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2007 Landslide Symposium Report Now Available

Portland, Oregon: Landslides are a major geologic hazard in Oregon that can severely impact property and life. For a typical year, an estimated \$10 million is spent in Oregon repairing damage caused by landslides. In years of heavy rainfall (1996/1997), economic losses can exceed \$100 million.

On April 26–28, 2007, a statewide Landslide Symposium and two field trips focusing on landslides in Oregon was held in Portland. Sponsored by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG), the Landslide Symposium and field trips provided a forum for the exchange of information on the latest research, tools and techniques in understanding Oregon's landslide risks. The Symposium was attended by geotechnical practitioners, including engineering geologists and engineers from the private sector, government, and academia.

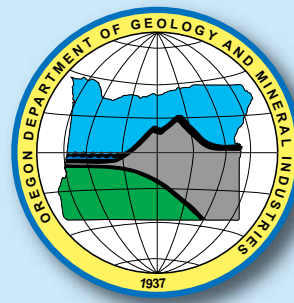
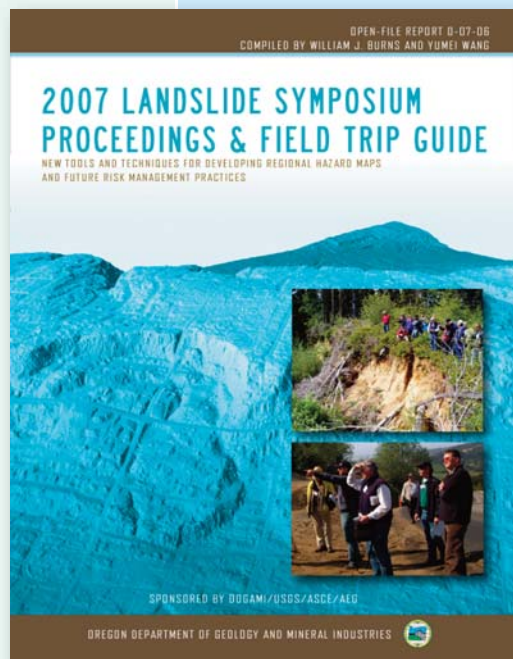
The Symposium and field trips introduced current research projects by DOGAMI and USGS, including those involving LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), and future map products. It also presented some risk reduction information and possible future risk management practices.

Open-File Report O-07-06, 2007 Landslide Symposium Proceedings and Field Trip Guide: New tools and techniques for developing regional hazard maps and future risk management practices, is a summary of the Landslide Symposium and includes presentation summaries, posters, the 24 page field trip guide and many of the PowerPoint presentations. The report was compiled by William J. Burns and Yumei Wang, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

This Open File Report (O-07-06) is available on CD-ROM for \$10. It can be purchased from the Nature of the Northwest Information Center (NNW), 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 177, Portland, Oregon, 97232. You may also call NNW at (503) 872-2750 or order online at <http://www.naturenw.org>. There is a \$4

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