

## **Syilx Okanagan Flood and Debris Flow Risk Assessment**

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Workshop 1 Title: *tíkt* (flood) in the Syilx Okanagan Territory

#### Participant List

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Amanda Shatzko	RDNO – Chair
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Bill Cohen	OKIB – Knowledge Keeper
Chris Forster	Penticton
Colleen Marchand	OKIB
Cory McGregor	Palmer
Dale Kronebush	PIB
Erica Crawford	SHIFT
Gail Given	RDCO – Councillor
Harron Hall	En’owkin Centre
Janet Terbasket	LSIB – Councillor
Jerry Marcellay	WFN – Knowledge Keeper
John Vassilaki	Penticton – Mayor
Jonathan Ford	WFN
Karla Kozakevich	RDOS – Chair
Lisa Wilson	ONA
Mike Allison	USIB – Knowledge Keeper
Mike Noseworthy	FLNRORD - Dam Safety
Robert Larson	Ebbwater
Robin Irwin	USIB
Rod Maclean	Kelowna
Sarah Alexis	OKIB
Sean Vaisler	RDOS
Skyeler Folks	ONA
Tamsin Lyle	Ebbwater
Terry Olsen	EMBC
Tessa Terbasket	ONA
Todd Cashin	RDCO

Photos from Mapping Exercise (Credits: Ebbwater)





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### Appendix B: Watershed Tour 1 Participant List and Photos

Watershed Tour 1 Location: *snpinkton* (Penticton)

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Brody Armstrong	PIB – Knowledge Keeper
Chris Eneas	PIB – Knowledge Keeper
Gina Mackay	Osoyoos
Gail Given	RDCO – Councillor
Gerry Marcellay	WFN – Knowledge Keeper
Grouse Barnes	WFN – Knowledge Keeper
Heather Murdock	Ebbwater
Jonathan Ford	WFN
Michael Bezener	En'owkin Center
Mike Noseworthy	FLNRORD - Dam Safety
Richard Armstrong	PIB - Knowledge Keeper
Robert Larson	Ebbwater
Skyeler Folks	ONA
Taylor Carpenter	ONA
Terry Olsen	EMBC
Tessa Terbasket	ONA
Zoe Kirk	RDOS
Dallas Goodwater	OKIB
Luke Dempsey	Kelowna
Thomas Pierre	PIB – Knowledge Keeper

Photos (Credits: Ebbwater)



**Stop 1:** View west at the snowy, low-lying landscape at Upper Shingle Ck (HM)



**Stop 2:** Participants carefully walk down the Pentiction Channel's West Dike (RL)



**Stop 2:** An Elder talks about the importance of fish habitat at the outlet of Shingle Creek (RL)



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**Stop 2:** An Elder talks about the changes experienced by Shingle Creek due to damming and channelization (RL)



**Stop 2:** Participants learn about aquatic habitat needs, and the changes that have occurred in this section of the river (RL)



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**Stop 3:** Lunchtime discussions at the En'owkin Centre (RL)



**Stop 3:** An Elder experiences the Penticton Virtual Tour (HM)



**Stop 3:** Participants share ideas about flood maps (RL)



**Stop 4:** An Elder explains plans to restore the floodplain on locatee lands (RL)



**Stop 4:** An Elder shares stories about the significance of the floodplain to *syilx* people (RL)

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### Appendix C: Watershed Tour 2 Participant List and Photos

Watershed Tour 2 Location: *nməlqaytkw* (Similkameen River)

#### Participant List

Participant Name (photo credits)	Organization - Role
Arden Holley	Keremeos - Councillor
Cory McGregor	Palmer
George Bush	RDOS – Director
Glen Burgess	FLNRORD - Wildfire
Jerry Marcellay	WFN - Knowledge Keeper
Karla Kozakevich	RDOS – Chair
Laurie	RDOS
Lavern Jack	PIB – Knowledge Keeper
Leon Louis	LSIB – Knowledge Keeper
Lisa Wilson	ONA
Mike Allison	USIB – Knowledge Keeper
Mike Noseworthy	FLNRORD – Dam Safety
Peter Prendergast	EMBC
Robert Larson	Ebbwater
Robert Warner	FLNRORD – Wildfire
Robin Irwin	USIB
Sarah Alexis	OKIB
Sean Vaisler	RDOS
Tessa Terbasket	ONA
Tim Roberts	RDOS – Director
Trudy Peterson	LSIB
Wendy Hawkes	LSIB
Zoe Kirk	RDOS
Arden Holley	Keremeos – Councillor
Cory McGregor	Palmer
George Bush	RDOS – Director
Glen Burgess	FLNRORD – Wildfire



Photos (Credits: Ebbwater and Palmer)



View upstream (west) of the icy Similkameen River (CM)



View downstream (east) of the Similkameen River (CM)



View downstream of the Similkameen River (CM)



Stop 1: The group completes introductions and reviews project objectives (CM)



Stop 1: Group photo of participants, standing at the edge of the landslide (RL)



Stop 1: View west down the path of the landslide (RL)



**Stop 1:** A participant looks over the edge of the slide path (RL)



**Stop 1:** The group debriefs and prepares to travel to the next stop (CM)



**Stop 2:** New culvert replaced on downstream side of Hedley Road (RL)



**Stop 2:** New culvert and headwall installed on upstream side of Hedley Road (CM)



**Stop 2:** The group discusses recent flood and debris flow impacts and their various causes, including uplands logging activity and wildfires (RL)



**Stop 2:** View upstream from replaced culvert, where debris flows occurred with flooding (RL)



**Stop 3:** The group contemplates the history and lack of local knowledge about this mine waste site (RL)



**Stop 3:** The was site is located approximately 30 m from the Similkameen River (CM)



**Stop 3:** The group learns about the history of this mine waste site (RL)



**Stop 4:** An Elder shares stories, including about how this land that was taken away from the syilx people (RL)



**Stop 4:** Signs of beaver activity on a tree along the left bank of the Similkameen River (CM)



**Stop 4:** View downstream of the Similkameen River; recent wildfire effects can be seen on forest slopes of the right bank (RL)

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### Appendix D: Workshop 2 Participant List and Photos

Workshop 2 title: Moving from *tíkt* (flood) Risk to Adaptation

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Danika Dudzik	RDCO
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Leon Lewis	LSIB – Knowledge Keeper
Lisa Wilson	ONA
Mathew Keast	Vernon
Michael Hodges	Penticton
Mike Allison	USIB
Mike Noseworthy	FLNRORD – Dam Safety
Mirjam Glass	Peachland
Richard Armstrong	PIB
Robert Larson	Ebbwater
Rod MacLean	Kelowna
Shaun Reimer	FLNFORD – Dam Safety
Shawn Goodsell	Oliver
Shelley Martens	Fortis BC
Sherry Philpott-Adhikary	Keremeos – Councillor
Skyeler Folks	ONA

Participant Name	Organization - Role
Stephanie Paul	WFN
Tamsin Lyle	Ebbwater
Terry Olsen	EMBC
Tessa Terbasket	ONA
Trevor Scott	Vernon
Wendy Hawkes	LSIB

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### Appendix E: Watershed Tour 3 Participant List and Photos

Watershed Tour 3 Location: *nk'mapəłqs* (Head of the Lake)

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Amanda Shatzko	RDNO – Chair
Anna Warwick Sears	OBWB
Barb Marchand	OKIB – Knowledge Keeper
Burt Marchand	OKIB – Knowledge Keeper
Colin Marchand	OKIB
Colleen Marchand	OKIB
Craig Moore	Rider Ventures
Geoff Mulligan	Vernon
Keith Louis	OKIB – Knowledge Keeper
Louis Ghostkeeper	Rider Ventures
Mark Dowhaniuk	Vernon
Matt Vader	Lake Country
Mike Reiley	Coldstream
Mirjam Glass	Peachland
Perry jo Williams	PIB – Knowledge Keeper
Rod MacLean	Kelowna
Sandra Saddleman	OKIB
Skyeler Folks	ONA
Stephanie Paul	WFN
Subrina Monteith	RDOS
Tara Stanley	ONA
Taylor Carpenter	ONA
Terry Olsen	EMBC
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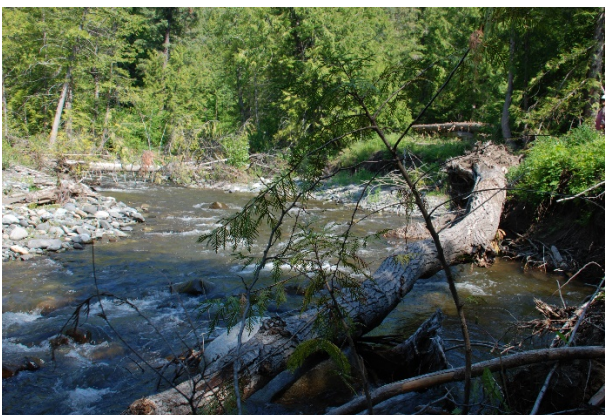
Photos (all credits: ONA)



**Stop 1:** Group introductions at the New Horizons building.



**Stop 2:** Photo of a flower on Equisis Creek (Photo credit).



**Stop 2:** Section of Equisis Creek where flow path has changed.



**Stop 2:** Group discussion about flow path change on Equisis Creek where flow path has changed.



**Stop 2:** View of new water flow path landscape on Equisis Creek.



**Stop 4:** Whiteman Creek bridge.



**Stop 4:** Whiteman Creek bridge.



**Stop 5:** Whiteman Creek, view from right bank at water level and upstream.



**Stop 5:** Whiteman Creek, view from top of right bank and upstream.



**Stop 5:** Whiteman Creek, group shot. Staff from Rider Ventures (look it up)



**Stop 5:** Flooded field on Whiteman Creek.



**Stop 6:** Group discussion at the mouth of Equesis Creek.



**Stop 6:** Group discussion at the mouth of Equisis Creek.



**Stop 6:** Near the mouth of Equisis Creek.



**Stop 6:** Mouth of Equisis Creek at Okanagan Lake.



**Stop 7:** Group discussion at washed-out area on Equisis Creek.



**Stop 8:** Debris in Bouleau Creek.



**Stop 8:** Close-up of debris in Bouleau Creek bridge.

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#### **Appendix F: Workshop 1 Presentation Slides**

# Setting the Stage:

*tikt* (flood) in the *Syilx* (Okanagan) Territory

Workshop 1, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Source: [similkameenvalley.com](http://similkameenvalley.com)



# Agenda

Time	Section
Morning	Registration/Welcome
	Introduction to the Study Area and the Project
	Break
	Two-Eyed Seeing Approach and Overview of Flood and Debris Flow
Lunch Break	
Afternoon	What is Resilience and Where Do We See Impacts?
	Mapping Exercise to Identify Past and Future Impact Areas
	Reflections and Closing

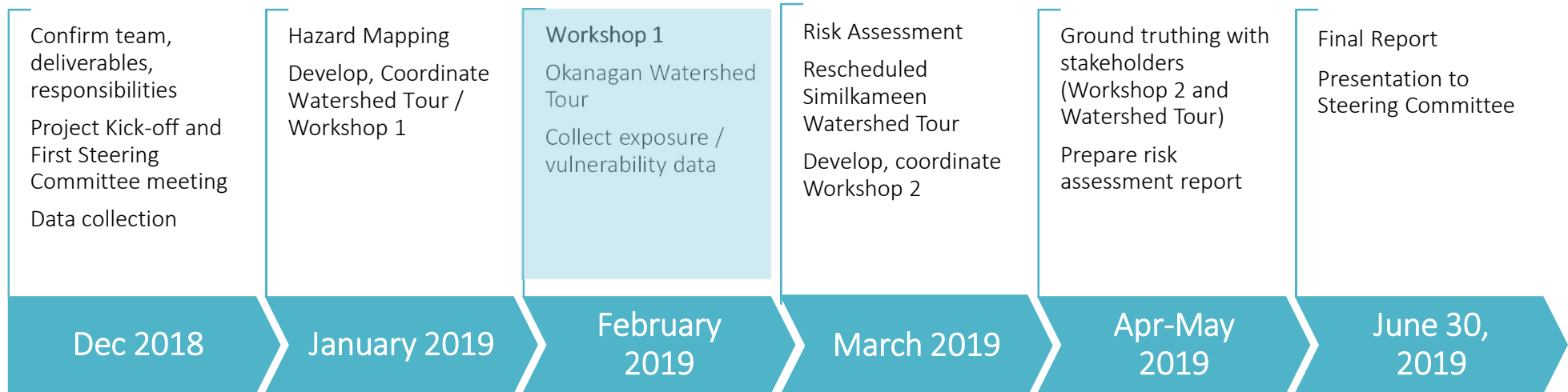
# Workshop Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for flood resilience community-building in the region.
- Share perspectives on flood resilience, including positive and negative implications.
- Review maps of likely flood and debris flow occurrences in the study area.
- Identify what's in the path of the water and what matters to people who live in the Okanagan.



