



GEOG 492/592 Presentation: Modeling Landslides with Transportation Network

Project Group #8
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Project Overview 1

- Goal #1 was to determine a model that would predict likely landslide locations
- Area for study was Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties.
- Initially, Multi-Criteria-Evaluation was the proposed model for this project.
- Found it was difficult to determine weights for the many different soil types, landcovers.
- A statistic method - logistical regression was decided to work well with the variables we had available



Project Overview 2

- Goal #2 was to determine the impact on the transportation network
- Did not get too far on this goal!

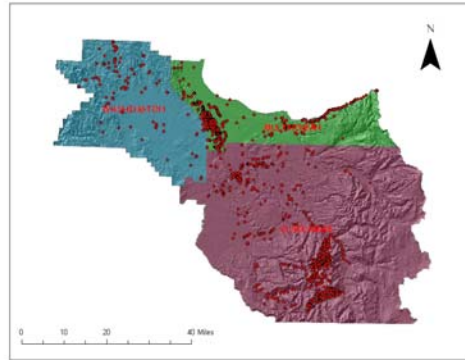


Data Sources

- Landslide events from 1996-1997
 - These represent a 100-year event. Assumed to be "worst case" of landslide events (ie the most events in a relatively small time frame).
- Soil Data
 - National Resource Conservation Service soil type .
 - Mostly related to local area, ie:
 - 9D Bull Run silt loam, 8 to 30 percent slopes
- Landcover
 - From USGS (National Landcover Database)
- Spatial Precipitation data
- Slope (derived from 10 meter DEMs)

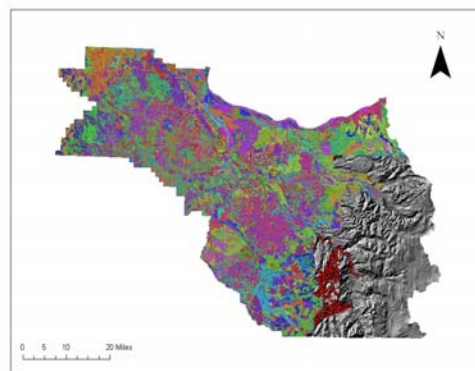
Landslide Data

- From Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries special paper #34
- Approximately 1000 landslide events in study area.
- These were spatially joined with the other data (soil type, landcover, precipitation, slope)
- Again, since from 1996/1997 assumed "worst case"



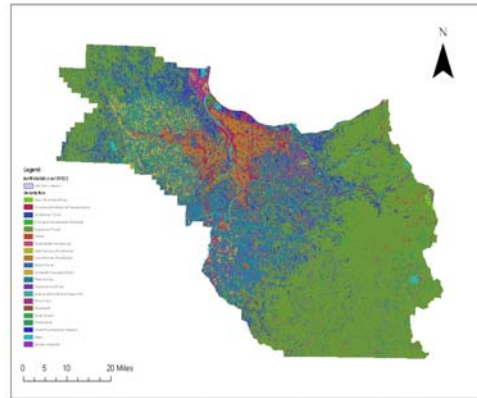
Soils Data

- Soil type data from National Resource Conservation Department
- Soil survey were not done for eastern Clackamas county. Tried using Mount Hood nation forest Soil Resource Inventory (SRI). Format was hard to relate with NRCD soil data.
- Excluded landslide events for this area.
- For logistical regression, the attributes of highly erodable/not highly erodable were used in a binary classification (1=highly erodable, 0=not highly erodable)



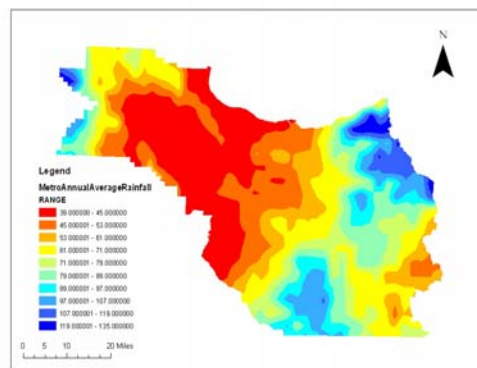
Landcover

- Landcover data from USGS National Land Cover Dataset.
- About 21 categories in study area.
- Reclassified these from 1 (low erosion potential) to 10 (high erosion) potential using total SWAG assumptions.



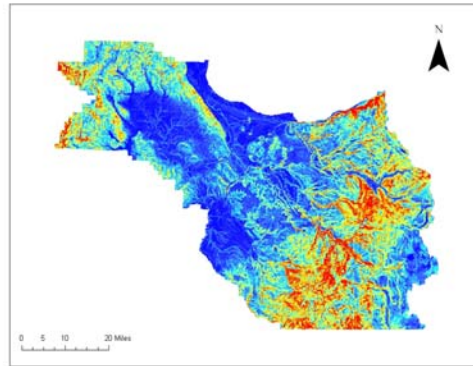
Rainfall

- Average annual rainfall from Oregon Climate Service at OSU



Slope

- Slope created from 10m DEM.



