Mass Movements

Calabria, Italy

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9CeDGY5QuQ

Avalanche and Glacial Outburst Flood, Alps, France

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIGTirtRP4c

Unknown location, possibly Pakistan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XC9AqJlaCj4



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How to cause a landslide: (1) Load the head, (2) Reduce the toe

FIGURE 9.7

A hillslope of homogeneous materials may fail along an arcuate basal surface. The slope is in equilibrium when a drivin mass portion is kept from moving by a resisting-mass portion. Adding to the driving mass or removing from the resistir mass can cause a landslide. Does this situation bring to mind any construction practices in your area?

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Lateral spread

Rainfall February 1996 Impact in Washington State



Figure 6. Radar imagery for February 7, 1996 showing high estimated-precipitation cells centered southeast of Mount St. Helens and along the Columbia River gorge near Dodson, Oregon where several large debris flows damaged houses and closed both I-84 and the Burlington Northern rail lines (Reprinted courtesy of WSI Corporation).



Figure 10 Head-scarn area of shumn-dehris flow shown in figure 9



Figure 9. Large slumpdebris flow located about 5 mi west of Stella, Washington on SH–4.



Figure 11. Rock fall next to a house on Perkins Way in northern Seattle. Rock fall is a secondary failure on a larger rotational slump whose failure surface projects beneath the house and Perkins Way.



Figure 16. Block slidedebris flow that destroyed house shown in figure 15. House is at bottom right of photo. Near-vertical cliff in headscarp is about 150 ft high.

US 12 east of Wenom¹²₁₂WA



Figure 18. Slump north of Woodland, Washington that covered I-5 and the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe rail line.



Figure 19. Small slump in northwest Vancouver that destroyed a residence located next to a steep slope bordering an old river terrace.



Figure 20. Headscarp area of deep-seated, complex rotational slump-earthflow in subdivision in Stevenson, Washington. Landslide has resulted in removal of three houses and has threatened six or seven additional residences.

North Stevenson: West of Loop Road and Maple Hill Road junction



Figure 22. Aerial oblique view of Stevenson landslide. At center right is foundation shown in figure 21. Arrows denote additional extension fractures upslope from fractures shown in figures 20 and 21.

Rainfall February 1996

Impact in Oregon



Figure 4. Rainfall data from 1974 to 2001 in Portland, Oregon. This graph shows that rainfall varies from <30 to >70 inches/year.

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Figure 3. Seven years of monthly rainfall data in Portland, Oregon. This graph shows the variability in rainfall pattern, which directly affects landslide occurrences.



Landslides from the 1996 and 1997 storms (Hofmeister, 2000)

Probable Landslides





Figure 1. The Capes private housing community experienced landslide and coastal erosion damage associated with the 1997-8 El Nino event. Residents were evacuated and short-term mitigation was implemented. Long-term mitigation options, which need to 21 accommodate coastal building regulations, are still being evaluated. Photo: Paul Komar



Dodson, OR 1996 Debris flow





Figure 5. A debris flow destroyed this 2-story residence in Dodson, Oregon in the February 1996 FEMA-OR-1099-OR disaster.

Other Places, Other Times



December 2007, US 30 Woodson, Oregon http://www.oregonlive.com/weather/index.ssf/2012/12/threat_of_heavy_rain_on_satura.html



Wilson River Highway 1991

Figure 4. Rockslide that occurred along the Wilson River Highway (Hwy 6) in 1991. Though not a debris flow, this hazardous area is identified by the Further Review Area model. (Photo courtesy of Susanne L. D'Agnese. Oregon Department of Transportation)



Figure 14. The 1993 Klamath Falls earthquake triggered a fatal rockfall on US I-97.





Figure 10. Cape Foulweather landslide. The downslope lanes of coastal US Highway 101 was damaged from a fill slope failure in December 1999. Repair work lasted about one month. (ODOT photo)



Figure 11. Cape Cove Landslide. A damaging landslide interrupted traffic in both directions of US Highway 101 in January 2000. Repair work forced an approximate three-month road closure. (ODOT photo)



The Bridge of the Gods: Bonneville Slide



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Some Landslide Cautions . .



Figure 18. Geomorphic features that can aid in the identification of historic debris flows. (Diagram courtesy of Tom Pierson)



Figure 23. Typical highest hazard home locations: near channel mouths and at the base of very steep slopes. (Illustration courtesy of Oregon Department ³⁹ of Forestry)

Some Floods

Houston, May 2015

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnD3D-4fA9c

Portland, OR February 1996

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AGSFFOSfz0

Some flash floods in the Mojave Desert

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kV4aF4AZtY0

Flash flood in the Narrows, Zion National Park

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3akkSEGFhI

Flooding

What is a flood? What causes floods?

- 1. High tides
- 2. Storms Surges
- 3. Extreme Rainfall



Surface Percolation Path

Aeration Zone Pw < Pa

Water Table Pw = Pa

Unconfined Ground Water Pw > Pa ⁴²

Ground water flow in the Subsurface



During extreme rainfall, all streams become gaining streams. During a flood, rainfall exceeds percolation into the subsurface

Historical Floods



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1996 Chehalis, Washington



1996: I-5 at Centralia, WA



1996 Portland looking south from Broadway Bridge



Other Floods

The Dallas, 1894 (?)



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June 14, 1903 Heppner OR



May 1948 Vanport Flood



Johnson Creek 1964



Oaks Bottom and Amusement Park 1964





Tillamook, Oregon January, 2009



Trask River in flood, January 2011



Archimedes' Principle

The buoyant force on an object is equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by that object





Some Water Physics Facts

- Water weighs 62.4 pounds/cubic foot, and cars displace a lot of it
- The pressure exerted by moving water increases with the square of its velocity
- Water, sand and mud reduce the frictional forces that hold a car in place
- Water clarity and lighting conditions conceal the condition of the roadway beneath you

Fighting a Losing Battle



- Width: 5.5 feet
- Length: 14 feet
- Ground Clearance: 10
 inches
- Weight: 3,400 pounds

However, 1 foot of water displaced by this vehicle weighs: (5.5' x 14' x 1' x 62.4 lbs./cu.ft.) = 4,805 pounds

Something a Little Bigger



- Width: 6 feet
- Length: 18 feet
- Ground Clearance: 18 inches
- Weight: 5,040 pounds

1 foot of water displaced by this vehicle weighs: (6' x 18' x 1' x 62.4 lbs./cu.ft.) = 6,739 pounds



Stream Forces on Humans



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YiB2-yHyuo