Source: Heather Murdock

# Project Timeline





# Introductions Around the Room

# Introduction to the Land and Waters of the *Syilx* Territory

Arnie Baptiste

Bill Cohen

# Introduction to the Project

Tessa Terbasket | ONA

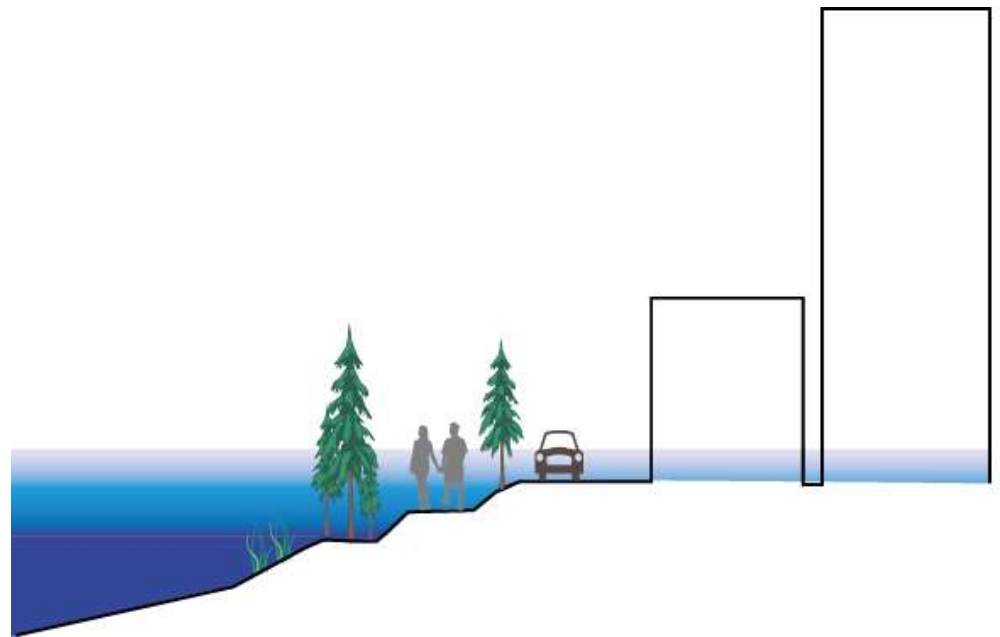
Tamsin Lyle | Ebbwater

*siwɬk<sup>w</sup>* (water)  
Declaration

Dallas Goodwater

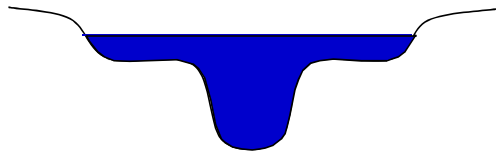
# Flood is a wicked problem

- High degree of technical complexity
- Multiple dimensions of uncertainty
- Multiple objectives
- High stakes, high emotions
- Intense political scrutiny
- High expectations for quality and transparency
- Limited resources in terms of time, money and personnel.

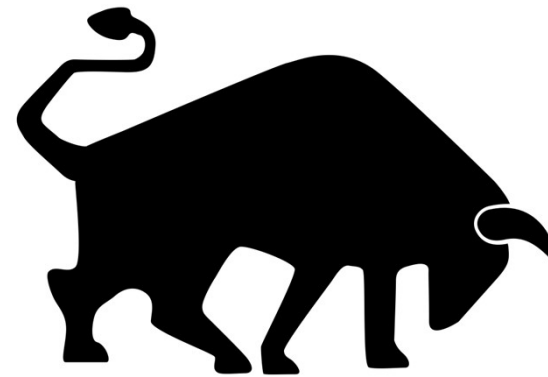
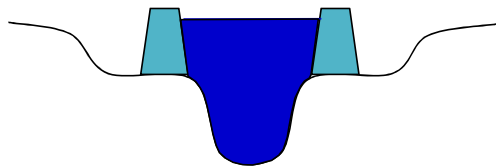


# That historically settlers have managed with arrogance Man Will Conquer Nature

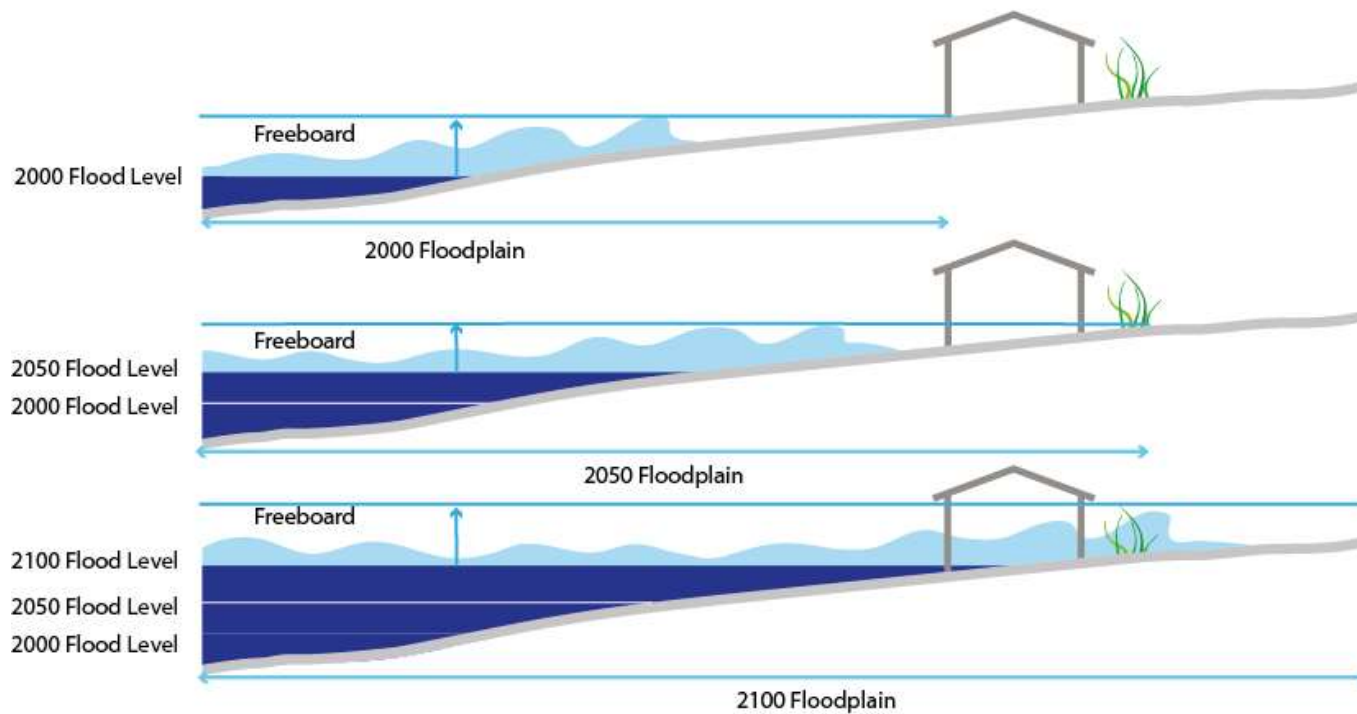
Natural Condition



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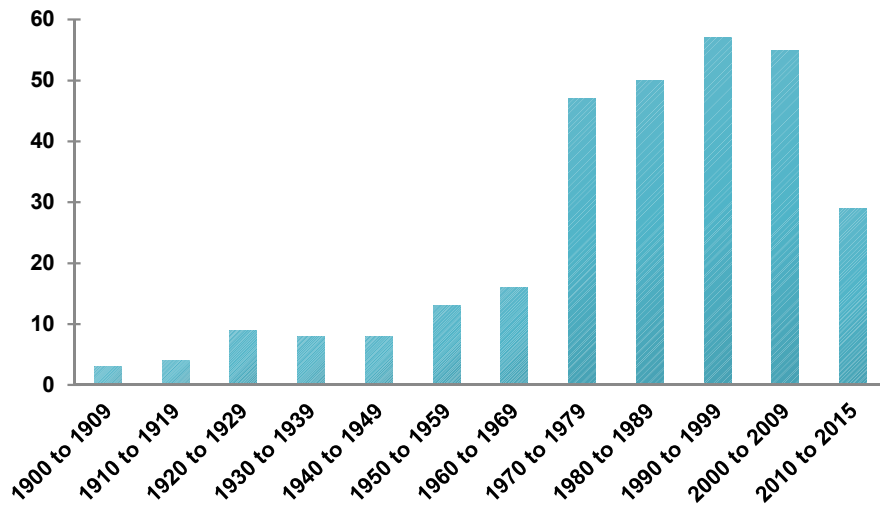


# Our hazard is Increasing with climate change



In the US, a 45% increase in spatial extent of the 100-Year floodplains is projected by the year 2100 (NFIP 2014).