Methodology-Logistical Regression

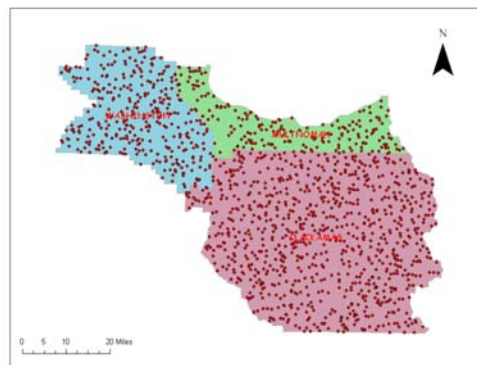
- As mentioned earlier, logisitical regression was chosen as a method to derive an model for landslides.
- According to Wikipedia: logistical regression is a statistical regression model for binary dependent variables.
- The modeled equation takes the form: $\log(p / 1 + p) = a + b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + \dots + b_kx_k$
- *The coefficients b1 to bk are predicted using maximum likelihood estimation.*
- *Maximum likelihood estimation is an iterative algorithm that attempts to estimate the population parameters that most likely produced the data.*

Methodology (Log. Reg. continued)

- For this project we used the a JavaScript based iterative tool at <http://www.members.aol.com/johnp71/logistic.html>
- We used 4 predictor variables from the datasets mentioned earlier: A binary soil classification (0=Not highly erodable, 1=highly erodable), A reclassified landcover, the annual average rainfall, and the slope.
- These were spatially joined with the landslide locations to create around 1000 prediction variable pairs.

Methodology (random samples)

- For additional data points we created a random sample of data points within the study area.
- This was done by creating a random raster with a cell size: slope (smallest raster cell size) with spatial analyst.
- This created many many values from 0-1.
- The number of values was reduced to ~1000 by only selecting the top 10% of the random values generated and by eliminating samples within 300 meters of landslide events.



Methodology (data table creation)

- The data table was created by spatially joining the four datasets with the landslide events and random samples.
- The resulting table was the data that was input to the Javascript tool.
- As mentioned earlier the output was soil erodable binary value, landcover reclassified, annual rainfall, slope (in degrees), and a binary flag indicating a landslide event occurred.

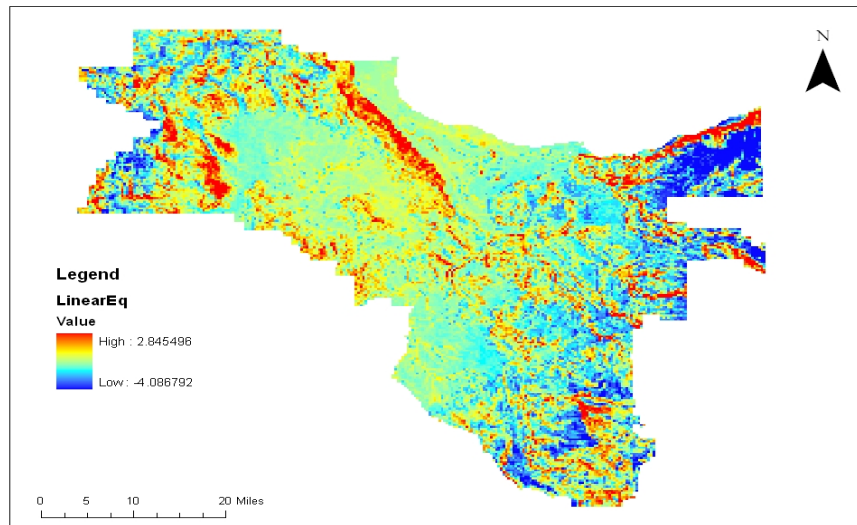
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Methodology (data table creation)

- Using the tool resulted in the output on the right.
- This was entered into the raster calculator as the following: $0.9215 - (0.4955 * [\text{SoilBinary}]) - (0.0728 * [\text{LandcoverRf}]) - (0.0349 * [\text{RPrecipt}]) + (0.1143 * [\text{Slope}])$

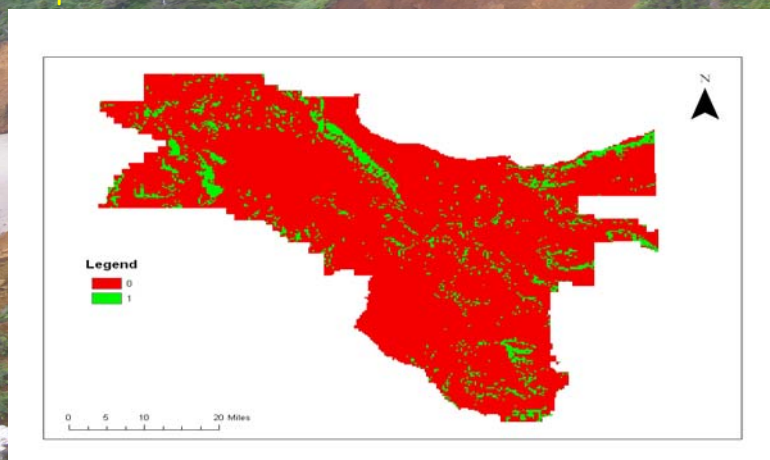
Variable	Coeff.	StdErr	p
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2	-0.0728	0.0344	0.0345
3	-0.0349	0.0036	0.0000
4	0.1143	0.0055	0.0000
Intercept	0.9215		

Methodology (Raster calculator output)



Methodology (Probability map)

- To get the final probabilities we use the equation $1/(1 + \text{EXP}(-[\text{LogisRegEq}]))$
- Also we can map only the $p > .5$ giving us the following map:



Methodology (Model Prediction Analysis)

- Empirically, it looks like the model predicted where you might guess should be a high probability of landslides (Portland West Hills, Columbia River Gorge, Coast Range).
- These areas have the steepest slopes in the study area and looking at the calculated coefficients shows that only slope has a positive coefficient (it is the only variable that increases the odds of a landslide event).
- In fact, since the other coefficients are negative, according to the model these decrease the likelihood of a landslide event.

Final "Analysis"

- Zoomed in to Forest Park Area to show some streets possibly affected (according to this model).
- Overall in study area about 1130 miles of roads/streets possibly affected.

