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## MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** Tuesday,  
November 17, 2020

**Location:** Virtual  
**Link:** Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85711440726?pwd=bUVMUzRZVmhKQkFSSVYUdUERk5Zdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 857 1144 0726  
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**Evening Agenda:**

6:00 pm Virtual Presentation

**Deadline for registration:**

November 16th, 2020

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**December:** 15<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Marino

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**May 18<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**June 15<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

## Preparing for Landslide Hazards: A Land Use Guide for Oregon Communities

**Presented by: Tricia R. Sears & William (Bill) J. Burns**

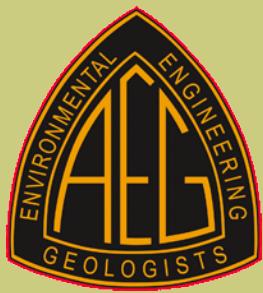
The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) published *Preparing for Landslide Hazards: A Land Use Guide for Oregon Communities* and its accompanying *Quick Reference* handout in October 2019. In response to community conversations throughout Oregon, DLCD and DOGAMI jointly pursued and obtained grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The *Land Use Guide* is the outcome, and responds to frequently asked community questions related to increasing local resilience to landslide hazards through land use options and strategies. Many of these questions come from communities with new DOGAMI lidar-based landslide maps. The *Land Use Guide* and *Quick Reference* can be downloaded from the DLCD and DOGAMI websites.

## Bio: Tricia R. Sears

Tricia Sears has held her position as a Natural Hazards Planner with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) since May 2016. Her primary responsibility is providing technical assistance to local and Tribal jurisdictions with natural hazards mitigation planning. More specifically, she manages projects to update to a community's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP). Having a current NHMP provides communities with eligibility for certain FEMA grant programs for pre- and post- disaster funds.

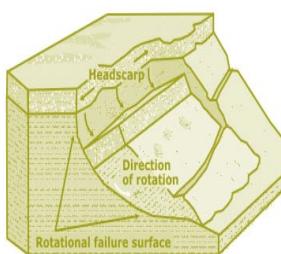


Tricia has a BA in Environmental Studies, a Masters in Environmental Management, and a post graduate certificate in the Assessment and Management of Geological Risks from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to coming to work for DLCD, she worked as an environmental planner and a project manager for two cities, a county, and a wetlands delineation firm. She was also the manager of a watershed council. Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 7: Areas subject to Natural Hazards is Tricia's favorite Statewide Planning Goal.



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modesty."*

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## Bio: William (Bill) J. Burns, MS, CEG

Bill attended Florida State University where he earned his bachelors degree in geology and then Portland State University for his master's degree in geology. While working on his masters, he was a research assistant on a study of landslides impacting the Portland METRO from the storms of 1996-97. His master's thesis was on the Engineering Geology and Relative Stability of an area in Oregon City, Oregon.



Bill is a registered Professional Geologist (PG) and Certified Engineering Geologist (CEG) in Oregon and Washington. He spent roughly 10 years consulting as an engineering geologist in Oregon and Washington before his current position as Landslide Geotechnical Specialist at the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). He has spent the last 15 years at DOGAMI working on research related to earthquake, landslide, and volcanic hazards in Oregon. He is the principal investigator at DOGAMI on landslide hazards and has authored many publications on landslide hazard mapping methodology, risk analysis, and maps. He has spent the last 25 years helping communities in Oregon understand and reduce risk from earthquake, volcano, and landslide hazards.

Bill is also an active member of the Association of Engineering Geologist (AEG) and the Geological Society of America (GSA). He is also married to Amy Burns and father of two teenagers, Ned and Isabelle.