# And is causing more and more losses



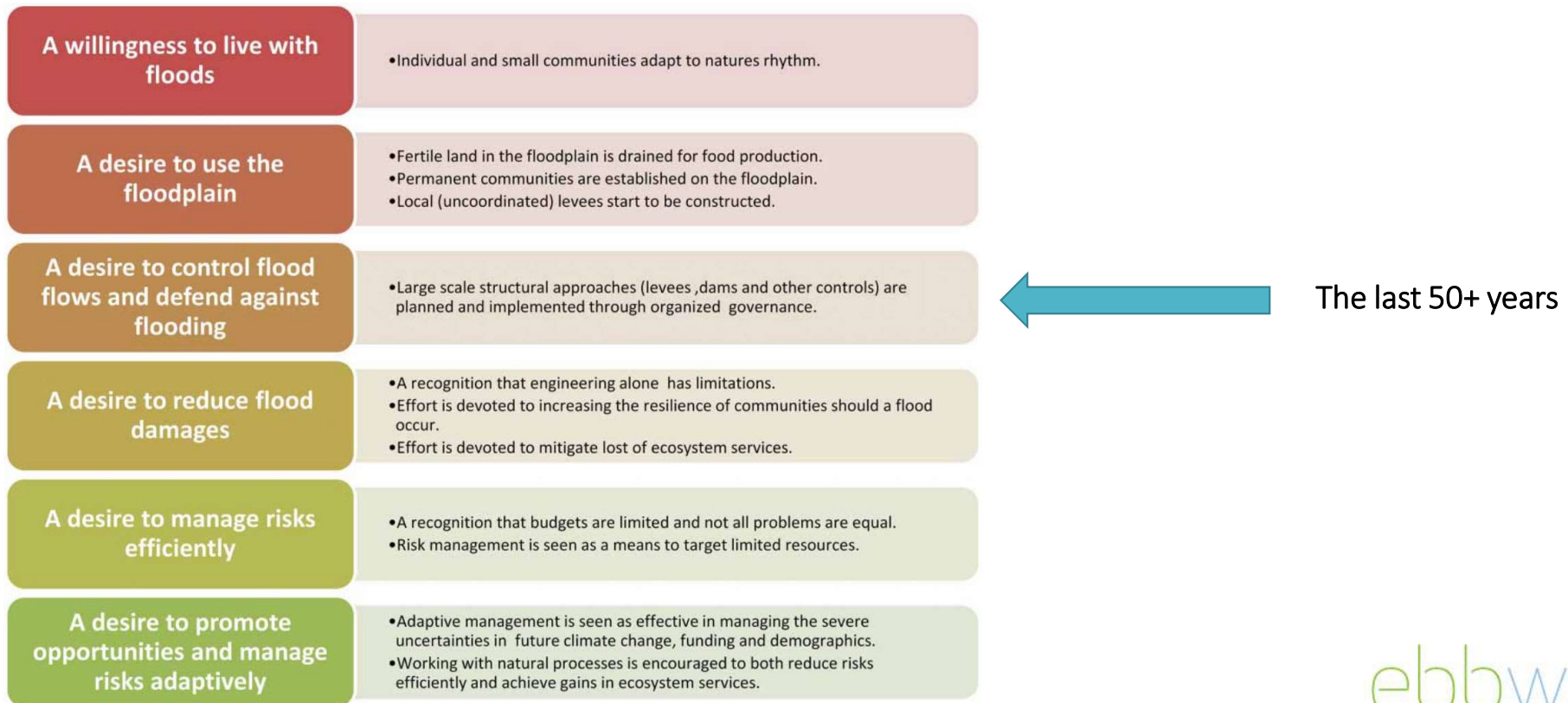
Flood Disaster Occurrences in Canada 1900-2015  
(Canadian Disaster Database)

\$2.4Bn losses annually  
\$673M paid by DFSA

Annual Loss Estimate from Government of Canada  
(Parliamentary Budget Office 2016)



# Forcing a change: The evolution of flood management



Sayers et al. 2014

# Sendai Framework

Canada AND British Columbia are signatories

## 1 OUTCOME

The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries

## 1 GOAL

Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk through the implementation of integrated and inclusive economic, structural, legal, social, health, cultural, educational, environmental, technological, political and institutional measures that prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase preparedness for response and recovery, and thus strengthen resilience

## 4 PRIORITIES

Understanding disaster risk

Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk

Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience

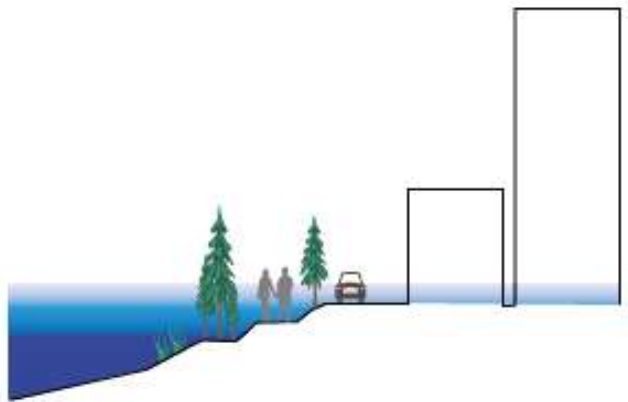
Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction

## 7 TARGETS

- ↓ DISASTER MORTALITY BY 2030
- ↓ NUMBER OF AFFECTED PEOPLE BY 2030
- ↓ ECONOMIC LOSS BY 2030
- ↓ INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE BY 2030
- ↑ DRR NATIONAL/LOCAL STRATEGIES BY 2020
- ↑ INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BY 2030
- ↑ EWS AND DR INFORMATION BY 2030

# Western Science

Or at least the leading edge of it



## The 10 Golden Rules of Flood Management

Sayers et al. 2014

# 1 Accept that absolute protection is not possible and plan for exceedance.

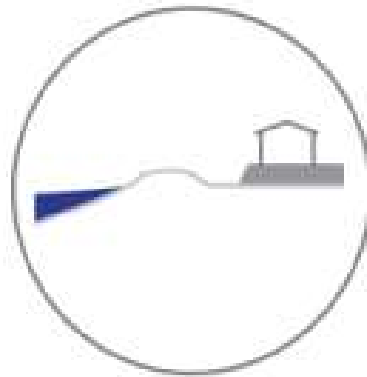
Cornerstone Idea



e.g. A dike



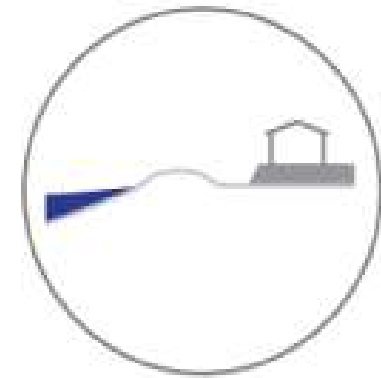
Brick Idea



complemented with  
property-level-protection



Brick Idea



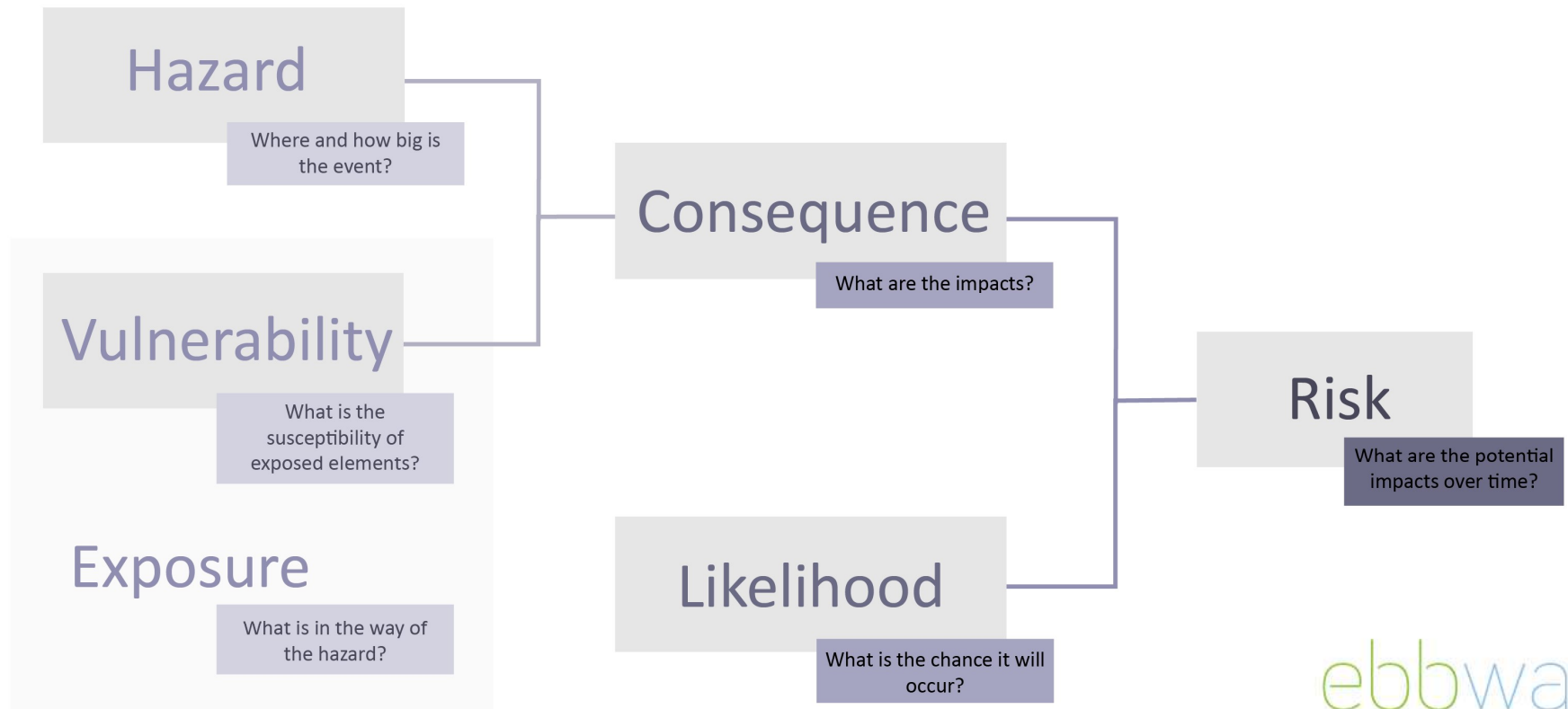
improved with habitat  
enhancement and a bike path

## 2 Promote some flooding as desirable

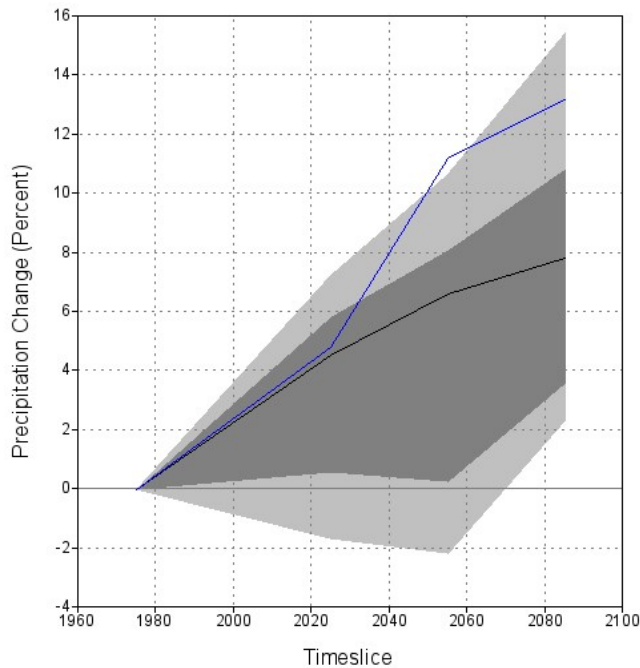


Nile River Delta

# 3 Base decisions on an understanding of risk and uncertainty



# 4 Recognize that the future will be different from the past



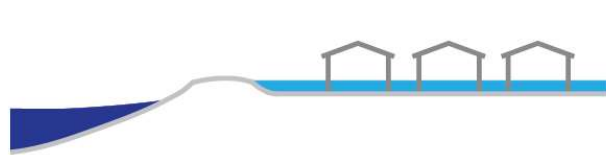
Annual - Precipitation Change - SRES AR4 - CCCMA\_CGCM3 A2-run4(Baseline: HIST - CRU\_TS\_21 H

