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October 31, 2021

Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
PO Box 8700
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Attention: Director of Environmental Assessment:

Please find enclosed 3 paper copies of the EA Registration Document for our proposed snowmobile trail undertaking located near Lewisporte.

A digital copy of the document and a Google Earth(.kml) file outlining the proposed location is included. As a non-profit, I understand that there is no fee for this review. A copy of the CADO registration is attached. If there are any issues with this, please let us know ASAP.

I trust you will find everything is in order. If you require any further information please feel free to contact us at the above address.

Thank you,



Jason Pond
President, NDSA

NAME OF UNDERTAKING: Notre Dame Snowmobile Association(NLSF) Munroe's Pond Bypass Trail

PROPONENT:

(i) Name of Corporate Body: Notre Dame Snowmobile Association, Member of the Provincial Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation

(ii) Address:

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(iii) Chief Executive Officer

Name: Jason Pond

Official Title: President

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THE UNDERTAKING:

(I) Nature of the undertaking: Snowmobile Trail – Winter only use

(II) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking:

To provide an alternate route for snowmobilers to travel and connect Lewisporte to the main T’Railway. The branch rail line into Lewisporte is plowed by cabin owners to Munroe’s Pond and cannot be travelled any longer by snowmobile during the winter.

The purpose of this development is solely to provide winter access into Lewisporte for snowmobilers.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:

(I) Geographical Location:

The Proposed snowmobile trail connects existing access roads to the main T’railway just west of Indian Arm Pond. See the attached sketch showing the location of proposed trail. A google earth kmz file is also included.

The proposed trail is bounded to the North by an access road referred locally as “Salt Shed Road” and bounded to the South by the provincial cross island T’railway.

A significant portion of the trail (~1.5 Km) will be on an old existing forest access road.

(II) Physical Features:

The undertaking will consist of clearing vegetation along a corridor of approximately 3 Kilometers running from the Salt Shed Forest Access road south to the Provincial T’railway.

About 1.5 Kilometers of this proposed route follows an existing forest access road that is currently encroached with alders.

The remaining 1.5 Kilometers will follow some wetland/softwood scrub areas before connecting to the T’railway. The trail will be located on the drier, more upland spruce stands.

The current vegetation cover consists primarily of softwood scrub and softwood (spruce/larch/balsam fir) stands with some mixed hardwoods. Several bogs are also interspersed throughout the proposed area. Bog and wetland areas will not be disturbed in this undertaking.

The Proposed trail will not be visible from any public highway. There are no power lines, ATV or walking trails in or around the proposed trail location.

The trail is located within a PPWSA. A permit is already in place for the proposed development.

(III) Construction:

Construction required for this undertaking will be limited to clearing vegetation along the proposed route, to allow snowmobiles and groomers to travel the route during winter months.

Clearing will take place using a combination of a mechanical mulcher and manual cutters using brush saws and chainsaws.

Potential sources of pollutants during the construction phase would be limited to exhaust from heavy equipment used in the clearing operation, (excavator, chainsaws, brush saws), as well as a minimal risk of fuel spillage during fueling operations. To reduce environmental damage in the event of a spill, on site spill kits and onboard equipment spill kits will be readily available. All fueling will be conducted in compliance with the PPWSA permit conditions.

(IV) Operation:

The operation will consist of a groomed snowmobile trail used by snowmobiles and trail grooming equipment during the winter months, typically January to April.

This route is not anticipated to be used outside of the winter season. ATV's will continue to travel the railbed branch line into Lewisporte. Only snowmobilers are impacted by the plowing of the branchline by cabin owners, from Notre Dame Junction to Munroe's Pond.

Potential sources of pollutants during the operation phase would be limited to exhaust from the equipment used to clear the trail (mulchers, brush and chainsaws), as well as minimal risk of fuel spillage during fueling operations. All fueling will be in accordance with PPWSA requirements.

The nearest water sources are Indian Arm Pond and Munroe's Pond, which are located more than 500 metres to the east and west, respectively of the proposed trail. The topography in the area is gentle.

There are no residential or cabin developments within close proximity of the proposed development.

(v) Occupants:

This proposed trail would require 1 Heavy equipment Operators and several labourers during the development stages.

The breakdown of occupations anticipated for this undertaking according to the National Occupational Classification 2006 will be:

7521 – Heavy equipment operators

7611 – Construction trades helpers and labourers

All work carried out will be done using volunteers and contractor(s), as necessary. NDSA normally has provincial government funded grants (JCP, CEEP) to assist with project execution.

(vi) Project Related documents:

A Crown Lands application has been submitted and an application to Water Resources has been submitted. A permit has been obtained from Water Resources to operate with the PPWSA.

