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# LANDSLIDE HAZARDS IN CALIFORNIA

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## INTRODUCTION

Each year thousands of individual landslides occur as a result of natural, ongoing erosional processes. Landslides activated by natural processes are common in many areas of California, especially along the coastal region. The areal size of a landslide can range from several square feet to several square miles. Slide thicknesses may range from less than a foot to several hundred feet. Landslides vary both in type and rate of movement. The movement of landslide material may be rapid or so slow that a change can be noted only over a period of weeks, months, or years. Specific factors that can cause or contribute to the failure of rock or soil on slopes are (1) weakness of the slope material, (2) steep or undermined slopes, (3) unfavorable geologic structural conditions, (4) prolonged precipitation, (5) absence or sparsity of vegetative cover, and (6) ground shaking, usually from earthquakes but occasionally from blasting and construction work.

When man's activities are superimposed on natural conditions without regard for their impact, severe property damage, sometimes with loss of life or injuries, is the result. For example, landslide losses in the state during the 1968-69 rain season were conservatively estimated to be approximately \$32 million. Damage from the 1978 storms within the city of Los Angeles alone has been estimated at about \$50 million.

Actual figures for total economic cost of landsliding in California for any particular year or group of years are not available. However, as an example of the

magnitude of the problem in one rapidly urbanizing southern California county—Orange County—available information shows that over 40 major bedrock landslides have occurred in urbanized areas within the county between 1966 and 1983. Each had an ultimate economic cost of over \$200,000, and the total economic loss was over \$40 million. Included within this is the Bluebird Canyon landslide which accounted for \$12 to \$15 million of this total. The only fatal landslide that occurred in Orange County was a mudflow-debris flow in Silverado Canyon in 1969 which took five lives. Altogether more than 1,200 massive landslides have been mapped in the hillsides and bluffs of Orange County and an additional 1,000+ possible landslides have been identified.

The most recent landslides, an indication of the continuing and costly landslide problem in California, include the Devil's Slide area in San Francisco/San Mateo counties, the Highway 50 landslide in El Dorado County, the recently reactivated Big Rock Mesa landslide at Malibu Beach in Los Angeles County, the Love Creek landslide in Santa Cruz County, and Verde Canyon landslide in Orange County.

## CDMG LANDSLIDE STUDIES

The primary mission of the Geologic Hazards Program of the Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG) is to provide basic geology information to the public and to local agencies so that they will be better informed of geologic conditions within their jurisdiction. As a result of cooperative

programs with cities and counties, CDMG has prepared basic geologic and special slope stability maps for use by local environmental and engineering departments, many of which have no geologists on their staffs. CDMG's landslide information has been incorporated in General Plan elements and ordinances to determine if geologic reports are needed for particular developments and to guide city or county geologists in the preparation of geologic reports.

CDMG began "landslide mapping" in 1960 in the Palos Verdes Hills of Los Angeles County. This modest effort was the first project of many cooperative matching-fund agreements with local government.

In 1962 a program was begun to study the south front of the San Gabriel Mountains from San Bernardino County on the east to the area of Mt. Wilson on the west. This investigation was a cooperative effort of CDMG with the Department of County Engineer, Los Angeles County, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The passage of legislation (SB 703) in 1965 enabled the Division to increase emphasis on investigations of geologic hazards, such as earthquakes and landslides, by allowing CDMG to establish cost-sharing and cooperative agreements with local governmental agencies, other state agencies, and Federal agencies.

In March 1980, for the first time, CDMG was authorized, required, and funded by legislative act (AB 1571) to

carry out a specific slope stability investigation. This now completed study was partly in the city of Los Angeles and partly in Los Angeles County in the Baldwin Hills area, including portions of the communities of Culver City, View Park, and Windsor Hills.

CDMG's Geologic Hazards program has resulted in major reports and publications. One study in 1973 resulted in the publication of the "Urban Geology Master Plan for California" as CDMG Bulletin 198. The purpose of this report was to determine the magnitude and costs of geologic hazards in California and make recommendations for their mitigation. One of the major findings of the study was that approximately \$10 billion in landslide damage would occur in the state between 1970 and 2000 if the 1972 loss-prevention practices were to continue unchanged. At the same time CDMG projected that rigorous application of all measures available in 1972 could reduce this 30-year loss by 90 percent at an estimated cost of approximately \$1 billion during the same period (Bulletin 198, p. 96-97).

These estimates are in 1972 dollars and are undoubtedly low in relation to today's standards. But, they illustrate two important points about the landslide hazard that are as true today as they were then: first, that the application of known mitigative measures can significantly reduce landslide losses; and second, that the amount saved in decreased property damage from landslides as a result of these mitigative measures will far exceed the cost of implementing mitigative measures.

CDMG responds to specific geologic events that involve public safety or that provide a "laboratory" to document the case history of a specific event. Examples include investigations of storm-related slope failures in the Los Angeles region in 1978, 1979, 1980; and emergency support services to seven counties and 10 cities in the San Francisco Bay region in January 1982.

Also, special studies or programs are conducted in cooperation with other state agencies. Most of the effort has been with the Department of Forestry in providing geologic expertise in the review of timber harvest plans where there are problems of erosion, slope stability, and landsliding. Several slope stability studies have been done for Department of Parks and Recreation.

## AB 101 LANDSLIDE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Many legislative bills are introduced concerning land use and some of them touch on use of engineering or geoscience in land-use decisions. A bill of current interest is AB 101, signed into law by the Governor in summer 1983. Before AB 101, existing law provided that the State Geologist may conduct, with the assistance of Federal and local agencies, investigations to identify geologic hazards in and adjacent to metropolitan areas. Now, AB 101 requires the Director of the Department of Conservation to establish within the Division of Mines and Geology a program to map landslide hazards. Such mapping is to be based on guidelines and priorities adopted by the State Mining and Geology Board. Priorities adopted by the Board shall reflect the severity of the landslide hazard, the willingness of agencies to share the cost of mapping within their jurisdictions, the availability of existing information, and the need to supplement information used in existing landslide hazard abatement or prevention programs.

Information developed by this program will be provided to local government for use in planning and decision making that affects building, grading, and development permits. The geologic information developed by the Department of Conservation to be properly utilized where land-use decisions are involved requires the local engineers and building officials to have a vital role in mitigation of landslide problems.

## EFFECTIVE MITIGATION

The key to the successful mitigation of the landslide hazard potential lies in the enactment of adequate building and grading codes based on sound geologic information with adequate enforcement by local government. The state's role is to provide basic data surveys and overview of the region, but not a lot-by-lot assessment. The state may provide, for example, studies of geologic formations known to be landslide prone; maps that identify old landslide areas; and maps showing landslide propensity as derived from basic geologic studies, slope angle, and other factors. These studies are helpful from a statewide, regional, or area perspective but leave specific site evaluation to the landowners and their consultants, and those local agencies closest to the problem. The actual site development studies and plans should be done by the private

sector with the local agency reviewing and inspecting the work.

The number of damaging landslides can be significantly reduced by three general preventive actions. These actions include:

1. Delineation of landslide localities—basic data surveys to identify existing and potential landslide problems, and special studies of key factors of slope stability such as problems in a particular geologic formation, vegetation, rainfall, and slope. These studies are done by technical agencies such as the California Division of Mines and Geology, the U.S. Geological Survey, some local agencies with geologic capability, and by contract with private geotechnical firms.
2. Commitment to strong planning and enforcement—general geotechnical planning, and rigorous building and grading code enforcement by local government. This activity is generally done through the County Engineer Department. In providing for public safety from geologic hazards, there is no substitute for ordinances or regulations based on good geologic information that are well written and carefully enforced. The Department's geologic mapping programs have helped to provide this basic geologic information to support local agency planning and enforcement programs.
3. Implementation of the geologic knowledge and grading codes at each building site. Multistaged site-specific geotechnical investigations by private consultants before and during construction.

## SUMMARY

Landslides and related slope failures in California are responsible for extensive economic losses due to damage and destruction of property, as well as exacting a tragic human toll in injury or death. As urban development further encroaches upon hillside and mountainous terrain, the losses due to slope failure will inevitably mount unless specific action is directed toward identifying hazardous terrain prior to development, and mitigating measures are provided for unstable slopes.

In the future, mitigation of the landslide problem will call for detailed geotechnical evaluation of both potential and existing landslides. Local agencies and private consultants will use this information to solve specific problems. ☒

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to Rex Brown →

1. just started to read three  
Corayne + Ralph + Rex --  
Corayne be the tanmow

2. Has trouble w/ amount  
this year vs next year

has trouble w/ costs vs accomplishments

3. Is in trailer between two Wd 95  
in area and Saturday trailer

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Meeting with CEM  
Lorraine Taper, Les Brown, Ralph Finley (?)  
Stu, DF, Pau -

Key question Stu - does it make sense to expand construction

Key - wants to identify in other leadership regards -

- explore into further to find geologic reasons for strikes - high water table, rhy, red, etc.