Data from Plan2Adapt.ca

% increase in annual precipitation in the Central Okanagan



# 5 Do not rely on single measure but implement a portfolio of options



Do Nothing



Adapt



Protect



Retreat

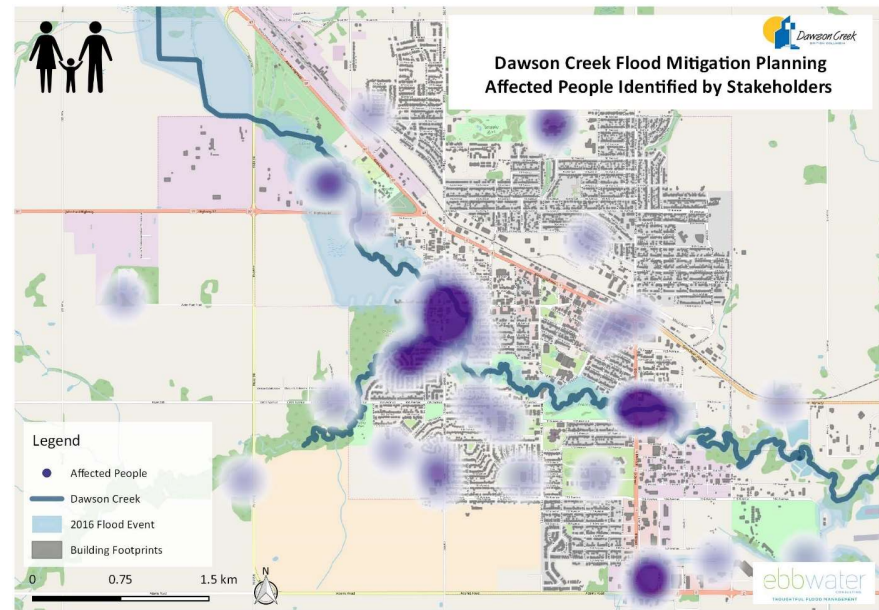
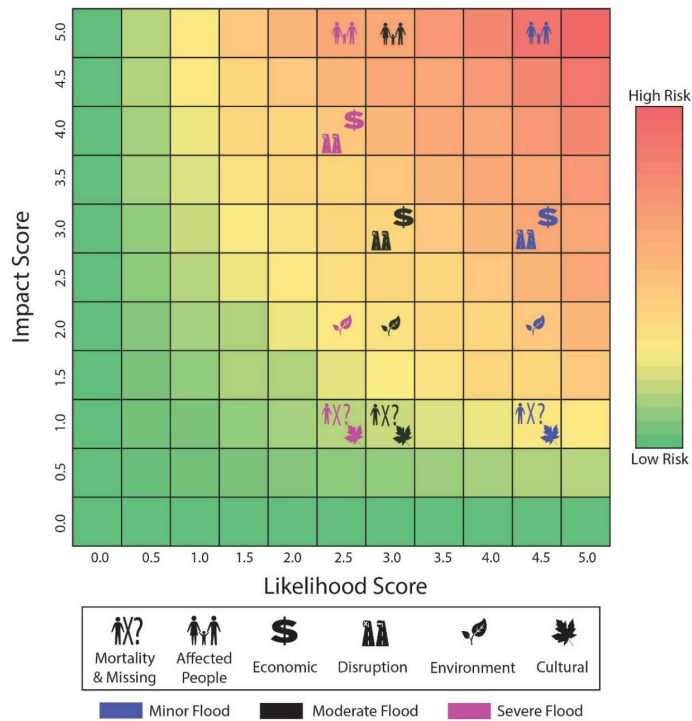


**6** Utilize limited resources efficiently and fairly to reduce risk

**7** Be clear on responsibilities for governance and action

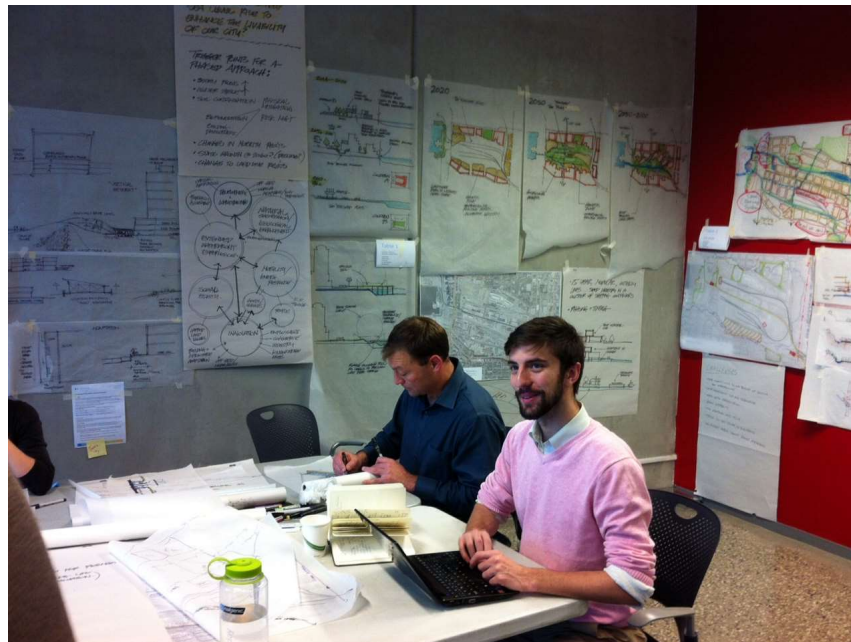
# 8 Communicate risk and uncertainty effectively and widely.

Risk Matrix



City of Dawson Creek Risk Assessment

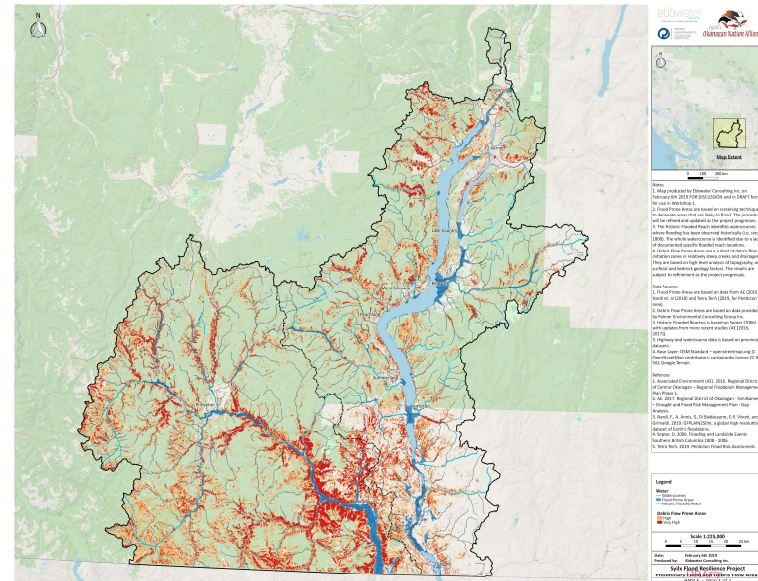
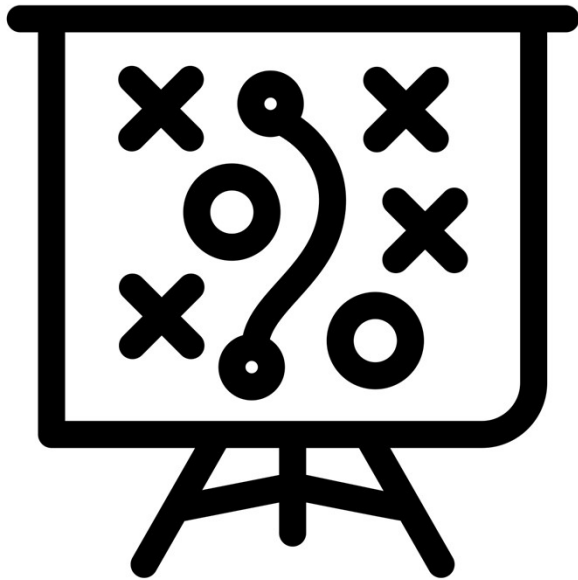
# 9 Promote stakeholder participation in the decision process



Talk to people; not just those you like

Image sources: West Coast Environmental Law

# 10 Reflect local context and integrate with other planning processes



# Break

# Two-Eyed Seeing

Erica Crawford | SHIFT

Tessa Terbasket | ONA

1. Discuss the first lens with a partner
2. Discuss the second lens with a different partner (same side of the room)
3. Find another partner, discuss strengths of two eyes together
4. Choose an image or phrase to describe what emerges from seeing through two eyes together

## Two-Eyed Seeing



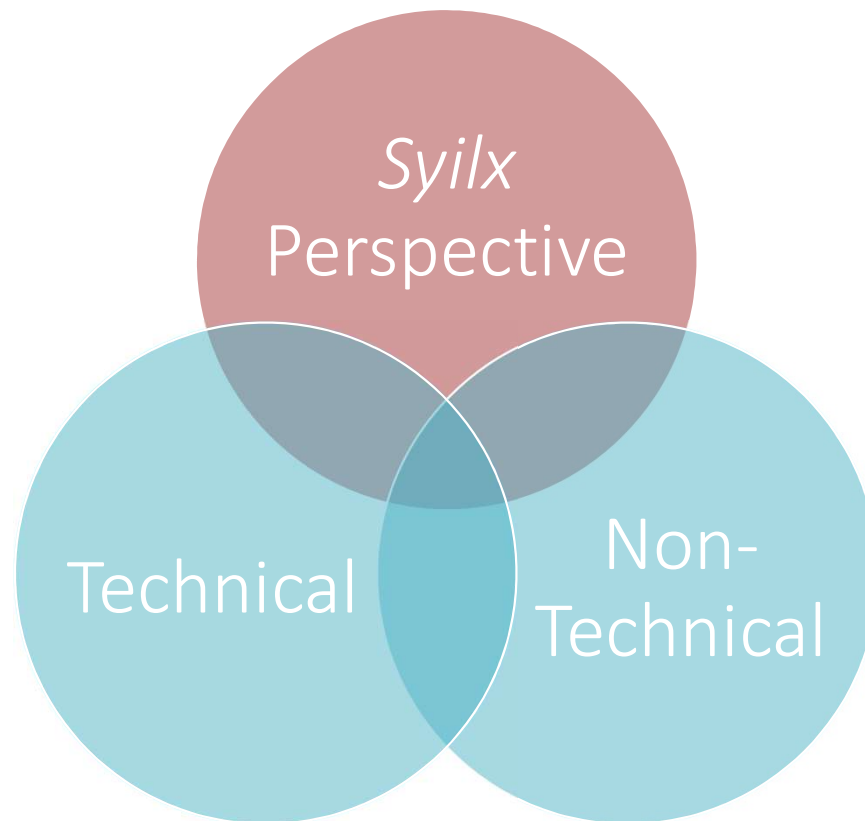
# Overview of Flood and Debris Flow in the Study Area