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

The main permit required for this undertaking is a Crown Lands License to Occupy, to be issued by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. The Crown Lands Division has referred the application to other Departments including, Municipal Affairs and Climate Change, Transportation and Works, Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, Tourism, and ServiceNL.

A commercial cutting permit issued by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will be required to clear and uproot the onsite vegetation.

A permit to operate and conduct the proposed development within the PPWSA has been obtained from Water Resources Division.

SCHEDULE:

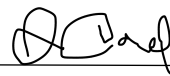
The earliest start date for this project would be upon approval of the project, targeting late 2021-Early 2022.

FUNDING:

This undertaking does not depend upon any grant or loan of capital funds from any government agency. Labour requirements may be obtained from support of Provincial JCP and CEEP programs.

Sept 19, 2021

Date



Jason Pond
President, NDSA



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Companies and Deeds Online - CADO

Detailed Company Information

Company Name: Notre Dame Snowmobile Association (NDSA) Inc.

In Good Standing

Company Number:	80176	Corporation Type:	Company
Status:	Active	Category:	Local
Last Annual Return:	2020-08-31	Business Type:	Without Share Capital
Incorporation Jurisdiction:	NL	Filing Type:	Incorporation Without Share Capital
Incorporation Date:	2017-09-07	Min/Max Directors:	3 / 6

Additional Information:

(Latest addresses on file)