- How could we avoid probs -

- have been showing private help - CEAL/CEMG to cover state

FEMA will prob get required to cost share with mitigation 52-52.

State also no ability, even, applying similar cost - operating contractors also can help

People -

- no taking @ riskin doing what that would be triggered by ERM -  
- there's money needed for long-term maintenance -

FEMA is in business of recognizing hazards to "lifelines" -  
 If into a research thing, into a USGS thing -  
 FEMA - no research \$ -  
 Hazards Relief Act 1977  
 USGS gets lions share, to go to research  
 FEMA gets only a lot for mitigation -  
 FEMA limited to public facilities and loss of life -

Surplus States - Crayon  
 - will address flood stuff - this year may change  
 - she is talking w/ her boss  
 - would entertain a proposal from us -- would want it this way  
 - is worried about our coord of USGS -

Res -  
 Research - wants product to hand to people to specify these are probs, there are mitigation measures -

Natural Disaster Act 1974  
 Hazard Reduction Act 1977 - Earthquake

- Lorayne
  - couple of weeks to pull proposal together -
  - assessment reports needed -
  - avoid about 10 sites -

Ralph - they are more interested in wanting dams than slides  
 - 2810 people would have to be evacuated in Placer if Deer Creek went -

- per 10 is a good number.

- watching County funds - would want a product for their area

FEMA - always wants local \$ to match - there is little \$

- have a better chance w/ FEMA as CEMERF than CEM does -

FEMA has Demolition Projects - can be big bucks -  
 - contact on this stuff - Lorayne can give name -

- we might hear on CEM fudg after Special Session  
 - after Cyber Day -  
 - She wants her boss, at 900 - w/ Sam Faulstich -

- 9<sup>00</sup> Friday

- budget broken out in detail  
and look-up for all of budget

- 380K not scary if we can justify it.

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meeting of Doug Stan, after, etc.

1. Budget

- Dale - pmw

- McCarter - come up this afternoon

- Dunc. -

2. Text - critique text

Wright, Dennis, Stan, McCarter, Green

3. Writing assignments -

Instructions - Green, McCarter  
Overall - Fishy  
Rescripts - word

Call Dee Howard's  
office.

They are in charge  
of inspecting dams



Call the number

three

from me in order

of my property

## McCarter's Suggestions

27 July 84

1. Cost of installation, monitoring etc could go sky high if area is difficult to get to.  
Foot, helicopter, etc  
-- put contingency in  
say "up to 10 sites" -
2. Say we will monitor as many sites as possible  
-- don't promise co.
3. It's a big project -- Kim's afraid it will not all come off given the time frame -
4. UGMS proposal - to state  
- mobile van w/ instruments to respond to emergencies  
Receiver in van.
5. Kim suggests we chase dams -- maybe rather than slides -
6. Weakest part is relationship between physical event and its cause  
pore pressure - piezometer  
precip  
ground temp  
upliftation (wanted)

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Landslide Proposal

1. Research Strategy

- (a) Instruct up to 10 slide area, weather permitting
- (b) do brief geologic assessment of area in 1-2 field days to assess in place of monitor devices
- (c) Select ~~the~~ 1 or 2 slide areas for more intensive research that show potential or incipient movement as well as 1 or 2 hole areas that do not move - a comparative study.

- (d) Develop geophysical monitoring techniques, preferably ~~the~~ electronic methods, and install with three networks, selected from among those holes with greatest likelihood of near movement.

- (e) More intense research work to carry out detailed geologic mapping, located in region of interest
- (2) putting out or drilling for sampling pebbles and smaller grades
- (3) ~~more~~ intensive analysis for air photo coverage, where applicable, to monitor movement and to help detail the nature of that movement
- (5) ~~the~~ precise resistivity, SP or other geophysical surveys to help map a hole morphology and/or water content
- (6) Chemistry of waters returning slide very important, should be included.

Note: Have a section in the proposal that deal with the fact that this monitoring equipment is already developed and that the States would own or retain the rights to the equipment through this project.

(F) Emphasize that if \$ are not available quickly, there will be no time to ~~test~~ deploy sensors prior to snowfall.

(G)

2. Re Budget, Howard Dale and Steve for realistic costs. A phrase at Friday's meeting w/ CEM that budget is tentative but will be firm'd up over the week.
3. At Friday meeting w/ CEM ask for specific intentions on justification, i.e. how can proposal be improved to help Lorraine sell it to the Gov + Legis better?
  - (b) talk about the <sup>state-wide</sup> assessment, and tell them this will be the topic of a subsequent proposal -
  - (c) ask again about dam monitoring - what would do them substantial good? Do they want a separate proposal -- (we would have to do significant background work on this).

DEVELOPMENT OF A LANDSLIDE MONITORING  
SYSTEM FOR LEPAH

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PROPOSAL

to

Comprehensive Emergency Management Agency  
State of Letak

by



Landslide proposal, pre-preliminary rough draft #1, 19 July, 1984

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    system operation - CEM and local

    research - McCarter; ESL (Nielson, Olsen, etc.)

Statement of work

    design, develop, instrument, install, operate,

    research, report

Project management

    ESL in lead

    UU, UGMS, CEM, local, etc.

Proposed budget

    all through UURI

        ESL

        UU

        CEM ?

References

Appendix: resumes

    UU - McCarter

    ESL - Wright

        Nielson

        Hulen

        Foley

        Green

        Olsen

    others- ?

*Fable contacts  
needed*

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Earth Science Laboratory/University of Utah Research Institute, in conjunction with the Department of Mining Engineering of the University of Utah, proposes a program to instrument and remotely monitor selected high risk landslide areas of Utah. Data on the rate of movement of the land will be provided to local emergency response personnel on a real time basis, and used later by researchers to further understanding of the nature of mass movement in Utah.

The landslide monitoring system will consist of three major parts. The first will be the instrumentation of the slide. Extensometers, to measure the amount and rate of offset across the upper portion of a slide, and inclinometers, to measure changes in slope angle, will be emplaced at the slide sites. The second part of the monitoring system will be a telemetry network, to radio data from remote landslide sites to appropriate local facilities. The third part of the monitoring system will be the receiving and data storage equipment, which will probably be placed in a local police station.

Data from the slide areas will be used in both a hazard warning system and for research. Telemetered data will be automatically monitored, to identify landslide events. The data then will also be stored on computer, and will be able to be accessed for studies of ground motions prior to and during the slide event. Additional research tasks will be directed toward questions of the geology of slide areas, to identify further areas of likely slippage, and to assess the possibility of mitigation strategies.

Work under this proposal will be carried out in two phases. The first will be a limited instrumentation program, with the goal of monitoring a few selected sites by the spring 1985 slide season. A second phase, to be carried out in 1985, will be the instrumentation of further sites, in time for the 1986 slide season. It is estimated that the first phase will cost approximately \$??,000, and the second phase about \$???,000.

## INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Landslides and debris flows in Utah have caused much disruption of communities and commerce during 1983 and 1984. Although the events of these two years have made national news, the effects of mass movements have been noted in Utah since early geological studies. The present wet climatic cycle has aggravated the problem, but major movements, such as the Manti Canyon slide during the mid-1970s, have occurred during

relatively dry years. Expansion of Wasatch Front urbanization into range front slope areas and alluvial fans has placed more people at peril from these geologic hazards.

Geologic studies of the nature of slides, and monitoring slides to provide needed data to emergency personnel, are two important aspects of hazard mitigation. The basic nature of landslides and debris flows needs to be better understood, and the technology for monitoring remote sites that may be hazardous needs to be improved. The work proposed herein will allow the development of approximately 10 remote telemetry slide monitoring systems, installation of these systems in areas with identified high hazards, operation of these systems through a season, and geoscientific research into the nature of landslide problems.

The proposers designed, developed, installed and operated a remote telemetry system at Rudd Canyon during the 1984 slide season. Many other sites with high hazard exist; instrumentation of about ten will allow further development of monitoring techniques. The ten sites will be selected in consultation with both public and private sector personnel familiar with slide hazards, through convening a workshop. Once the sites are selected and the instruments are constructed, operation will be coordinated through local and state emergency personnel. Research into basic slide processes will accompany the monitoring effort.

Although professionals from individual scientific disciplines can study geologic hazards, practical applications of these studies are best made in an interdisciplinary environment, where the translation of scientific data to the needs of community planners and emergency response personnel can be easily accomplished. The disciplines involved in this proposal include geologists, to study the basic nature of the slides and the surrounding geology; geotechnical engineers, to develop sensitive instruments for monitoring potential slide areas; electrical engineers, to develop data telemetry systems for real-time monitoring of the slides at remote locations; and emergency management personnel, to insure that the data are presented in a usable manner.

