



Plateau Mountain Ecological Reserve

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Actions: We drove to the Plateau Mountain Road access and walked along the road to the first well site (about 4km), and returned the same way. The weather was extremely challenging - very strong winds and snow falling in near white-out conditions. This precluded a more comprehensive review of the area

Key matters arising:

- a) There is no signage on the gate at the southern access (Plateau Mountain Road). A large sign is required stating that the area beyond the gate is an ecological reserve and detailing the various activities which are not allowed.
- b) There is one instance of a vehicle, likely an ATV, shortcutting a large bend on the road. As a result of the weather conditions it was not possible to judge how old the tracks are. The ecological reserve looks secure from access to vehicles - the gate is secure and the related fence comprehensive enough. It seems likely that the tracks are caused by a person with permission to access the area on an ATV, probably an oil field worker, however, there is no proof. This issue will be reviewed in more detail at a spring visit.
- c) The first well site is well maintained.
- d) All other observations were "as expected".