## Message from the Chair

We had a great meeting last month and Hans and Andrew from Atlas Technical discussed a number of interesting case histories using geophysical methods. Thank you to everyone that could attend. This month we have a great talk lined up to present Oregon's new guide *Preparing for Landslide Hazards: A Land Use Guide for Oregon Communities* developed by Tricia Sears (Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development) and Bill Burns (Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGMAI)). The guide talks about how landowners can reduce the potential losses from landslide events. we identify land use tools and strategies. The Guide is focused on land use planning approaches to reduce landslide hazard risk. Be sure to register for the zoom link for the meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

In case you missed the October meeting, Erika Koss an OSBGE board member, mentioned that Senate Bills (SB) 43 and 44 bills have now been passed by the Oregon Legislature and signed by Governor Brown and are effective 1/1/2020. OSBGE will need to pursue rulemaking in 2020 to implement changes authorized by SB 43 and 44. The rules allow OSBGE to develop a continuing education program as part of geologist registration. Erika indicated that professional development hours can be earned this year and applied to when the

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## Chair Message Continued . . .

law goes into effect. We are developing an electronic PDH certificate for our meetings this year. Stay tuned for those certificates if you have attended a virtual meeting and be sure to attend some of the meetings we have planned this year and build up your PDHs for geologist registration.

I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers that spend time helping run this organization and bring to our group the presentations, community information, and student support. There would be no Oregon Chapter without Ben George, Nancy Calhoun, Aine Mines, Bryon Free, Jasmin Toro, Ruth Wilmoth, and Matt Randal. Thank you: Aspect Consulting, Geobrugg, Pacific Geophysics, Holt Services, Earth Dynamics LLC., Hi-Tech Rockfall, PBS Engineering & Environmental, and PLI Systems for supporting the Oregon Chapter. Thank you so very much for your time, support, guidance, and involvement with our community. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months. It is important that we continue to volunteer to participate in our community, attend meetings, and be involved. Please contact anyone on the board, our emails are provided below, to inquire about volunteering an hour or two a month for the Oregon Chapter. We could not do it without you.

Be well,

Mike

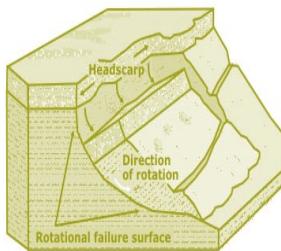


## Interested in presenting for the Oregon Chapter?

The Oregon Chapter is looking for great topics and presenters to provide content to share with the chapter. As we continue to navigate the virtual world, we will be holding the next foreseeable meetings through webinars. We currently have opportunities to present in November and December. Please consider presenting your exciting project to the Oregon Chapter. We look forward to hearing from all of you and especially appreciative of those willing to present to the Chapter. If you are interested in presenting please feel free to contact any board member. Our contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

## Geology Quiz:

Q: What geologic unit in Oregon was once a semitropical island?



