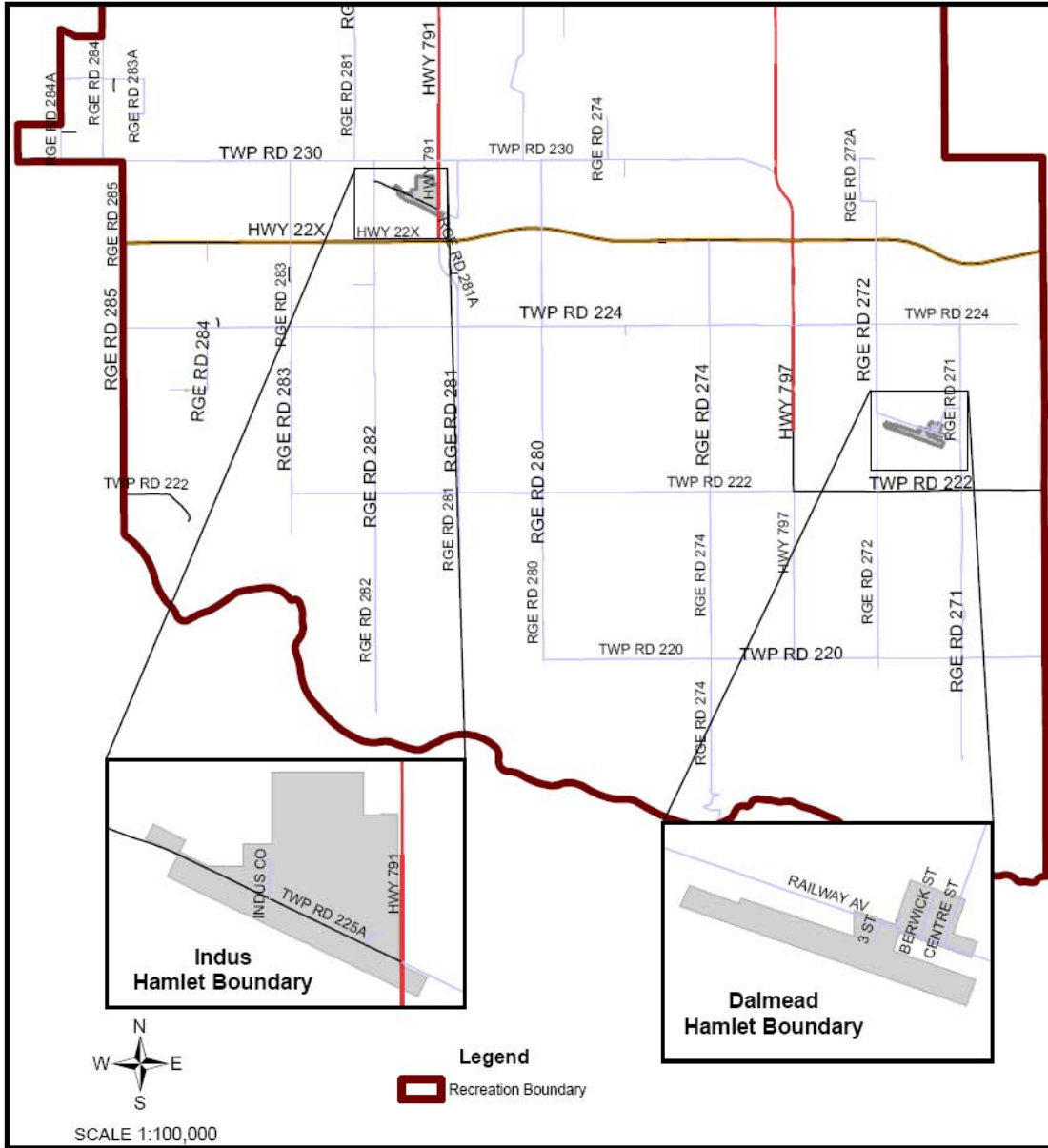
**Bow North Recreation District
Boundary**

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APPENDIX "D"