Robert Larson | Hydrologist | Ebbwater Consulting

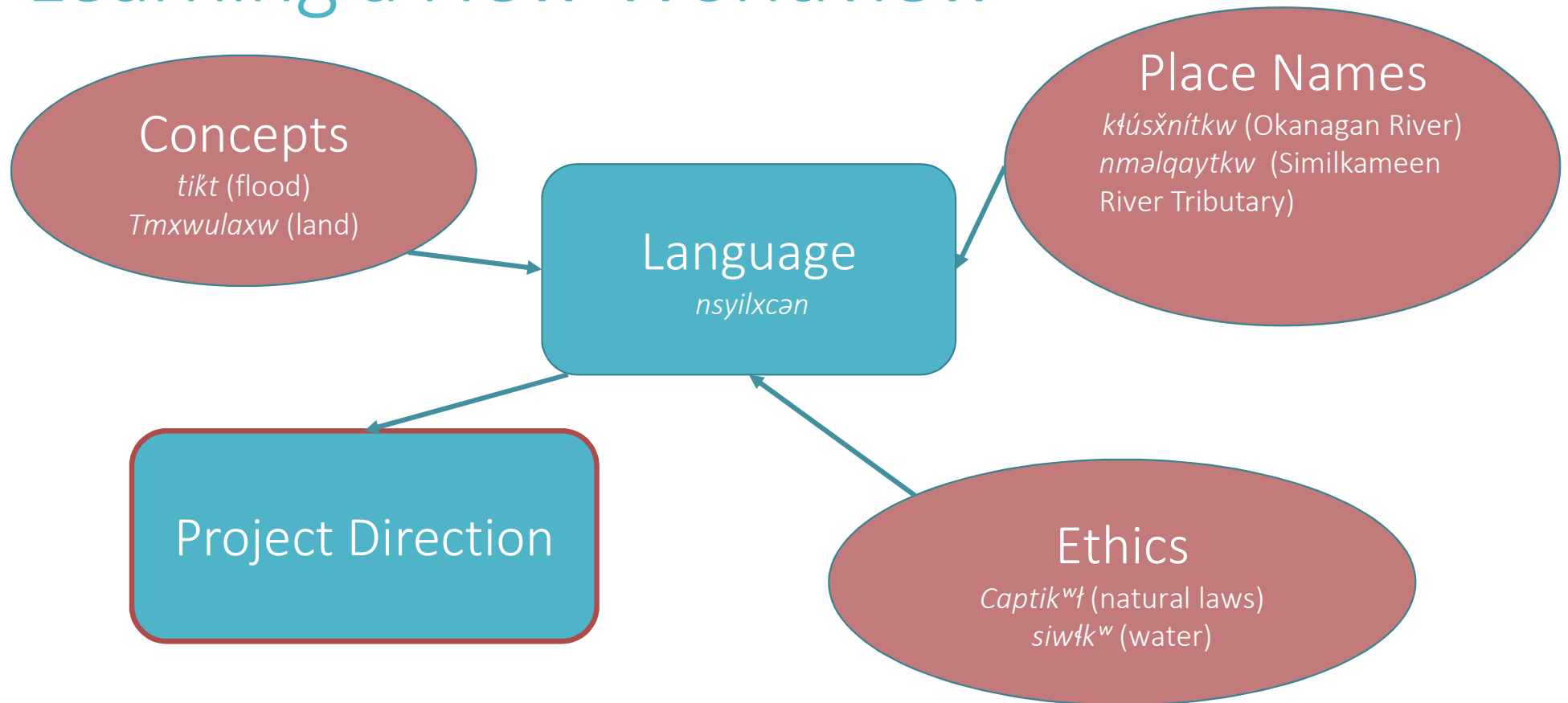
Cory McGregor | Geoscientist | Palmer Environmental Consulting Group

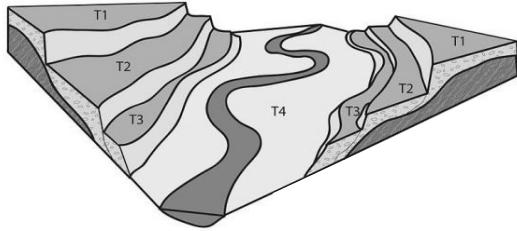


# Communication Challenge



# Learning a New Worldview





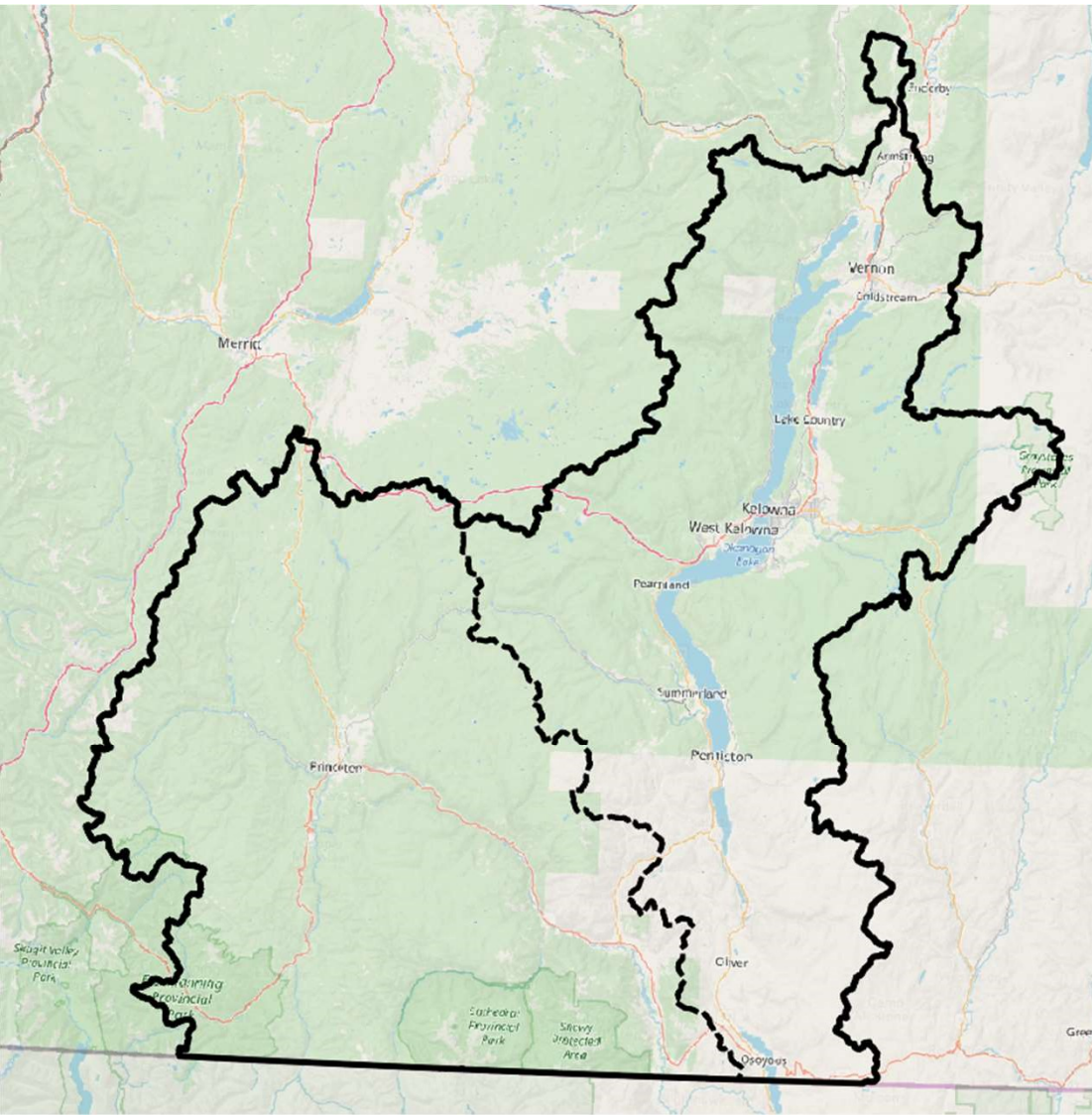
## What is a Flood?

### Flood Characteristics:

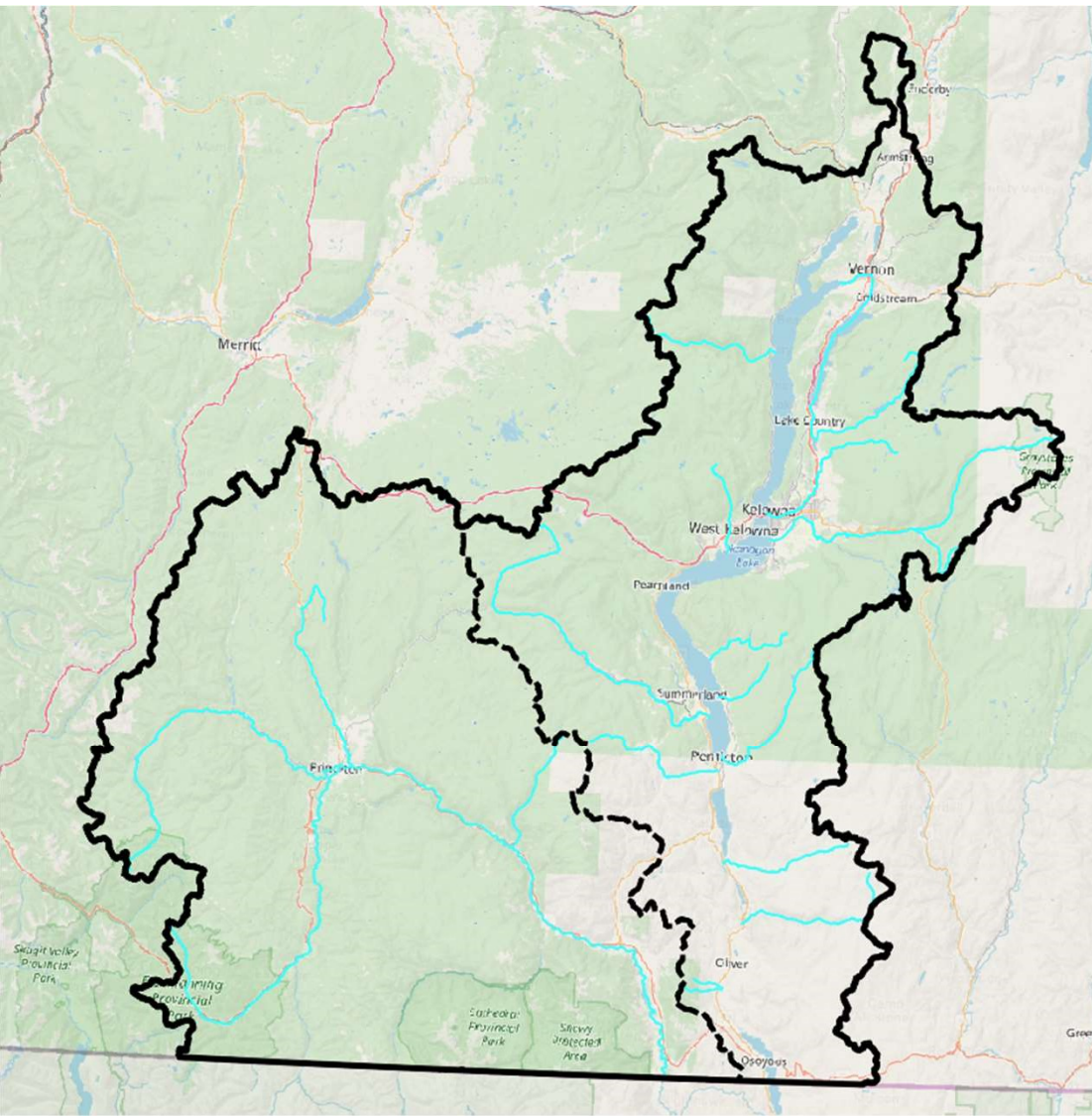
- Driven by climate processes that have influence on the watershed scale.
- Mechanisms can include heavy rain and rain-on-snow; snowmelt; rising water table; debris blockages and ice jams; breaking or breaching of flood defenses; and high lake levels.
- Can be linked to reservoir regulation.