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Current Directors

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Director Name

Greg Ash

Nathan Hoffe

Barbara Hutchings

Mackenzie Mullett

Jason Pond

Brian Snow



SaltShed Rd

**Existing Route
No Longer
Viable**

**Munroe's
Pond**

**Existing
Road/Trail
from
Saltshed
road to Bog**

**Indian
Arm**

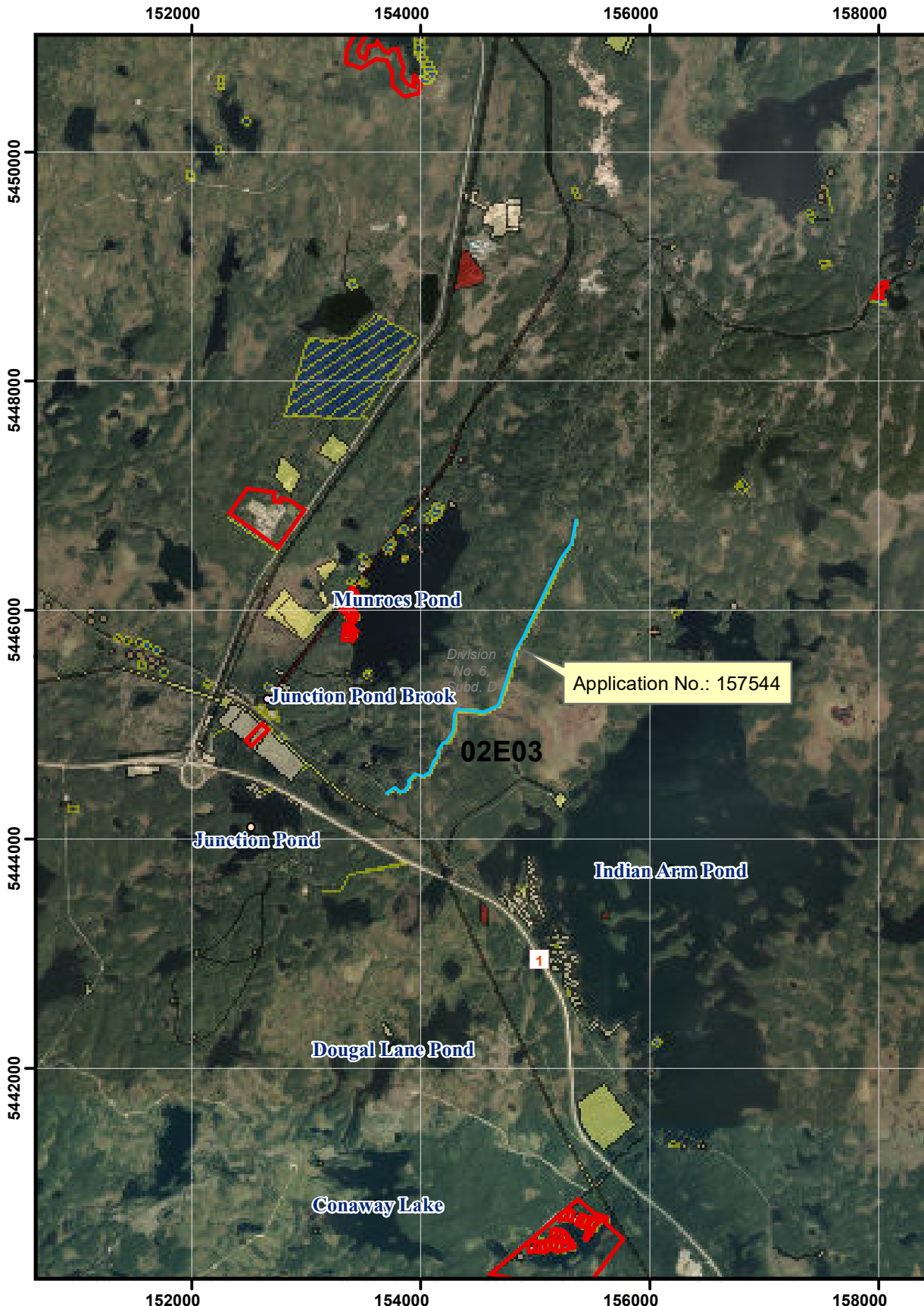
