

Map Series 1 of 7:

Flood and Debris Flow Hazards

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Introduction

The ONA was a successful Stream 1 applicant to the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) to study flood and debris flow hazard risk in the Okanagan-Similkameen region. This project is the initial phase of a multi-year flood and debris flow adaptation initiative. This project's goal is to **understand the risk due to flood and debris flows within the project area, to support priority-setting of future work**.

This Map Book is one of four outputs that form the risk assessment component of this project (Figure 1). The Map Book may also be used as the main visual reference to the Synthesis and Recommendations report, for readers to obtain a summary understanding of the project. The Qualitative, Quantitative, and Basis of, studies contain more detailed information. The Map Book summarizes the spatial results following the methods described in the Qualitative and Quantitative studies.



Figure 1: Project reporting diagram, with the Risk Assessment's four distinct outputs (i.e., Map Book, Basis of Study, and the complementary Qualitative and Quantitative studies).

Overview of Maps

Ebbwater assessed the impacts from both flood and debris flow in the Okanagan-Similkameen watersheds. This assessment was done quantitively and qualitatively. This map series is one out of a series of 7 that together form the Map Book. In aggregate, the 7 series cover the 2 hazards assessed and 6 exposure indicators. The table below lists the 7 series, and highlights the series contained herein. The qualitative maps combine impacts from both flood and debris flow hazards. The quantitative maps show consequences from flood and debris flow hazards separately. In the quantitative maps, the consequences for flood hazard are shown for the moderate magnitude scenario only.

Series	Map Book Title	Information Shown
Series 1	Flood and Debris Flow Hazard	Debris FlowLow, Moderate, and High Magnitude Flood
Series 2	Environment Indicator	Qualitative (Impacts)Quantitative (Consequences)
Series 3	Culture Indicator	Qualitative (Impacts)Quantitative (Consequences)
Series 4	Mortality Indicator	Quantitative (Consequences)
Series 5	Affected People Indicator	Qualitative (Impacts)Quantitative (Consequences)
Series 6	Economy Indicator	Qualitative (Impacts)Quantitative (Consequences)
Series 7	Disruption Indicator	Qualitative (Impacts)Quantitative (Consequences)

Printing and Document Navigation

All maps are designed and scaled to be printed in 'ANSI D' format. Maps are linked and can be navigated through by clicking within the following:

- Index line items on page 3.
- Blue tiles, watersheds or text, located in the top right-hand corner of the maps, where present.
- Hyperlinked Map index on page 6.

Notes to User

1. The debris flow hazard layer was produced by Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc. and the flood hazard layers by Ebbwater Consulting Inc. The method used to produce the hazard layers is described in the Quantitative Study.

Quantitative Data Sources

1. Lakes and Watercourses, Roads, Dikes, and Reserves: BC Data Catalogue.

2. Dam Failure Consequence: BC Ministry of forests, lands and natural resource operations

3. Building Footprints: Regional districts, municipalities, WFN and hand digitized using Bing Satellite Imagery.

4. Syilx Place Names: Okanagan Nation Alliance.

5. Base Layer: OpenStreetMap data – openstreetmap.org (© OpenStreetMap contributors; cartography licence CC BY-SA) and hill shade created using CDEM and USGM GMTED2010.

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Hazard Maps





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Legend

Background

Watershed Boundary
 Named Subwatersheds

- Canada US Border
- Lakes
- Watercourses
- Dikes
- Highway
 Major Road
 Building Footprints
- -- Okanagan-Similkameen Boundary

Hazard Debris Flow Hazard Area

Flood Hazard Area

Low Magnitude
 Moderate Magnitude
 High Magnitude

Dam Failure Consequence

- **Extreme**
- 🔶 High
- **Order** Significant
- Low
- 🔷 Not Available

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Legend

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Hazard Debris Flow Hazard Area

Flood Hazard Area

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 Moderate Magnitude
 High Magnitude

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