Kelowna, May 8, 2018 (Source: Kelowna Now)



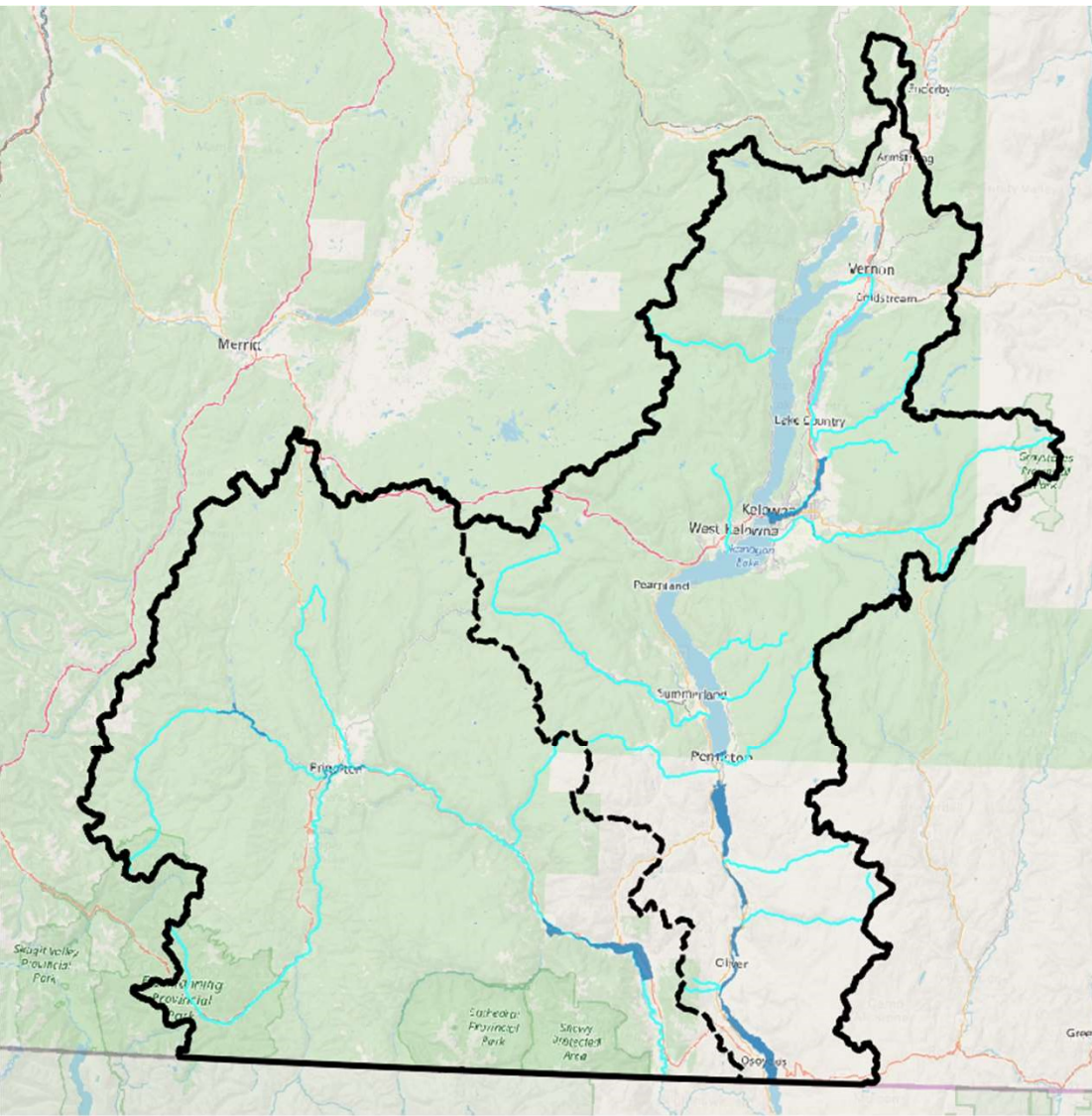
# Building a Flood and Debris Flow Information Library for the Territory



## Flood Prone Reaches

- Observations of watercourses that have historically flooded
- Septer (2006) and AE (2016, 2017)

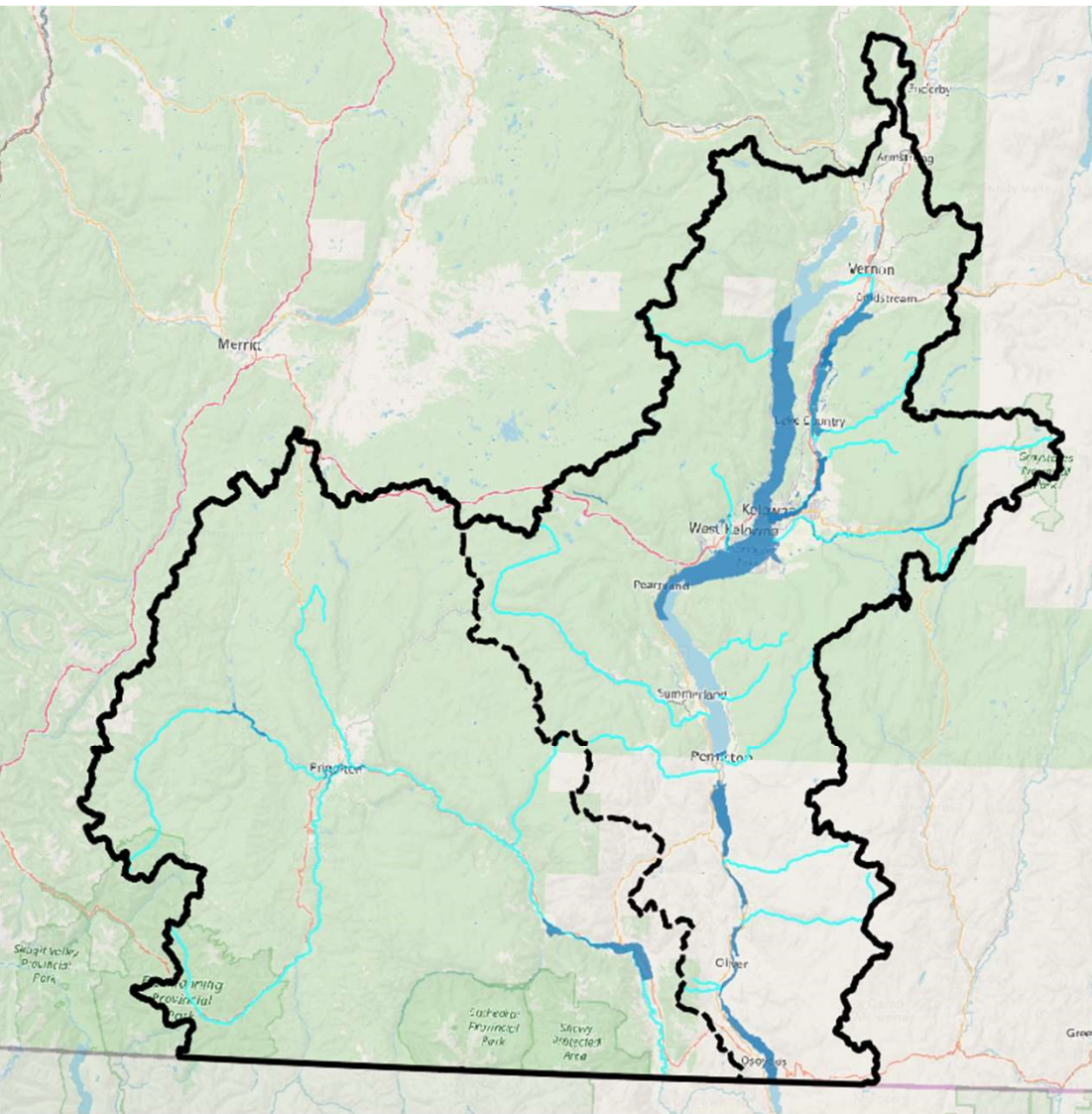
1808 - 2016



# Flood Mapping

- Federal Disaster Reduction Program
- Floodplain bylaws (RDOS, Kelowna)