Although management of a program needs to be centralized in one organization, success of a study such as the one proposed herein can only be achieved by involving many organizations. Overall management of the proposed work will be by the Earth Science Laboratory/University of Utah Research Institute. ESL/UURI personnel will also perform geological and electrical engineering aspects of the study. Active participation in the proposal will also be made by the Department of Mining Engineering, University of Utah, who will provide geotechnical engineering expertise. Other University of Utah personnel will

be involved as appropriate through the Engineering Experiment Station on campus. Personnel from agencies of the State of Utah will be involved in the program. These agencies include the Utah Geological and Mineral Survey, who will aid in site selection for monitoring and coordination with local communitites, and the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management, who will assist in coordination with local emergency response agencies. Limited participation will also be sought from other appropriate groups such as the U.S. Geological Survey.

Formation of a multidisciplinary, multiorganization team to instrument and study landslide and debris flow hazards along the central and northern Wasatch front will aid in mitigating damage to communitites along the front. The work proposed herein will support development of a warning system for some of the most hazardous areas, and research into some of the basic scientific phenomena associated with slides.

#### Landslides in Utah

Early studies in the geology of Utah identified many areas of landslide activity ( ). No geologic province of the state is free from slide activity (Schroder, 1971). The low population in the early history of the state meant that hazards from any particular event were limited. As the population of the state has increased, however, people are living in more geologically hazardous sites, and there therefore has been a resultant increase in damage from and awareness of landslide and debris flow activity. In particular, the Thistle slide in 1983, and the Farmington debris flow in 1983 have created a great public awareness of the problem. Damage from landslide and debris flow activity in 1984 and 1984 has been estimated to be approximately ?? million dollars. Two governors conferences on geological hazards and one speciality conference have noted the problems of landslides (Goode, 1970; Atwood and Mabey, 1983).

High hazards from landslides exist in many parts of the state, while the highest hazard from debris flows is presently found along the highly populated area of the Wasatch Front. Hazards exist in the form of many partially detached starting zones (Wieczorek et al., 1983).

The increase in hazards from mass movements implies that at least two strong areas of research are needed: development of monitoring and warning systems, and geological studies of the nature of slides. The work proposed herein is directed toward these two goals.

Monitoring system (this description of the existing system should be written by McCarter and Green)

- System on slide - design, location, numbers, etc.
  - extensometers
  - inclinometers
  - other non-telemetered data collection
- Telemetry
  - data compilation
  - data transmission
- Receiving station
  - data collection
  - data storage
- Use of data in warning

## Geology

Geological studies of landslides that will be carried out in the first areas selected include regional stratigraphic studies and evaluation of the mineralogy of starting areas. Although it has often been reported that selected geologic units are most prone to sliding along the Wasatch Front (e.g. the Arapsee Formation and the Farmington Canyon Complex), detailed studies of the stratigraphy of these units, to identify the most slide prone aspects of their stratigraphy, have not yet been carried out. This is particularly true for the Farmington Canyon Complex, which has been treated by landslide investigators as a homogenous mass of rock. Identification of stratigraphy in much of the area of the Farmington Canyon Complex has been hampered by deep weathering and extensive vegetative cover; there is no reason to expect, however, that the rock unit is any less diverse in starting zones of slides than in areas where it is better exposed. Stratigraphic controls are probably important in determining which portions of the range front are likely to slide, but these controls are not yet presently known. Geologic structures within these rocks are also extensive and diverse. It is entirely possible that unrecognized controls, such as traces of the Wasatch Fault or older faults, may localize slide activity. Such controls have been noted in other studies ( ).

The second aspect of geologic studies that will be investigated will be the mineralogy of slide areas, particularly the clay assemblage in starting zones. The deep weathering profile of the rocks suggests that types of clay minerals that have formed from the weathering of the underlying bedrock may be important in controlling slides. To date, no studies of these minerals have been done. Once the mineralogy of the slides is identified, these data may be able to be used to select chemical treatments to stabilize slides that present particularly high hazards (Arora and Scott, 1974).

## Mitigation

The three major aspects of hazard mitigation are:  
operating a warning system during the hazardous event;



engineering or non-structural preparation for handling the occurrence of a hazard; and preventing the hazard from occurring. Data compiled and collected during the course of this study will be applied to all three of these aspects.

Mitigation techniques need to be cost effective. The establishment of the warning system is part of this proposal. Other mitigation strategies will involve a thorough assessment of their costs, an evaluation of the level of the acceptable risk from the landslide at a particular site, and a consensus of community representatives, emergency planners, and funding agencies that such mitigation strategies are appropriate. Evaluation of costs and achieving such a consensus are beyond the scope of this proposal.

The warning system developed in this work will be useful in giving very short term forecasts of when a debris flow is likely to enter a town or when a landslide is moving at a fast rate. Such warnings, particularly if they can be given at a time of heightened awareness of the potential for problems, may be useful to local police departments for warning and action activities. Although the time of warning at Rudd Canyon was only about 12 minutes, this was enough to be useful to the local police.

Engineering preparation for debris flow hazards in Utah has included such measures as channelization and construction of debris basins. These are costly measures, and take much time for execution. Non-structural approaches, such as zoning regulations and land use planning, take much time also.

Prevention of the occurrence of a natural hazard is highly dependant upon site specific conditions of that hazard. It may be possible, using the data on clay mineralogy of these slides, to design chemical techniques for stabilization. This could be particularly important where small slides threaten a large number of homes.

#### PROPOSED STRATEGY

The components of this proposal are to design and construct equipment to measure and monitor surface displacement of potential landslide and debris flow zones; to emplace these instruments in crucial locations; to remotely monitor land displacement through development and installation of a telemetry system; to operate the system through a time of high hazard; and to preform needed research in basic conditions of land instability.

(Kim McCarter should write text on design and emplacement of instruments)

(Dale and Steve should write text on the telemetry system)

The selection of sites to be monitored will be very important. The sites will need to be in high hazard zones, likely to move, and have reasonable access. Selection of the sites will need to be performed in conjunction with the Utah Geological and Mineral Survey, the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management, the U.S. Geological Survey, affected local governments, and perhaps other federal, state, and local agencies. Input will be sought from private sector companies, particularly utilities, to seek additional sites for monitoring.

Day-to-day operation of the receiving station will be the responsibility of the local government unit, with assistance from the state CEM. Insuring that the monitoring and telemetry equipment are operating, however, will be the responsibility of the proposers.

The applied research component, which has been described above, will be the responsibility of the proposers. This research will include studies connected to design of monitoring equipment, studies of electronic components required for the telemetry system, and geological investigations of landslide sites.

STATEMENT OF WORK  
to be devised  
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Overall management of this project will be with the Earth Science Laboratory/University of Utah Research Institute. Consultants will be retained as discussed below, to augment the expertise of ESL/UURI professionals. The overall structure of the program is indicated on figure X.

(insert general ESL management and capabilities text)

PROPOSED BUDGET

This will be written with all funding coming through ESL, with other U of U participants shown as consultants (except McCarter students?). Two phases will be reflected: the first to do two sites during fall 1984, and the second to do at least 8 more sites during the summer of 1985.

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Salaries and Wages

	<u>Days</u>	
Wright	40	
Nielson	10	
Foley	40	
Sibbett	100	
Green	100	
Olsen	40	
		50,460

Tech	140 @ 100	
Student	140 @ 50	
Sec	20 @ 55	
Draft	15 @ 70	
Adm Asst.	15 @ 110	
		24,800
		burden @ 4 1/2%

72,260
30,857
106,120

Consultants (McCarter, etc)

25 days @ \$350 McCarter  
 20 days @ \$350 other

12,250

Travel:

25,000

Instrumentation & Equip: \$200,000

70,000

Supplies:

2,000

Imagery:

1,000

Computer Time

1,000

x-ray & chem

5,000

Total Direct

222,370

Indirect @ 43%

95,760

GEA @ 13.5%

30,020

Fee @ 5.5

348,000

19,140

367,180

LANDSLIDE BUDGET

1. To build infrastructure:

Date: 15 days initially + 3 days/infra = 45  
 Staff: 5 days + 1 day  
 Tech: 20 + 7  
 MCC: 5 + 1  
 Stud: 15 + 2  
 Parts: \$6,000 / installation  
 \$2,000  
~~Students~~

45  
 25  
 90  
 15  
 35

2. To install equipment (each customer)

Date: 5  
 Staff: 2  
 Tech: 5  
 MCC: 1  
 Stud: 5

50  
 20  
 50  
 10  
 50

3. To maintain group results

Date: 2 day/week  
 Tech: 1 day/week  
~~Staff: 1 day/week~~

4. To track results

Staff: 1 day/week  
 Tech: 1 day/week

5. Research:

Geod Mapping/Sampling

days

initial: 1 week/area in field  
+ 1 week other

100

Clay Studies - 20 Samples/area  
+ 1 week area geol interp

50

Resistivity monitoring/Sunmys  
10 days/area  
+ \$1000/area equip

100  
\$10,000

Proj Management

Emergency Interp

1 day/week for 10 wks

40

## PROPOSED PROJECT

### ELEMENTS OF PROJECT

1. Deployment of an early warning system in, say, 10 high risk areas in Utah by 1985 snowmelt season.
2. Provision of warning data to state agencies (mainly CEMA and UGMS) and to affected industries, utilities, communities, etc.
3. Research into monitoring of landslide phenomena.

