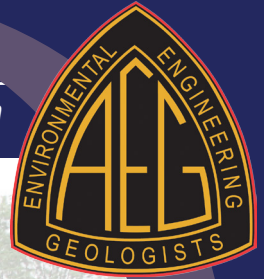


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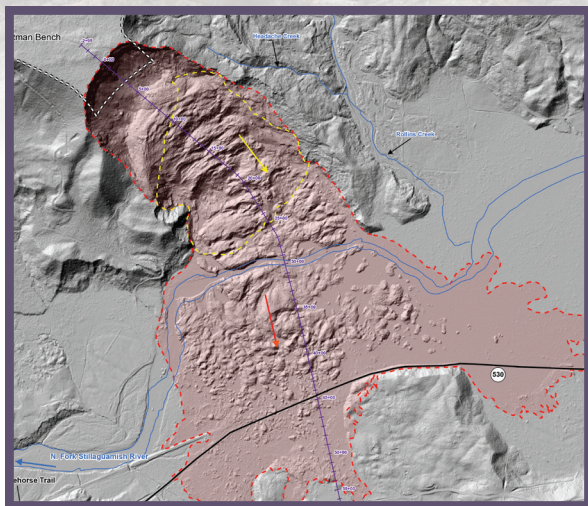
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Time to Face the Landslide Hazard Dilemma: Bridging Science, Policy, Public Safety, and Potential Loss



Recent prominent landslides in the U.S., such as the tragic March 2014 Oso Landslide in Snohomish County, WA, have resulted in significant loss of life and damage/cost to both private and public infrastructure and illustrate the current disconnect between landslide hazard assessment and the interests of the public. This AEG Professional Forum will bring together technical experts, federal/state/local government geologists, public officials and planners/regulators, and insurance and realty representatives, and media to discuss the next steps to use and communicate landslide data to better protect the public and infrastructure. The main objective of the conference is to develop strategies for bridging the gap between science, land use, and public interests so that the potential for future tragedies can be avoided or mitigated.



The conference will consist of two days (Thu-Fri) of presentations by invited speakers, posters, and discussion sessions regarding:

- *Landslide hazard assessment and risk methodology*
- *Integration of current national, state and local programs,*
- *What's working and what needs to improve*
- *Should we develop consensus recommendations and guidance for agencies responsible for land use*
- *Improving public communication and education*

There will also be an optional field trip to the Oso landslide and another recent landslide impacting several houses in Everett, WA on Saturday.



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