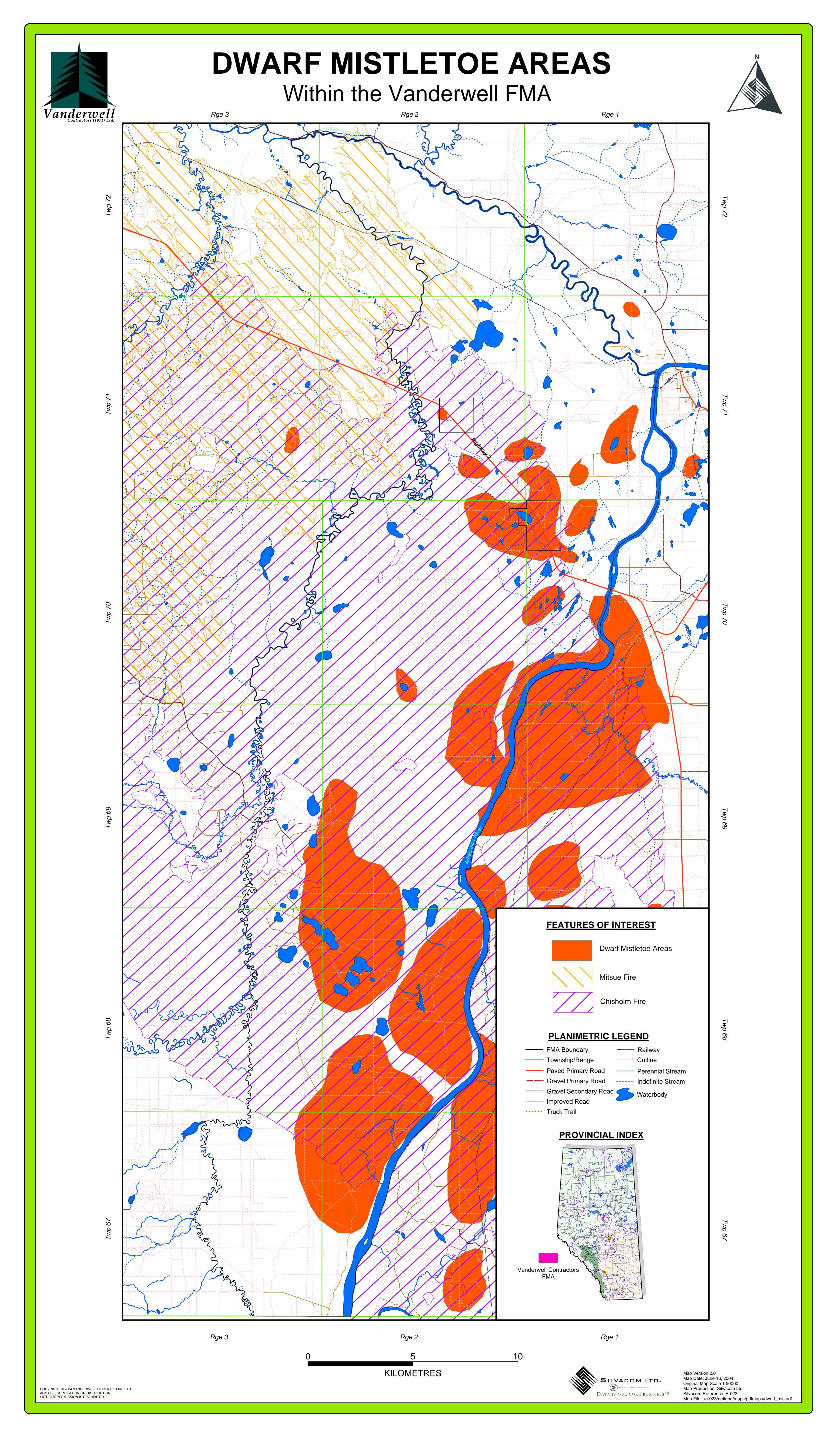


# **5.6 Forest Health**

# 5.6.1 Dwarf Mistletoe

Portions of pine areas in the Vanderwell FMA have been identified as having the parasitic plant dwarf mistletoe (<u>Arceuthobium americanum</u>) present. Map 5-13 shows these areas. Many of the infected stands have since burned in the Chisholm fire.