### SCOPE OF WORK

Year 1. <sup>\$5K</sup>

1. Site Selection - with state agencies, industry, utilities, communities, etc.
2. Instrument manufacture and deployment <sup>\$12 @ 6K = 72</sup> →
3. Data collection and analysis - provision of data to pertinent parties.
4. Begin research <sup>1 no MC 6 no glol</sup> <sup>2 no Elect</sup> <sup>(\$100K)</sup>

total  
\$250K

Year 2.

1. Continuation of data collection.
2. Research--density and positioning of sensors, precursor signals of danger, predicting rapid and profound mass movement, use of remote sensing, etc.
3. Research reports, etc.--
4. Turn over some field operations as appropriate to CEMA.

### PARTICIPANTS

1. UURI - Project management; instrumentation deployment and maintenance; selected research tasks
2. UU - Selected research tasks, consulting and advice
3. Utah CEMA - Dissemination of warning data, coordination and interface with state agencies.
4. UGMS - assistance in siting, selected research tasks

Year 3.

1. continuing collection of data
2. Research and publication of results
3. Application to other areas/problems
  - California
  - avalanches

DEVELOPMENT OF AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM  
FOR  
MONITORING OF LANDSLIDE HAZARDS IN UTAH

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

2.0 LANDSLIDE HAZARDS IN UTAH

Location of Recent Slides, Extent of Recent Damage; Location of Major Historic slide areas; Potential for Future Slides.

3.0 EARLY WARNING AND MONITORING INSTRUMENTATION

3.1 Description - extensimeters, tiltmeters, telemetering

3.2 Deployment - location and density in slide areas

3.3 Data Evaluation

4.0 PROPOSED PROJECT

4.1 Summary of Project

4.2 Selection of Sites

4.3 Installation of Equipment and Data Acquisition

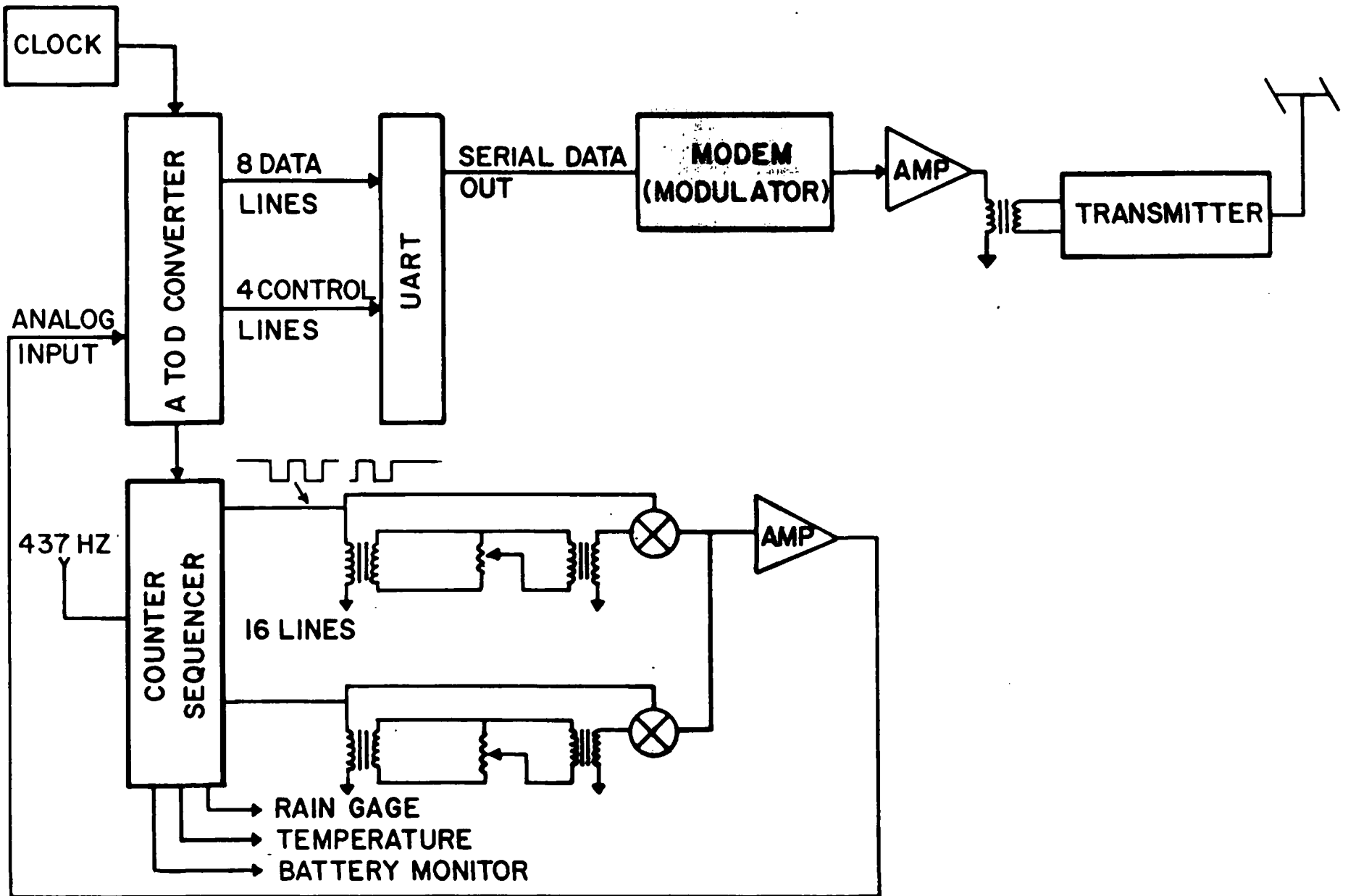
4.4 Dissemination of Data

5.0 MANAGEMENT

Participants, Interfacing of State Agencies

6.0 BUDGET AND SCHEDULE





**RUDD CANYON MULTIPLEXER/TRANSMITTER**

27 June 87

1. Posterability of Marketing Equip
2. Landshole Marketing and Research Centre
3. Geologic Towards Freshets

Meeting w/ Dennis, Anne.

17 July 87

1. Go w/ proposal to State thru Brigley @ State

Severe Advisory Board -

Second line - go to ~~EMMA~~

Kind line - Self Conversion Service -

Talk w/ communities - see - get state to watch

Then get feds to watch this - partly w/ \$200K

early -

Dir Community & Senior Dev - Director Policy Board -

State Appreciative Dept -

USFS - they have landshole \$ -

Go to utilities + communities -



2. For Brigley - State 2

called me get \$250K only from

- if not, get 1/2 state, 1/2 ~~FEMA~~

- if not, Cost + Comm @ \$5-10K each, w/ working state

- also ask Brigley what he found out about USA proposal

- get in touch w/ Utah state -

3. Wright to call Brigley

13 June 84

LANDSLIDES -

w/ Kim McCarter, Gordon Benson

1. Players

Kestner

- CEMA - Bob ~~Winters~~ - got \$, coordinated w/ City of Farmington

- UGWS - got involved even before CEMA - Gordon J. + Kim talked to them

- rde - Bruce Kaliser - identified slide areas, there for installation -

- feels we won't have much work doing this work w/out UGWS - state has designated them for geol hazards -

- no pub. working w/ them

- Utah Dep Sta

- Dept Min Eng

- URP

- Wasatch Nat Forest <sup>helicopter, trail crew</sup> - very helpful - Jim Cook

- USFS -

- SLC water Dept - Dan Schenk - provided snow thickness data

- SLC County Flood Control & Water Quality - they had \$ from gov's emerg fund - reporting agency

actually \$ FEMA thru CEMA -- surplus \$ from debris basin, Big Cottonwood out of gov's emergency funds

2. Stan - explained our funding strategy  
- not go thru USGS -- Gen. would not like it, even though this is higher -

- Potential USGS role -  
as a Univ, we could not be in position of providing warning data -

Kim - whether our suggestion has been done by Utah State

- USU/Utah Ford Boeving Davis -

- Kim has been asked to play a role, too -

- They are interested in a hydrologic investigation  
- Piezometer array on landslides - build a model of landslide movement w. water content

- How many sites could be investigated? Kim has no good idea -

Kim - site selection - must ask "to what use will data be put?"

- Utah Fuel, UP&C, communities, USDT

- USU wants to develop hydrologic model  
- not a 30 ft. data - failure model

# Installations 10-25 (Kim)  
would not want to keep track of costs.

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- Kim suggests go to USNS before CEWA.