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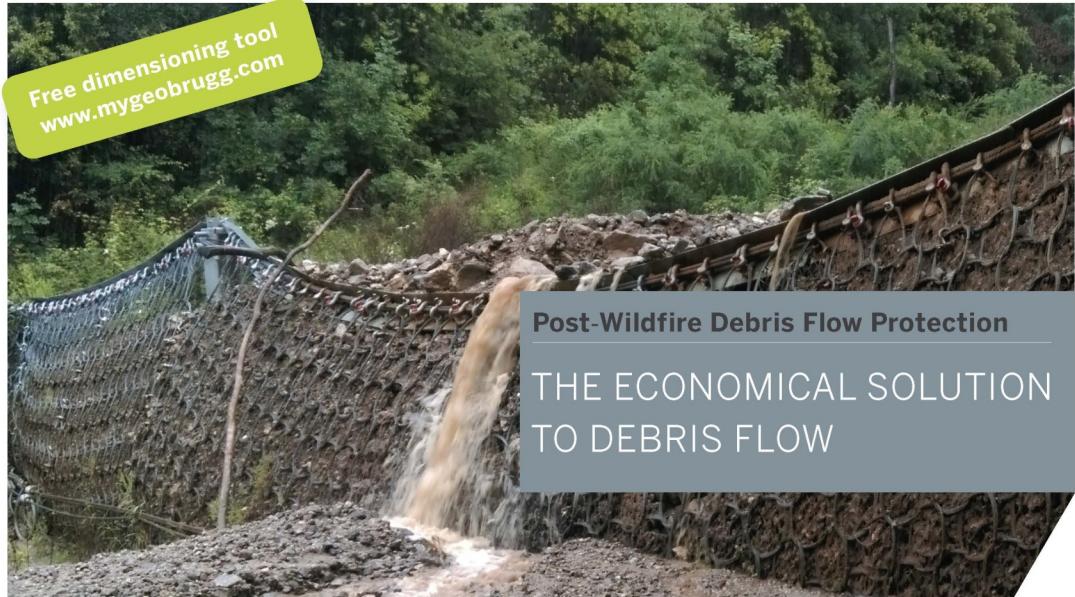
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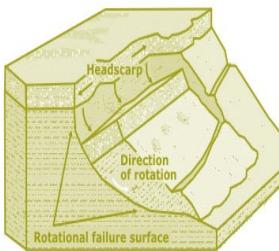
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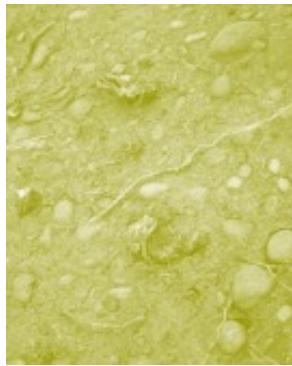
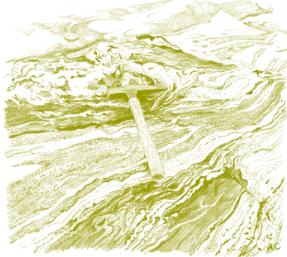
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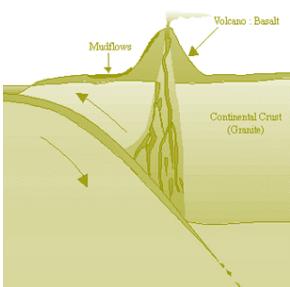
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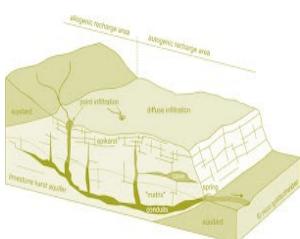
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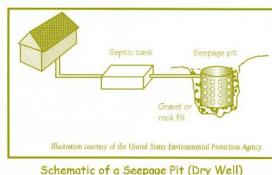
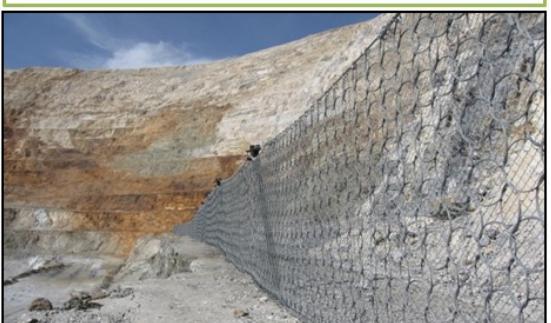
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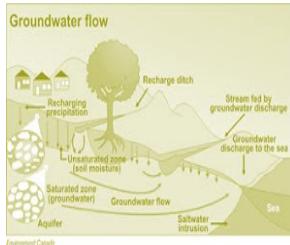
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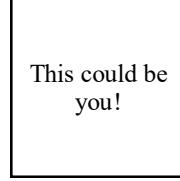
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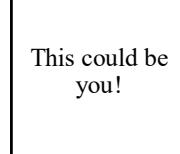
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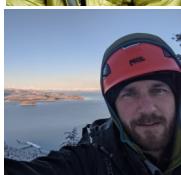
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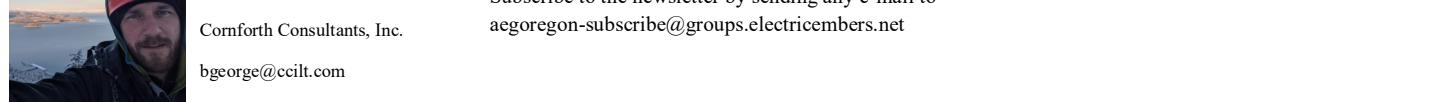
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