





Determining Stream Networks and Road Characteristics from a LiDAR-Derived DEM, Ashland Creek Watershed, Jackson County, OR

#### Objectives:

- 1) Determine the optimal DEM resolution for delineating stream networks
- Determine whether culvert burning can be used to delineate an accurate stream network from a 1-m DEM
- Determine whether the 1 meter DEM can be used to extract road features such construction type, tread width, gradient, and ditch relief features





Initial sedimentation from East North Tahoma road network - 42.10 tons/yr

Sediment delivery from East North Tahoma road network after redesigning the cross drain system - 13.12 tons/ year

(http://www.ruraltech.org/tools/culsed/)





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### **1M DEM Derived Stream Network**























### Locations of Manually Burned Culverts





**1M DEM Derived Stream Network** 





### 1M DEM (w/ Culverts) Derived Stream Network







Stream Heads - 70,000 Sq. Meter Accumulation Threshold











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#### Conclusions

-5 m best for delineating stream networks & watershed delineation

-1m required manual processing to delineate network; may be useful for identifying potential problem areas (i.e., areas where culvert failure may result in stream rerouting

-Culverts & water bars were not readily apparent on the DEM

-May be possible to automate extraction of a road network based on slope & curvature

-NEED GROUND TRUTHING (esp. culvert location data)

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Data:

LiDAR 1 meter 2006(Watershed Sciences / Siskiyou National Forest) National Hydrology Dataset (USGS) Roads/Streams US Forest Service) NAIP 1 meter Orthoimagery (2005) Nation Elevation Dataset 30 Meter DEM

References: Kaiser et. al., 2010 Tarolli et. al. 2009 Watershed sciences 2006 (http://www.ruraltech.org/tools/culsed/) WA DNR, 2004 Damian, 2003 http://hydrology.usu.edu/taudem/