USNS, CEWA, USN

- then get proposal put together

- all would designate project leader -

- Kim wants PI on his research; not  
proj leader -

- Kim will be gone 21 June -- so meet  
w/ USNS before this -

## meeting AGONS

20 June 84

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### Genevieve

#### 1. Their charter

- inventory resources
- assess hazards
- disseminate info
- advise state agencies

So in Hazards, they are in business to advise state agencies - of country and across

#### 2. - they are studying specific hazards

- they are talking about red-flag map of hazards generalized zones of hazards
- Earthquake 3 yr USGS program - is exciting

#### 3. See needs for research

- mapping processes - view-type research
- plenty of room for more work
- AGONS may not have a role in what they are want to do
- is excited about what has been done w/ AGONS, etc.

### Bruce

- is interested in expansion into other slides, other forms of hazards

usabuy

CEM's position vis a vis applied vs research

- their position -  
integration + warning - state functions + funding  
research - fed got respons + funding
- is in our interest to encourage fed funding  
but state funds best spent in reducing hazards -
- don't support research themselves
- would be interested in supporting research  
efforts -

Re Support from state, county, city agencies, etc

They have got virtually every form of support  
they have needed.

Re CEM role -

G. - they are interested, help bring in \$ --

- have to be in loop

- they get \$ from FEMA

- CEM is in a reactive mode -- they can't

Spent \$ except in an emergency

- FEMA has matching funds for CEM -

5% of integrating maps have to be pulled,  
then FEMA can match.

## Dates

1. Disaster period close 1 July - consequence -- these slides still having way not be considered disaster.
2. Corayne Tempest in CEM knows about this -

## USGS Role - making

- have had a close working relationship
  - have had people as part of USGS staff
- keep USGS informed of research activities -
- contact - done in Branch headed by Bob Buchanan, <sup>(senior)</sup> but not what people
  - also contacts in Keston - Les Campbell -
  - Hamilton, Ped -

G - so much to be done that there is room for everyone -

## Utah State

- have inquired of USGS on critical slides -- this info is sensitive because public, private, etc.
- they want to get on a slide, etc
- NSF proposal covered everything -  
institution, research, etc very  
for a landslide institute - was good, etc -



Prophecy -

may be state Science Council is umbrella  
for a Hazards Prohibiter

G - wants to see a long-lasting faculty. Has  
thus led to USGS as critical mass of  
people, etc for this -

FEMA -  $\Rightarrow$  is a geologist  
Art Seizel(?) is contact

Art Zeisel - WPC FEMA

Jerry Olsen - Denver - Den. people are in SEC  
frequently

- funding complex - lots of  $\$$  materialize, etc. -

Kim -

Emphasized the ongoing nature of interpreting  
data. and coord necessary w/ local entities -

$\rightarrow$  we can't get too far field; at of mining

$\rightarrow$  need to assess quality of info. and how  
valuable the info was (has not heard @ Farrington)

need to assess where monitoring will be valuable -

- Timing is critical -

- Design flaws may not be around in less wet years,  
but slope failures will always be around - -

## activity involved

- UGAS has indicated of the way their functions affect public
- can't get info from other Fuel @ UGAL on time location
- other Fuel has doubt of situation better than UGAL -

## conclusions -- we will do

1. put together our outline of research
2. contact ~~UARA~~, then ~~FARA~~ and try to locate pots of \$ - , then get back to UGAS -

Proposal -

- ~~what~~ could we do that makes scientific sense  
Kam + PMW get together to define an  
outline for research

class of slides

tie in players → 46WS - sites, coming -

- PMW call Bufe in FEMA  
Structure

what are they interested in

5% non-matching funds  
is Zissel person to talk w/

- Art Dennis again -

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Genevieve Atwood  
Don Mabey

Other parameters  
Other types of slides

involve local government agencies

working & coordinating CEM.

FEMA + State Matching Funds

Dates

Disaster period close July 1, 1984.  
Laramie Tempest.

USGS

Bob Bachman - Denver.

FEMA

ART ZEIZEL WASH

JERRY OLSEN DENVER.

KIM - RESEARCH ONLY.

- LIABILITY A PROBLEM
- WARNING VS MONITORING.
- COORDINATION WITH LOCAL AGENCIES
- WHERE ~~IS~~ ARE IDEAL SITES.
- TIMING

12. 30. 1941

Dear Sir,  
Reference is made to your letter of the 12th inst.

in relation to the proposed  
amendment to the bye-laws.

The Council has considered the proposed  
amendment and has decided to accept it.

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Yours faithfully,  
The Secretary

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## Geologic characterization of landslides

### 1. Formations involved

- mineralogy (smectite)
- hydrology

### 2. Contributing Geologic Factors

- capping formation
- ~~presence~~ intersection of structural zones
- steep topography developed by erosion or faulting
- presence of old slides / movement of old slides

### 3. Precipitation / Elevation

- The purpose of this work is an initial screening which will identify areas susceptible to slides.

It then identifies areas for target areas to be considered for instrumentation.

### 4. Seismic-induced slides.

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EQ triggering  
406-FEMA

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*f. canyon buds?*

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Special Note: Funding Objective 1 Tasks

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  - 5. *Desirability of legal prohibitions against structures in high risk areas*

## PROPOSED PROJECT

### ELEMENTS OF PROJECT

1. Deployment of an early warning system in, say, 10 high risk areas in Utah by 1985 snowmelt season.
2. Provision of warning data to state agencies (mainly CEMA and UGMS) and to affected industries, utilities, communities, etc.
3. Research into monitoring of landslide phenomena.

### SCOPE OF WORK

#### Year 1.

1. Site Selection - with state agencies, industry, utilities, communities, etc.
2. Instrument manufacture and deployment
3. Data collection and analysis - provision of data to pertinent parties.
4. Begin research

#### Year 2.

1. Continuation of data collection.
2. Research--density and positioning of sensors, precursor signals of danger, predicting rapid and profound mass movement, use of remote sensing, etc.
3. Research reports, etc.--
4. Turn over some field operations as appropriate to CEMA.

### PARTICIPANTS

1. UURI - Project management; instrumentation deployment and maintenance; selected research tasks
2. UU - Selected research tasks, consulting and advice
3. Utah CEMA - Dissemination of warning data, coordination and interface with state agencies.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM  
FOR  
MONITORING OF LANDSLIDE HAZARDS IN UTAH

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

2.0 LANDSLIDE HAZARDS IN UTAH

Location of Recent Slides, Extent of Recent Damage; Location of Major Historic slide areas; Potential for Future Slides.

3.0 EARLY WARNING AND MONITORING INSTRUMENTATION

- 3.1 Description - extensimeters, tiltmeters, telemetering
- 3.2 Deployment - location and density in slide areas
- 3.3 Data Evaluation

4.0 PROPOSED PROJECT

- 4.1 Summary of Project
- 4.2 Selection of Sites
- 4.3 Installation of Equipment and Data Acquisition
- 4.4 Dissemination of Data

5.0 MANAGEMENT

Participants, Interfacing of State Agencies

6.0 BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Potential for debris flow and debris flood along the  
Wasatch Front between Salt Lake City and Willard, Utah,  
and measures for their mitigation

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two canyons from moderate to very high. Such fundamental information must be systematically incorporated into this method for it to yield reliable reconnaissance evaluations of the potential for these processes.

Such improvements form only the beginning of the research appropriate for careful evaluation of the potential for debris flow and debris flood. Studies needed for careful evaluation of potential should address the following questions:

- 1) Relations between rainfall (or snowmelt), ground-water levels, and landslide movement. Such relations would permit prediction of timing of debris flows. Real-time prediction and warnings could then be made based on telemetered rainfall, water-level, or ground-movement information.
- 2) Stability of the partly-detached landslides. Are these masses in fact significantly less stable than nearby hillslopes, and how long will they remain so? These questions should be approached through detailed site-specific studies including stability analyses of the landslides.
- 3) The process of transformation from landslide to debris flow. Understanding developed through such study could help evaluate the potential for debris flow of the partly-detached landslides.
- 4) Incorporation of channel materials by debris flow. Possible variations in materials available for incorporation is one of the major uncertainties of our analysis.
- 5) The transition from debris flow to debris flood. Understanding of this transition would permit more accurate prediction of the nature of flow from canyon mouths.
- 6) Factors that control debris-flow runout. Understanding of runout would help in prediction of areas likely to be affected beyond canyon mouths.
- 7) Recurrence of debris floods and debris flows at canyon mouths. Systematic

storm situations all three of these structures must be watched for undercutting.

The watercourse improvements shown in Figure 13 provide increased flow area and are appropriate in the steeper portions of the watershed (gradients of 6% to 7% or more). These methods by themselves are probably not sufficient in the more gently-sloping areas, but they may be incorporated along with flood-proofing measures shown in Figure 14.