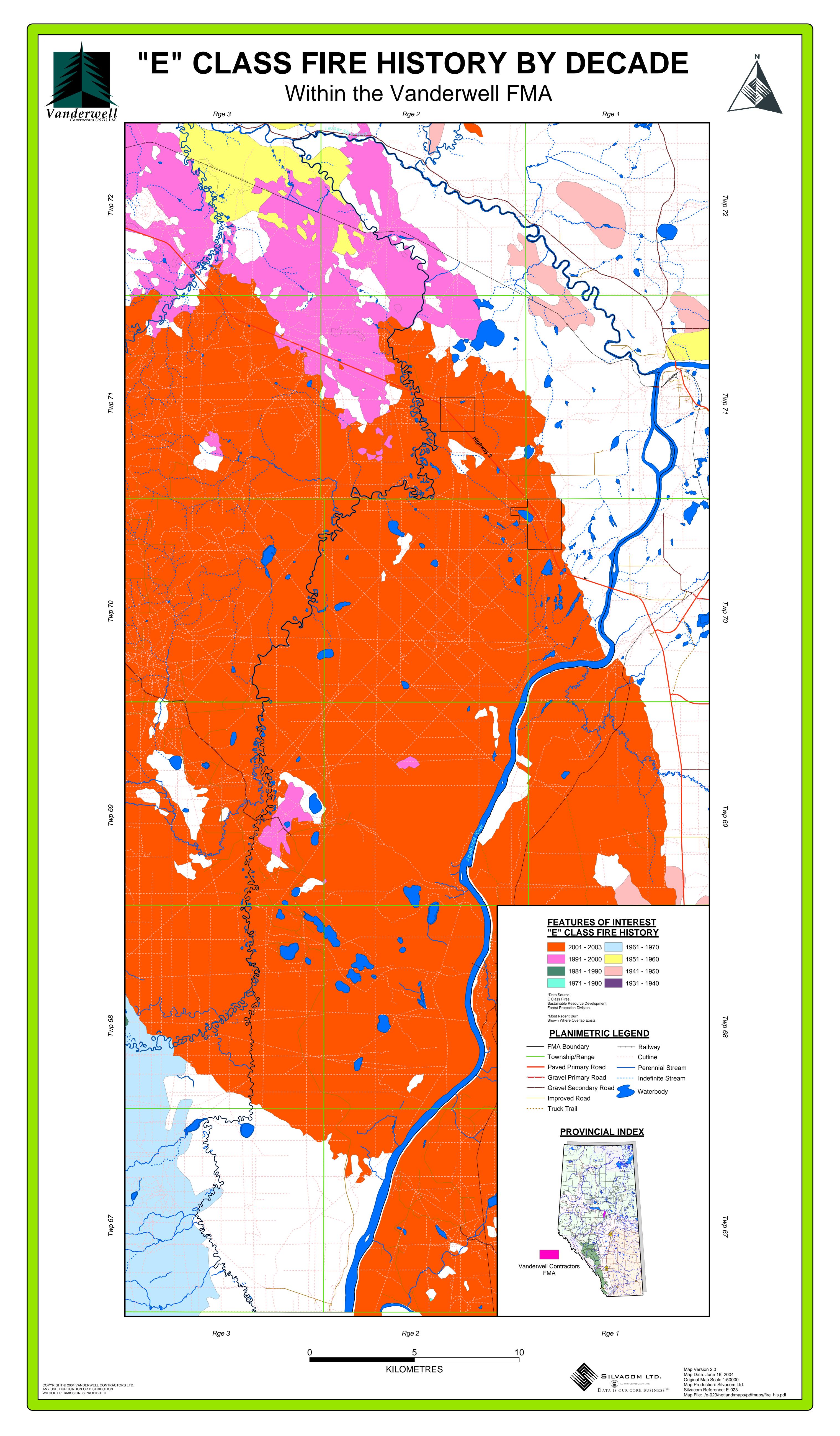


### **5.7 Forest Protection**

# 5.7.1 Fire History

The consequences of fire have dramatically affected the Vanderwell FMA area. As a result of the Mitsue and Chisholm fires in 1998 and the Chisholm fire in 2001, most of the FMA has been burned in the last five years. The FMA area has also been impacted by fires that predate the Mitsue and Chisholm burns. Map 5-14 shows the "E" class fires that have occurred in the FMA and surrounding area between 1931 and 2003. Fires greater than 200 hectares in size are classified as "E" class fires.





## 5.7.2 Values at Risk

As a result of the recent Chisholm and Mitsue fires, 69% of the FMA gross area has been burned. Many of the potential values at risk were lost in these fires. Of the remaining unburned areas, values at risk include mature timber and cutblocks. Map 5-15 displays these areas.