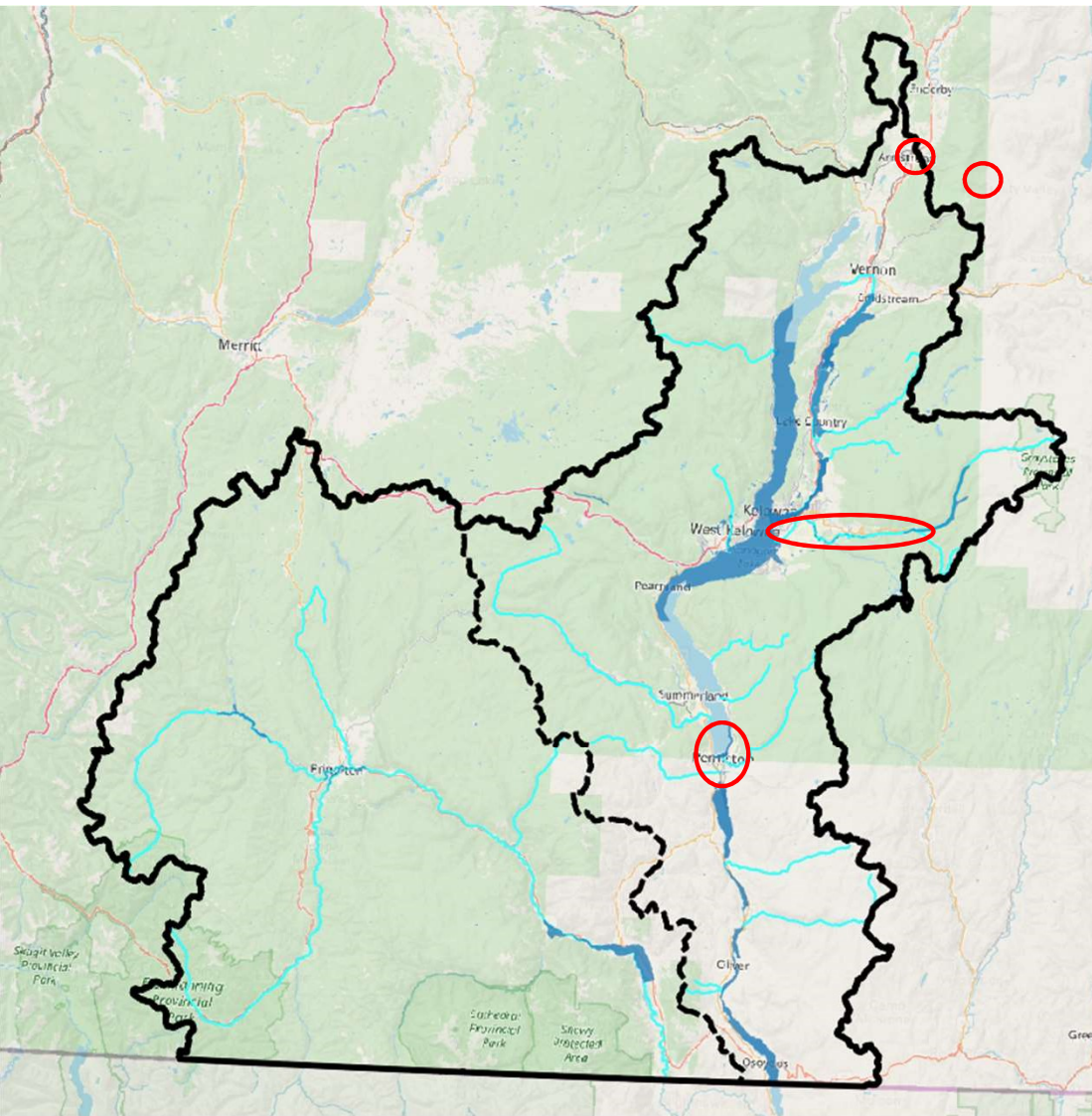
Approx. 1980-2010



## Flood Prone Areas

- Screening-level mapping
- Based on geological and soils mapping

2016

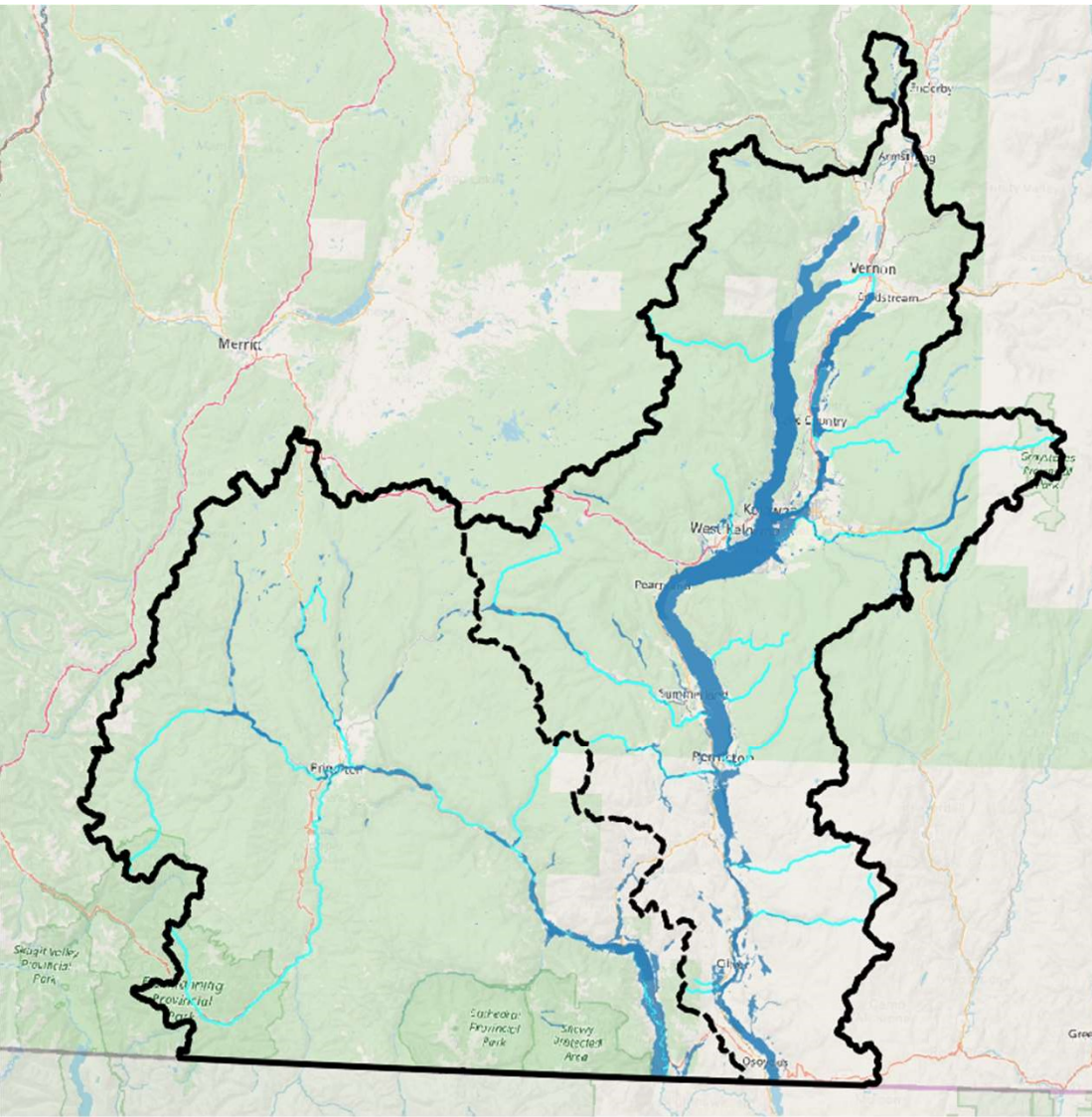


## Recent/Current Flood Mapping

- Penticton, Armstrong, Lumby (Done)
- Kelowna Mission Creek (ongoing)
- Others?

2017-present

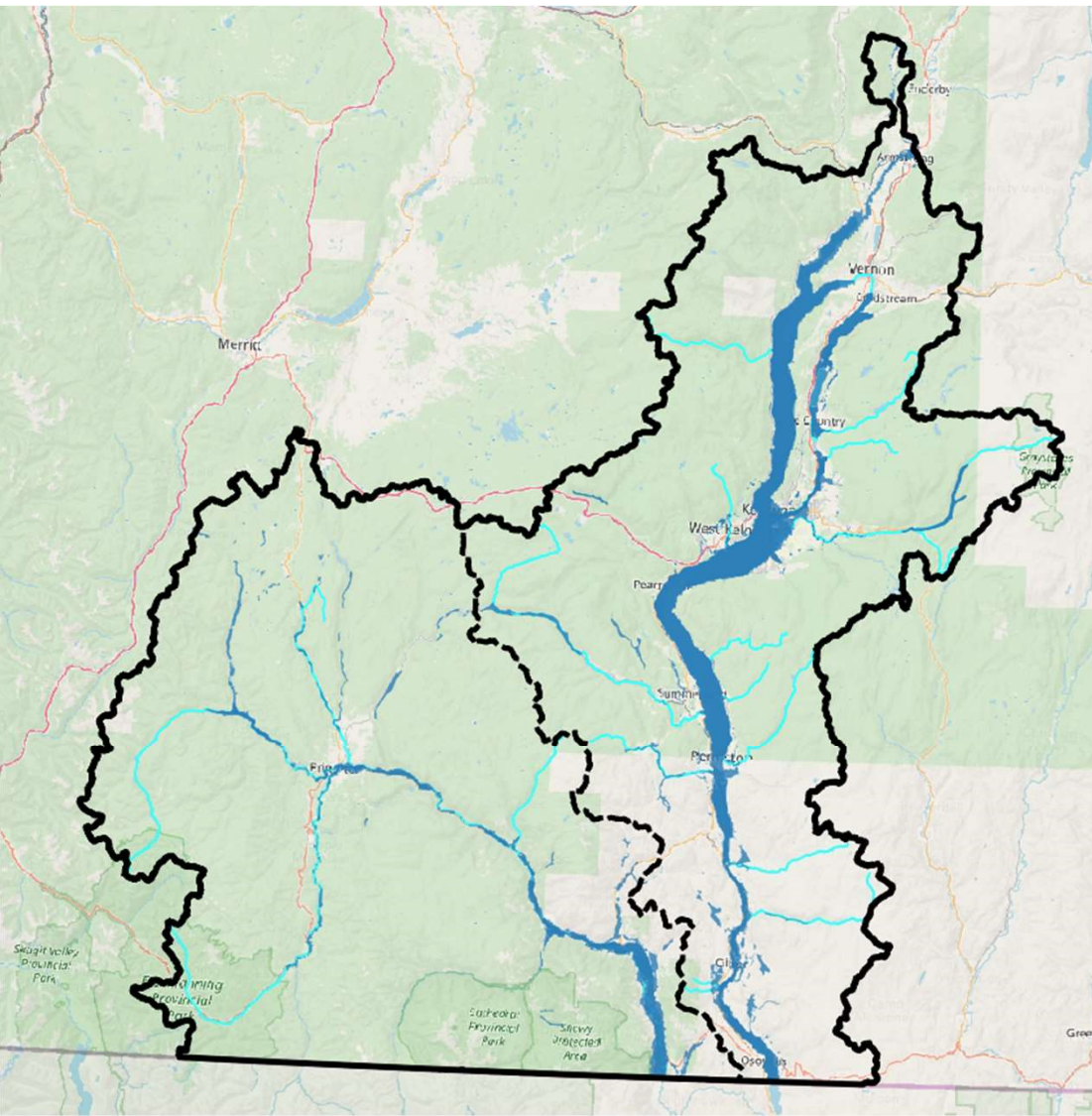




## Flood Prone Areas

- We applied AE (2016) method to entire study area

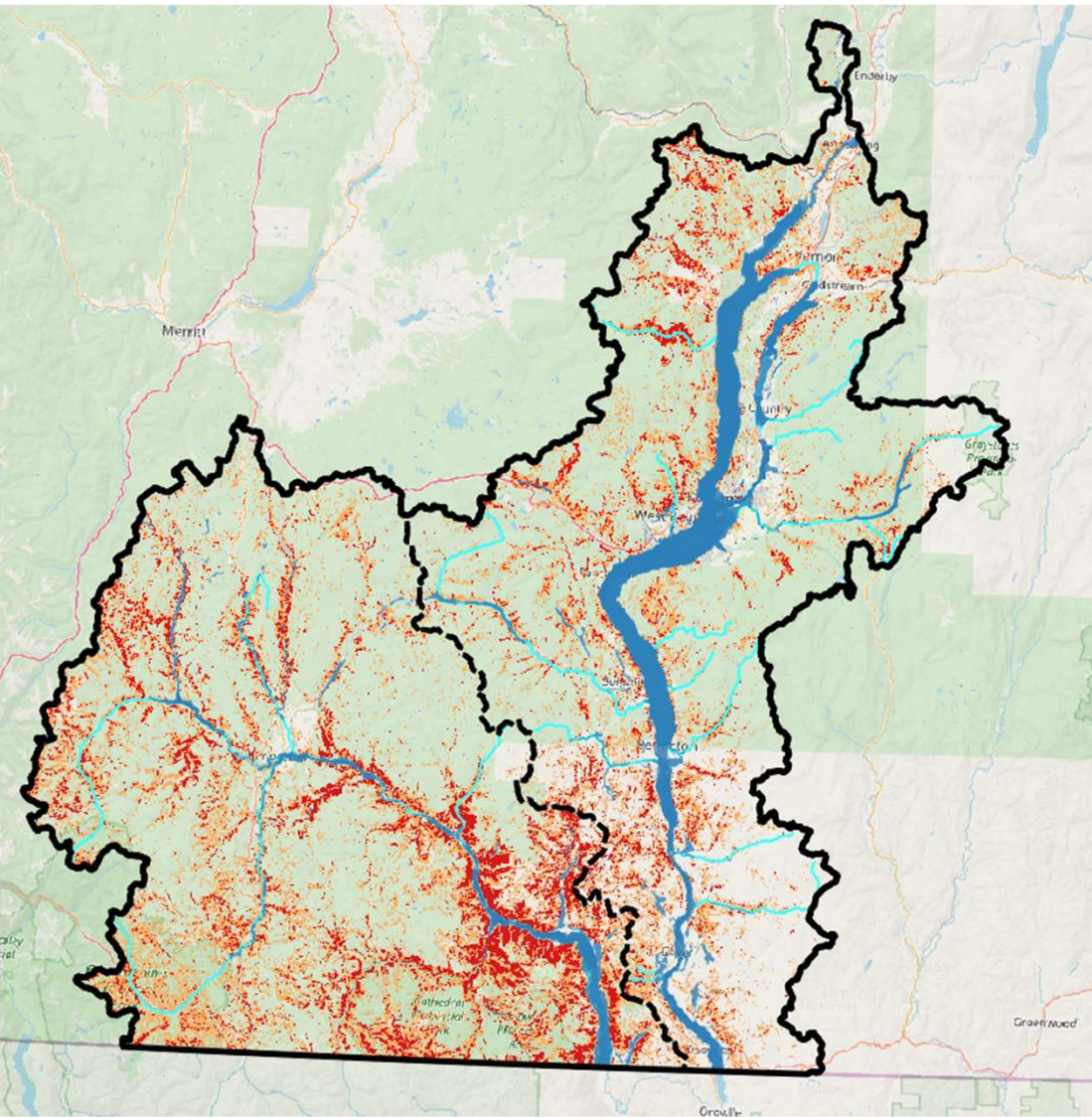
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## Terrain Analysis Methods

- Global Floodplain Map
- Geomorphic Flood Index (to be completed)

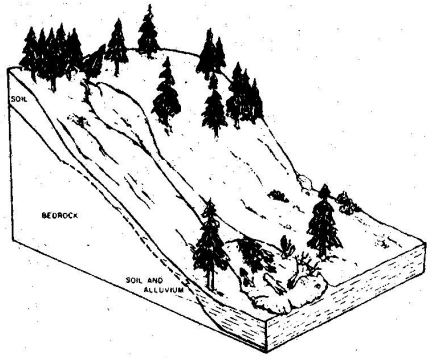
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# Terrain Analysis Methods

- Debris Flow  
Susceptibility

2018



## Debris Flow Characteristics:

- Composed of saturated, loose material or 'debris'
- Moves as a flowing slurry that can resemble wet concrete
- Rapid velocity
- High discharge
- Failures typically channelized and recurring
- Can grow in size as flow picks up new material and water
- Commonly triggered by addition of water (e.g. heavy precipitation, rapid snowmelt, human activity)