Where diagonal crossings are encountered, flow in excess of channel capacity should be diverted to streets, allowing deposition to take place on public property. Appropriate street designs for this situation are those with inverted crowns and minimum 4-foot-wide concrete paving in the center. Depending on the slope, residents may have to flood-proof their property. An attractive way to accomplish this would be a concrete-block wall up to 3 feet high having removable timber stop logs, as shown in Figure 14. Block walls are also appropriate at rear and side yards where there are no alternate water paths. Berms of loose fill, like those now in place, are acceptable only in emergencies, as they are easily eroded by water not carrying its full capacity of sediment. Prior to making or increasing diversions into streets, the jurisdictional agency should evaluate local laws or ordinances and consult with their legal advisors with respect to future liabilities as a result of the diversions.

Mitigation measures are discussed below for each drainage area classified as having very high potential for debris flow (A) or debris flood (a).

#### Recommendations for further studies

The mitigation measures cited herein are primarily conceptual in nature. In most cases the recommended measures will not handle the full

debris potential. These measures are based on estimated production rates and estimated bulking factors, determined from a limited amount of research, and they are presented only for canyons rated as having very high potential for debris flow or debris flood. Detailed research and engineering studies are appropriate for all the frontal canyons. These studies should determine the quantity of debris to be anticipated and methods for dealing with this material.

The flood plains and canyons of the Wasatch Front are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, three counties, and numerous cities and communities. None of these entities has exclusive control over a complete watershed and none has the staffing or financing to undertake studies of this nature. It is therefore recommended that a special district be formed, preferably by state charter, to coordinate watershed management and research and to oversee technical studies. This organization would also serve as the clearing house for all reports and data regarding these watersheds.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and FIA (Federal Insurance Agency) should be requested to review the hydrology of the area and to consider authorizing new studies to determine bulked flow rates, to quantify debris potential (both rate and volume), and to investigate the mechanics and locations of potential deposition. Programs should then be adopted to address these problems and to monitor the watershed reactions to verify the studies and solutions. The reestablishment of recording gages for both precipitation and runoff is appropriate to assist in monitoring the watersheds. The National Weather Service may be able to assist in instrumenting the watersheds and in applying their watershed-runoff forecast model.

The jurisdictional agencies would be advised to adopt a program of inspection and repair of existing systems. This inspection should include



drainage ways that are the responsibility of property owners. The agencies might also wish to temporarily prohibit both development on the apexes of alluvial fans and the diversion of streambeds, until the above-mentioned studies are completed. Future development should be designed around streambeds rather than rerouting streambeds to fit development.

CANYON-BY-CANYON EVALUATION OF RELATIVE POTENTIAL FOR DEBRIS FLOWS AND  
DEBRIS FLOODS TO REACH CANYON MOUTHS, AND MITIGATION MEASURES  
(Canyons listed in sequence from south to north along Wasatch Front)

City Creek

Following a three-hour rain over Salt Lake City on September 11, 1864, a debris flow<sup>2</sup> "as thick as molasses" issued from City Creek (Woolley, 1946, p. 87). Based on this episode and other historic accounts of debris flood and possible debris flow (Woolley, 1946), City Creek is rated as having a high debris-flow potential (B) and high debris-flood potential (b). No specific mitigation measures are suggested for this drainage.

Mill Creek

Young alluvial-fan deposits identified beyond canyon mouth of Mill Creek (Miller, 1980) suggest a history of recurrent debris floods and a high debris-flood potential (b). Debris flows reached the main channel during the spring

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<sup>2</sup>Underscoring in text and in Table 1 indicates authors' interpretation of historical accounts.

Table 1 - Evaluation of Potential for Debris Flow and Debris Flood From Canyons

Drainage (South to North)	Historic & Prehistoric Documentation of <u>Debris Flows</u> and <u>Debris floods</u> reaching canyon mouth	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) of Largest Single Debris Flow 1983	Largest Estimated Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) of Single Partly-Detached Landslide	Average Main-Channel Gradient	Evaluation of Potential	
					Debris Flow	Debris Flood
City Creek	1854 <sup>5</sup> , 1864 <sup>5</sup> , 1874 <sup>5</sup> , 1879 <sup>5</sup>	Minimal	---	-	B	b
Mill Creek	alluvial fan <sup>1</sup>	Minimal	---	-	D	b
Kenney Creek	historic, multiple <u>prehistoric</u> <sup>2</sup>	Minimal	---	-	B	b
Holbrook Canyon	None	22,000+4,000	42,000+5,000	.120	A	a
Stone Creek/ Ward Canyon	<u>prehistoric</u> <sup>3</sup> , <u>1983</u> <sup>3</sup>	15,500+1,500	2,000+500	.126	B	a
Centerville Canyon	alluvial fan <sup>1</sup>	2,000+200	---	.140	D	b
Parrish Canyon	<u>1930</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1930</u> <sup>5</sup>	1,000+200	50,000+10,000	.177	A	a
Barnard Canyon	<u>1930</u> <sup>5</sup>	6,400+1,000	10,000+2,000	.195	C	a
Ricks Creek/ Ford Canyon	<u>1901</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1923</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1929</u> <sup>3</sup> , <u>1930</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1934</u> <sup>5</sup>	1,040+200	4,000+500	.203	B	a
Davis Creek	1878 <sup>5</sup> , <u>1901</u> <sup>5</sup> , 1903 <sup>5</sup> , <u>1923</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1929</u> <sup>3</sup> , <u>1930</u> <sup>5</sup>	Minimal	---	.305	B	b
Steed Canyon	<u>prehistoric</u> <sup>3</sup> , <u>1901</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1923</u> <sup>5</sup> , <u>1930</u> <sup>5</sup>	10,000+2,000	25,000+5,000	.341	A	a
Rudd Canyon	<u>prehistoric</u> <sup>3</sup> , <u>1983</u> <sup>3,7</sup>	64,000 <sup>7</sup>	70,000-100,000	.314	A	a

Farmington Canyon	1878 <sup>5</sup> , 1923 <sup>5</sup> , 1926 <sup>5</sup> , 1936, 1947 <sup>4</sup>	17,000+3,000	40,000+5,000	.127	A	a
Shepard Creek	alluvial fan <sup>1</sup>	5,000+1,000	2,000+200	.175	D	a
Baer Creek	prehistoric <sup>3</sup> , 1912 <sup>4</sup> , 1923 <sup>4</sup> , 1927 <sup>4</sup> , 1945 <sup>4</sup> , 1947 <sup>4</sup>	2,400+400	20,000+5,000	.166	A	a
Holmes Creek/ Webb Canyon	alluvial fan <sup>1</sup> , 1917 <sup>5</sup>	Minimal	---	.209	C	b
S. Fork Kays Creek	1912 <sup>4</sup> , 1923 <sup>2</sup> , 1927 <sup>2</sup> , 1930 <sup>4</sup> , 1945 <sup>2</sup> , 1947 <sup>2</sup>	Minimal	---	.203	B	b
M. Fork Kays Creek	prehistoric <sup>1</sup> , 1947 <sup>2</sup>	Minimal	---	-	C	b
Waterfall Canyon	1923 <sup>4</sup>	Minimal	---	-	C	b
Ogden Canyon	1888 <sup>5</sup> , 1923 <sup>4,5</sup> , 1980 <sup>6</sup>	Minimal	---	-	C	c
Coldwater Canyon	prehistoric <sup>1</sup> , 1983 <sup>3,8</sup>	12,000+2,000	---	.205	B	b
Willard Canyon	prehistoric <sup>1</sup> , 1912 <sup>5</sup> , 1923 <sup>4</sup> , 1936 <sup>5</sup>	8,000+ 1,000	10,000+2,000	.195	A	a
Facer Canyon	multiple prehistoric <sup>3</sup> , alluvial fan <sup>1</sup>	3,000+500	30,000+5,000	.307	A	a
Threemile Creek/ Perry Canyon	1923 <sup>4,5</sup> , alluvial fan <sup>1</sup>	Minimal	---	-	C	b

Sources of information:

<sup>1</sup>Miller (1980)

<sup>2</sup>Winkelaar, U.S. Forest Service, (oral commun., 1983)

<sup>3</sup>determined during this study

<sup>4</sup>Croft (1981)

<sup>5</sup>Woolley (1946)

<sup>6</sup>Thom Heller, U.S. Forest Service (oral commun., 1983) - both 1923 and 1980 events reported in tributaries to Ogden Canyon

<sup>7</sup>Kaliser, Utah Geologic and Mineral Survey (oral commun., 1983)

<sup>8</sup>Pierson, U.S. Geological Survey (oral commun., 1983)

Notes:

- 1) Average gradient of main stream channel was estimated from elevation difference between confluence of tributaries in headwater region and canyon mouth, divided by main channel length.
- 2) Volume of debris in channel could be larger than estimated if several partly-detached landslides mobilized and entered main channel simultaneously or if substantial volume of material were incorporated from channel.
- 3) Volumes of partly-detached landslides, estimated from aerial photos taken from helicopter and calibrated by comparison with more closely measured volumes of debris flows on Rudd, Ricks and Ward drainages.
- 4) Historic and prehistoric debris-flow events are underscored. Determination of whether a pre-1983 event was a debris flow or debris flood was based in part on the authors interpretation of the original citation.
- 5) The term "minimal" used in column 3 signifies that no landslides were observed during the spring of 1983 or that those observed were extremely small.
- 6) The symbol "---" in column 4 signifies that during our reconnaissance we did not observe partly-detached landslides. Such landslides may have been obscured by foliage by the time of our observation.