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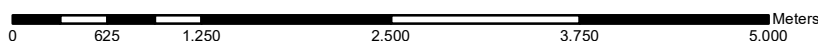
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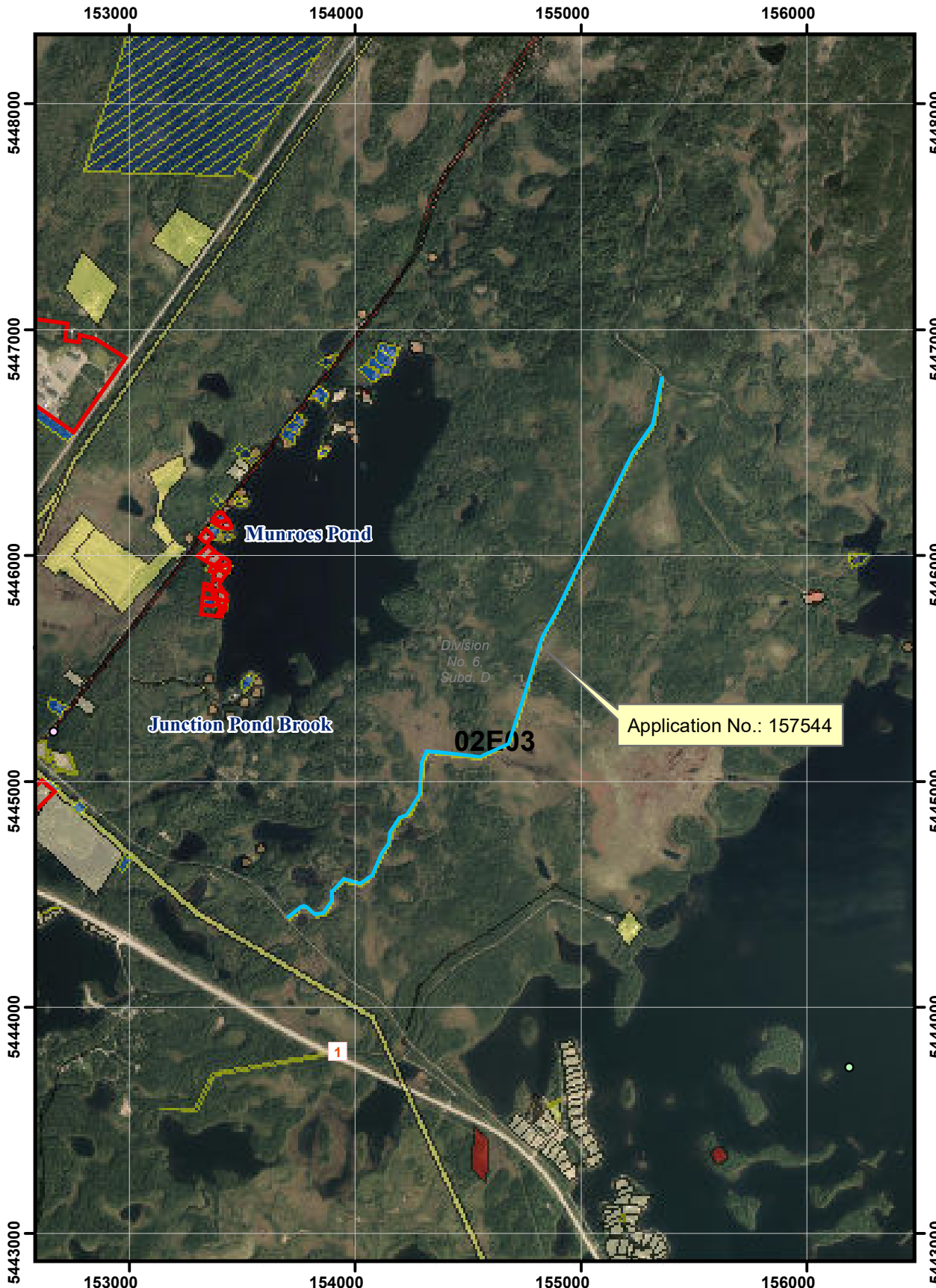
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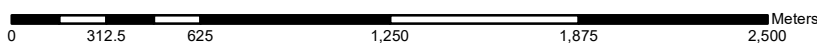
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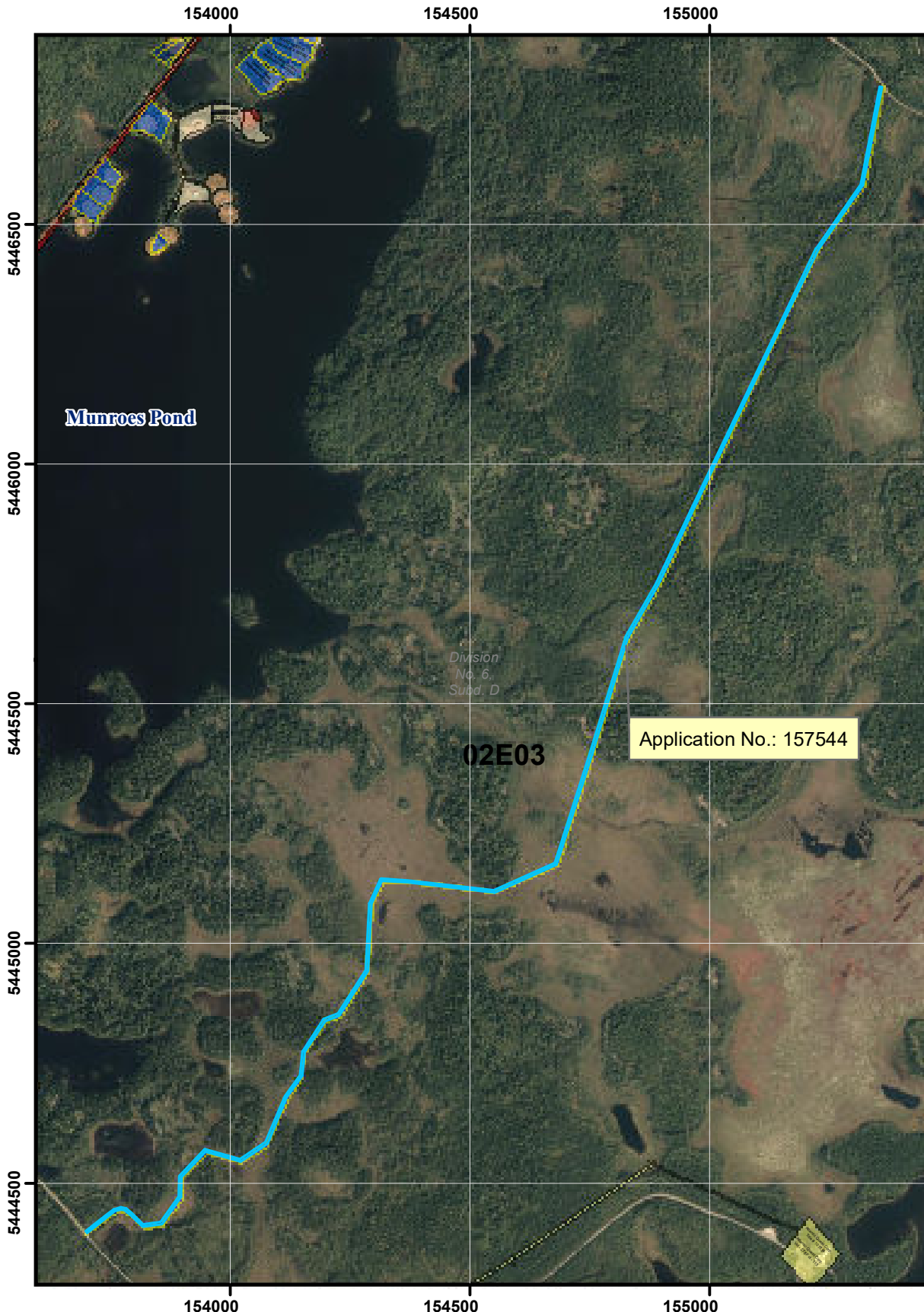
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