DALEMEAD & INDUS MAP



Rocky View
COUNTY

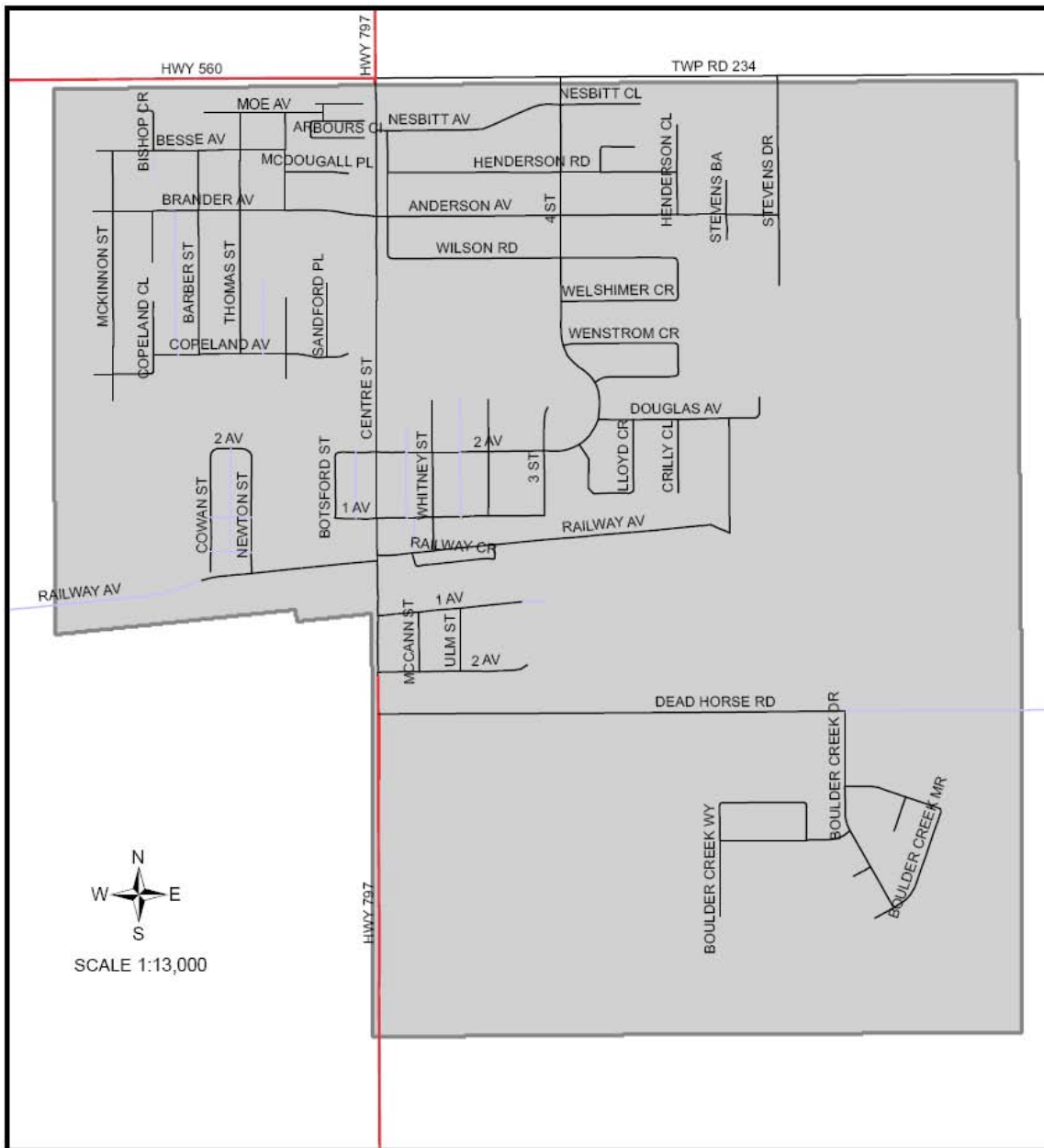
**Indus and Dalmead of
Bow North Recreation District**

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APPENDIX "E"

LANGDON MAP



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**Langdon of
Bow North Recreation District**

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