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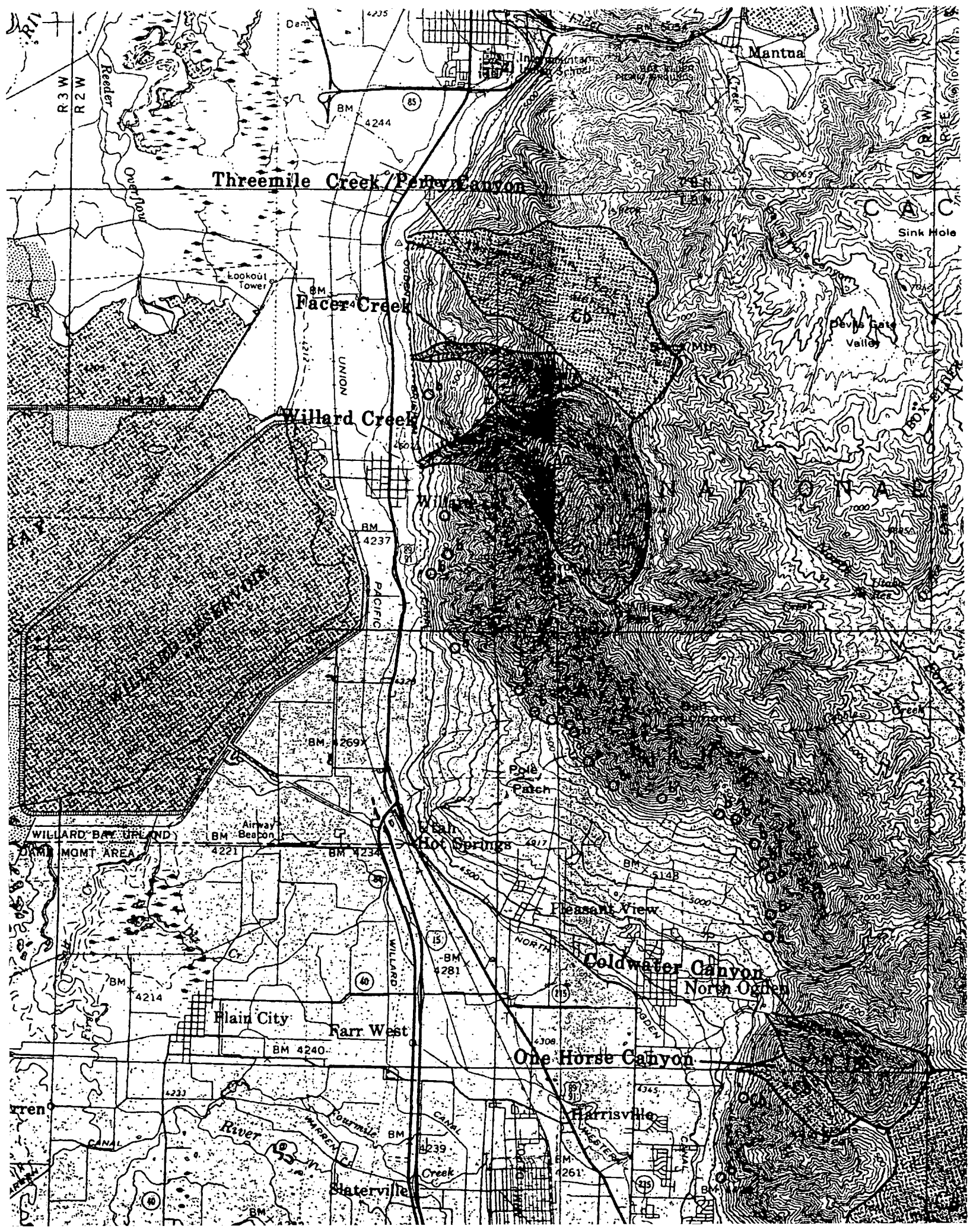
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Threemile Creek/Penny Canyon

Mantua

Facer Creek

Willard Creek

Willard

Hot Springs

Coldwater Canyon

North Ogden

One Horse Canyon

Flain City

Farr West

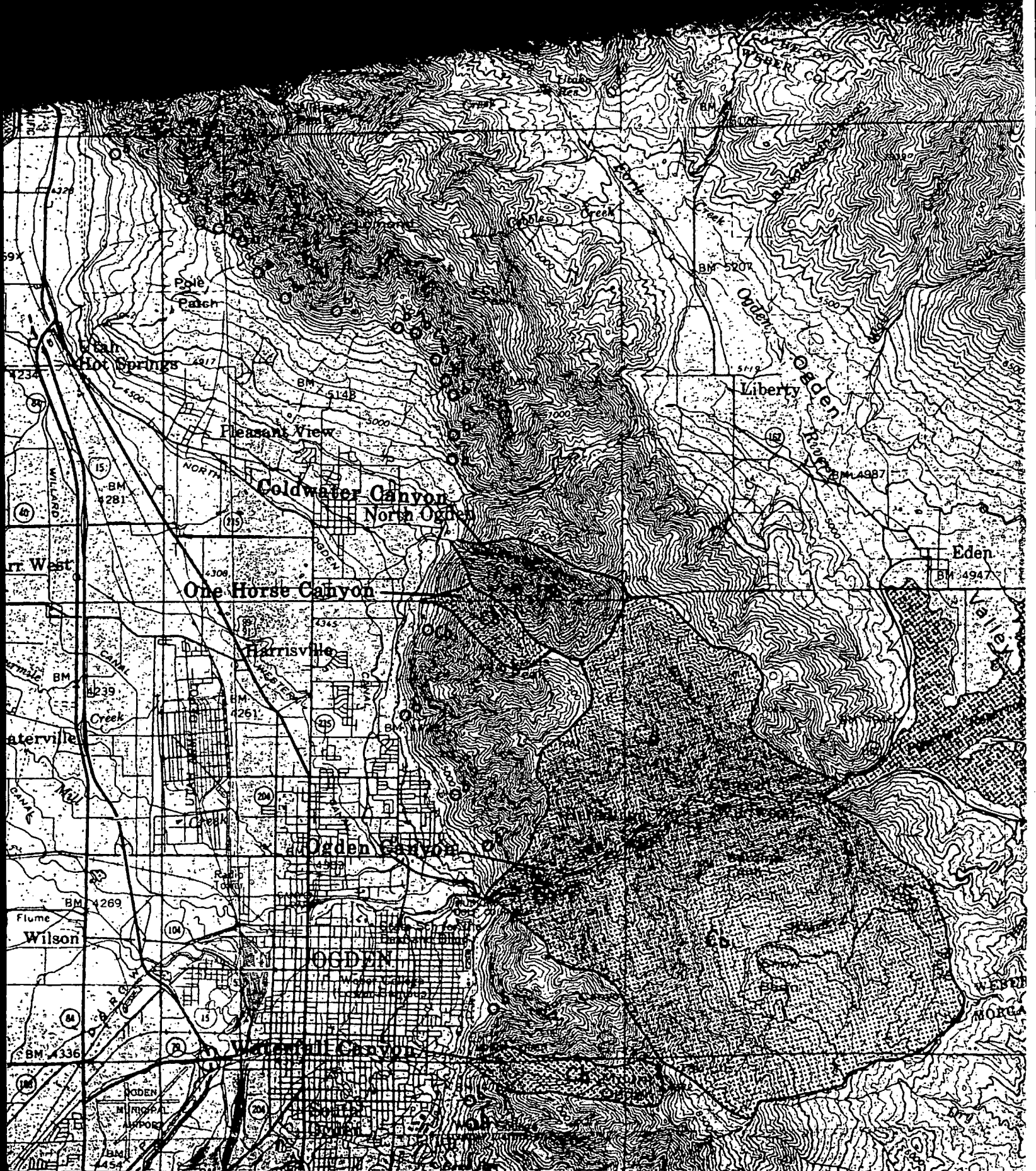
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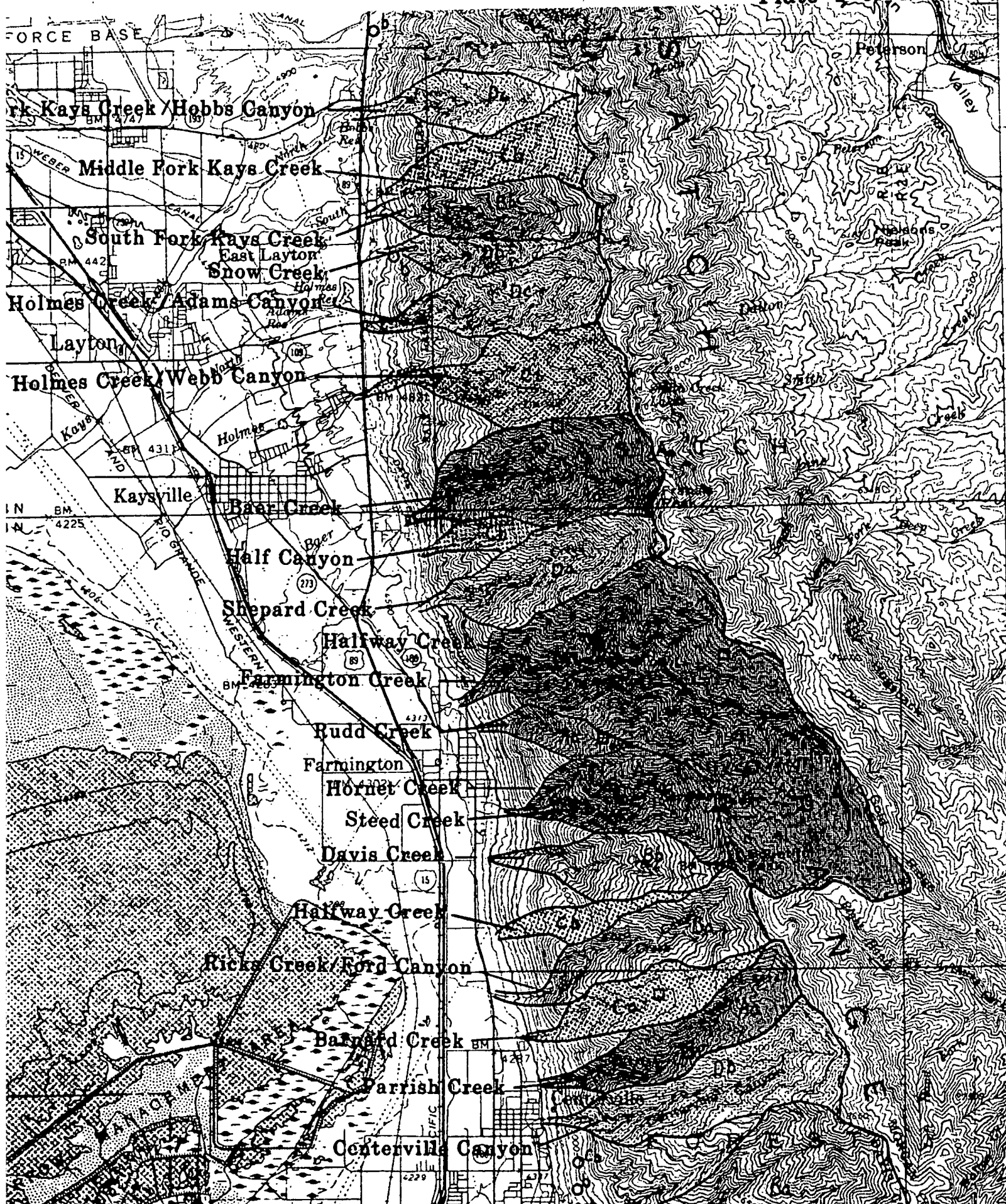
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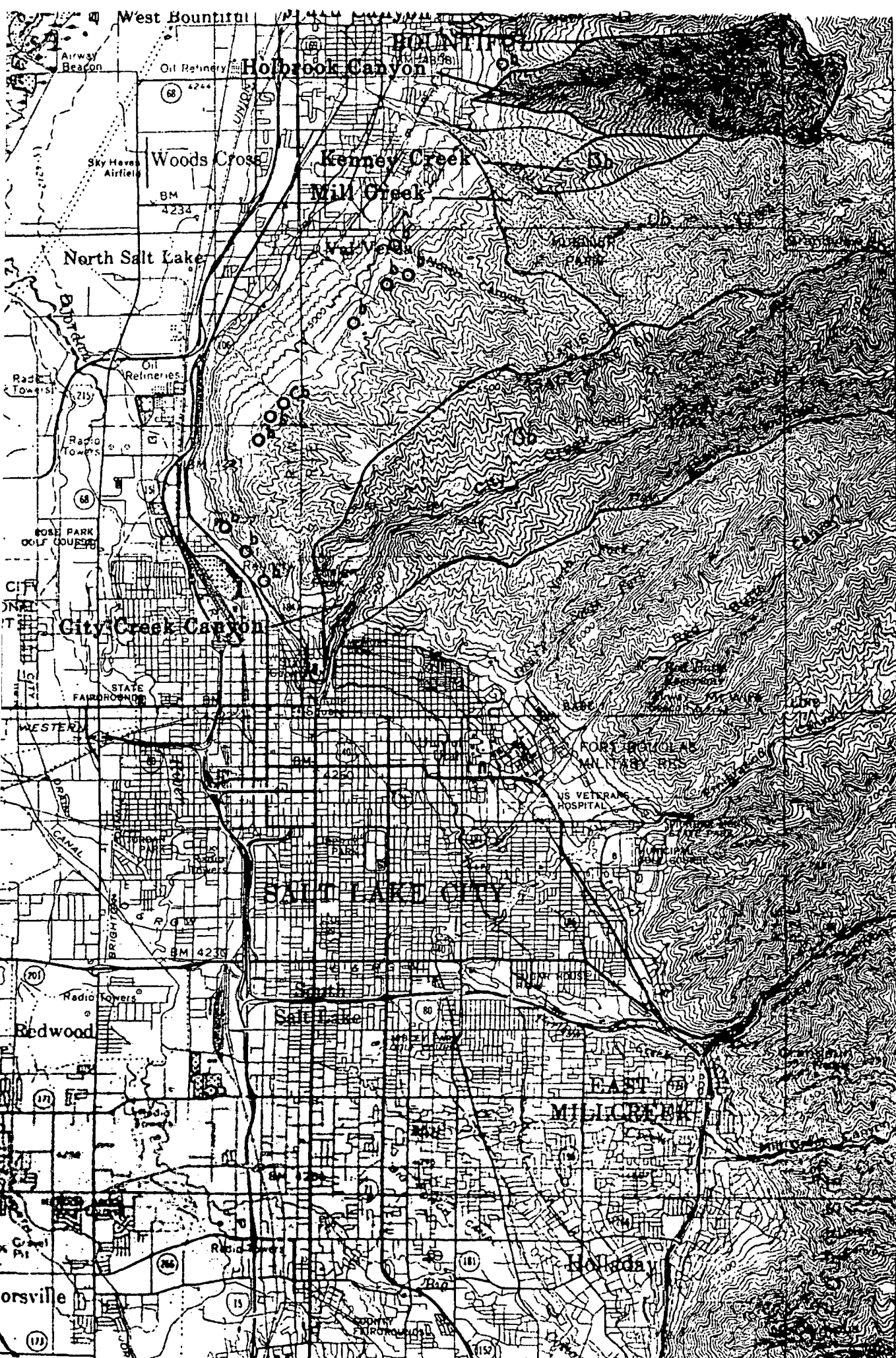
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## Questions for McCarter

1. What will be present in Logan?  
What visual aids are there?  
What does he need?

### 2. Our proposed Project:

- (1) Sen. Hatch may be able to fund <sup>Emergency</sup>
- (2) work with Utah Comprehensive Management Agency -- try to get funds channeled thru this agency to ~~use it~~
- (3) write a proposal to CEMA with copies to Hatch
- (4) Project would consist of:
  - (a) Deployment of an early warning system in, say, 10 ~~or~~ high-hazard areas
  - ~~(b) manufacture of instrumentation -- improvements~~
  - (b) Research aspects of slides -- how to monitor,  $\epsilon$  sensor density, critical warning signals of imminent movement
  - (c) integration of a warning system into state agencies / budgets
- (5) we visualize a two-year effort
  - year 1: site selection  
Instrument manufacture and deployment  
Data Collection and Analysis
  - year 2: continuation of some of modeling of slides, <sup>algorithms</sup> use of cluster sensing, etc -- research on data collected.

Proposal -

Instrument slide areas

all in - data

me Carter - consultant

Sumner get line items for this state agency

- some are go folk to Utah Conservation

<sup>Agency</sup>  
~~Energy~~ Management Agency

- workshop to place gadgets - prioritize areas

- all vs USU - maybe have to assign this out -  
assigned areas responsibility.

- Doug James -