## What is a Debris Flow?

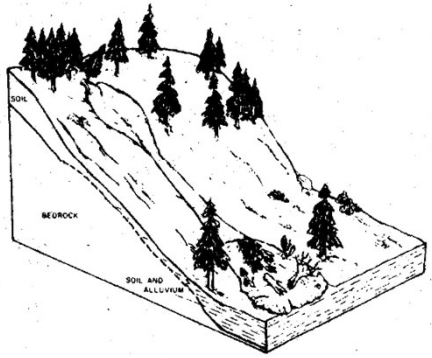


Testalinden Creek Debris Flow, June 2010  
(Source: Oliver Daily News)



## How Debris Flows Move





## Terrain Susceptibility to Debris Flows

### Debris Flow Initiation Factors:

- Slope steepness
- Surface material type
- Proximity to steep creeks and drainages
- Regional geology
- Sediment availability

### External Factors

- Precipitation
- Deforestation (e.g. forest fire)



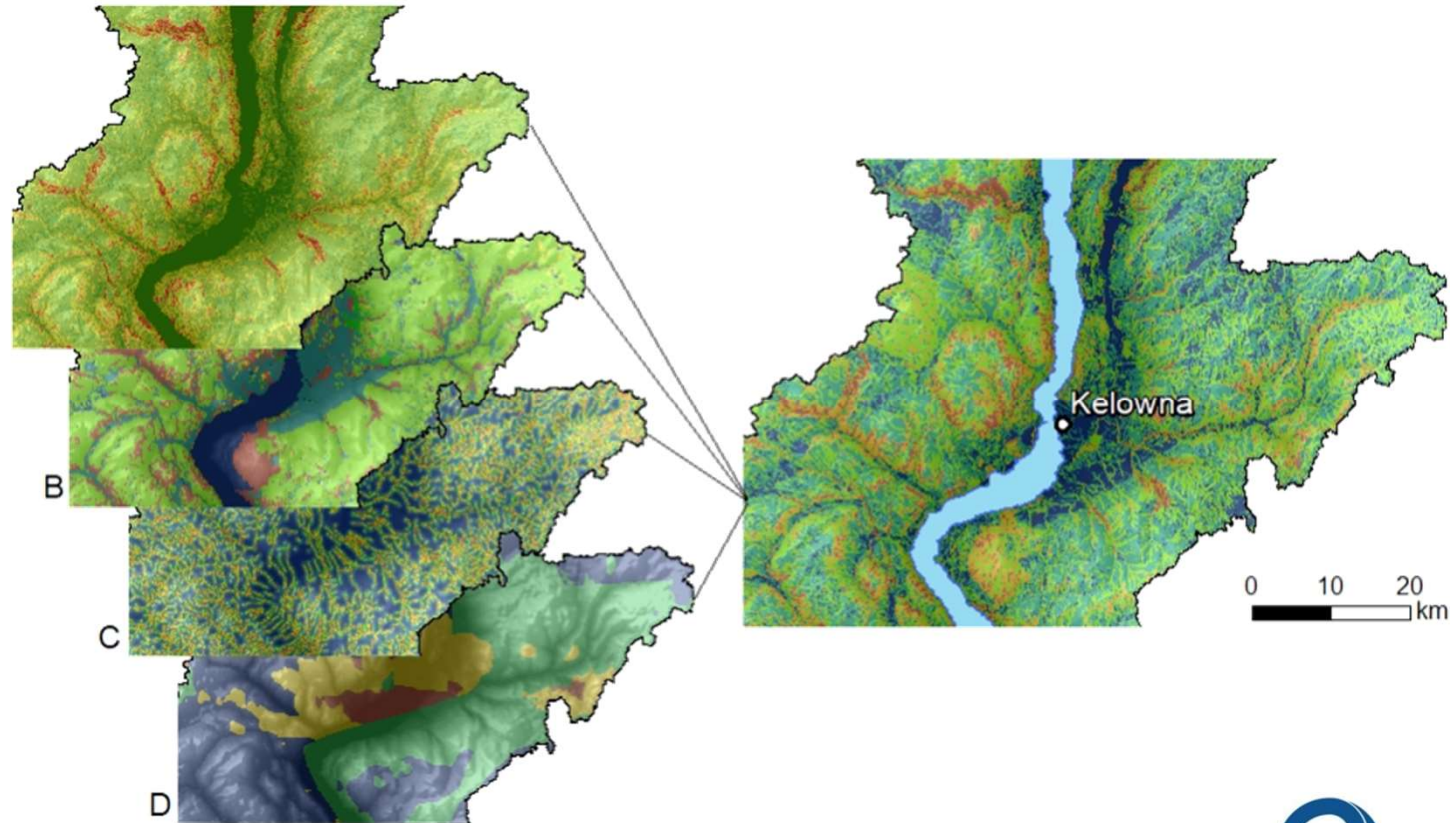
Johnsons Landing Debris Flow, July 2012  
(Source: The Tyee)



# Modelling Debris Flow Susceptibility

## Model approach:

- Selection of predictive layers
- Determination of values within layers
- Layer ranking and weighting and combination
- Validation and adjustment



A. Slope gradient (40%) + B. Surface Material (30%) + C. Distance to creeks (20%) + D. Bedrock Geology (10%)



# Debris Flow Susceptibility Classification

- Qualitative 5-class system (Very Low to Very High)
- Combination of model inputs



Type	Layer	Type
35° (High)	Slope Gradient (40%)	10° (Low)
Loose Material (High)	Surface Material (30%)	Till (Moderate)
30 m (High)	Distance to Creek (20%)	360 m (Low)
Granite (Low)	Bedrock Geology (10%)	Volcaniclastic (Moderate)
Very High (0.9)	Susceptibility Class	Low (0.4)

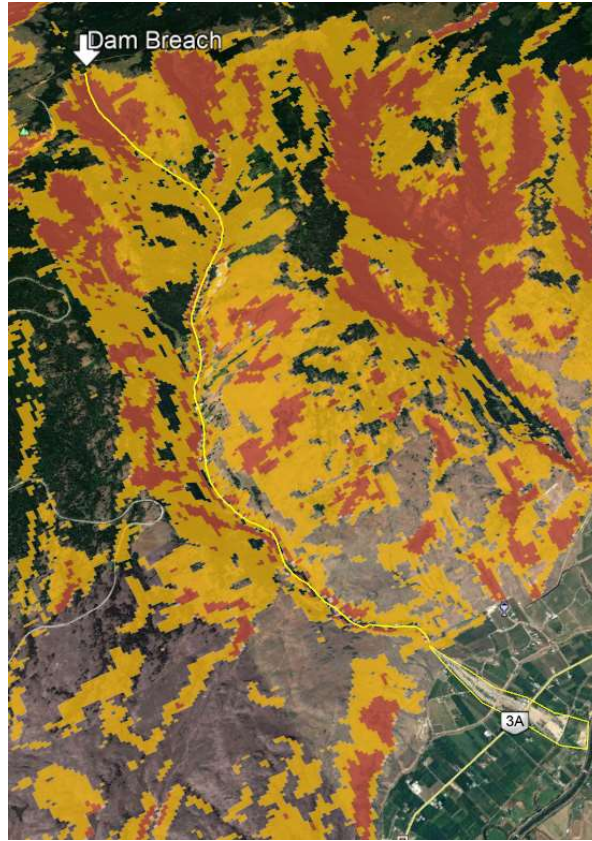




## Debris Flow Validation:

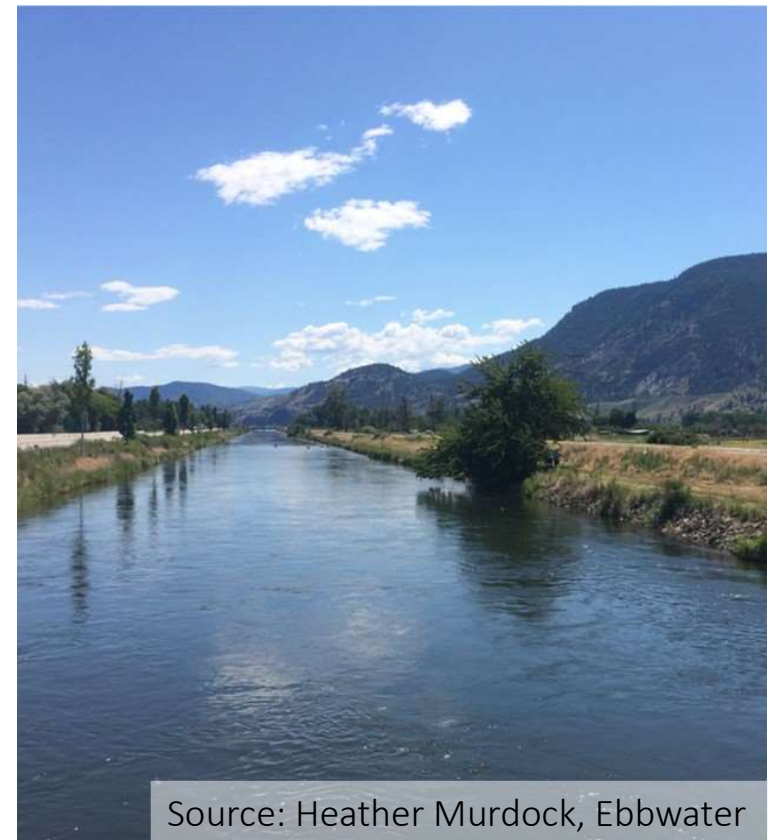
### Testalinden Creek Debris Flow, June 2010

- Trigger: Dam breach in part due to high snowmelt
- Water travels through Very High (red) and High (yellow) class terrain
- Loose debris is entrained by water and combines to form a debris flow
- Debris flow travels downslope and onto fan



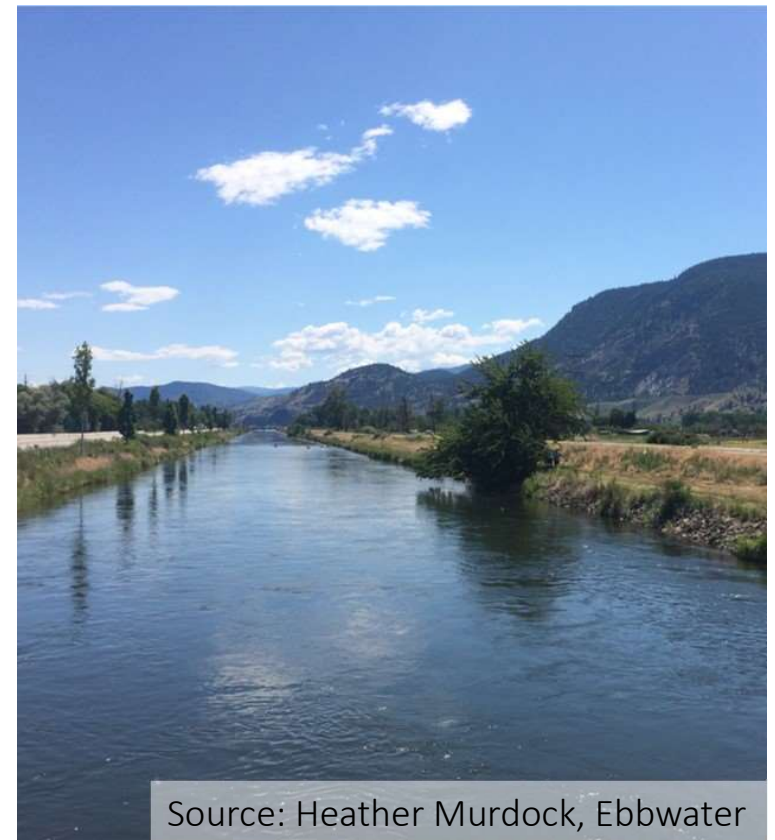
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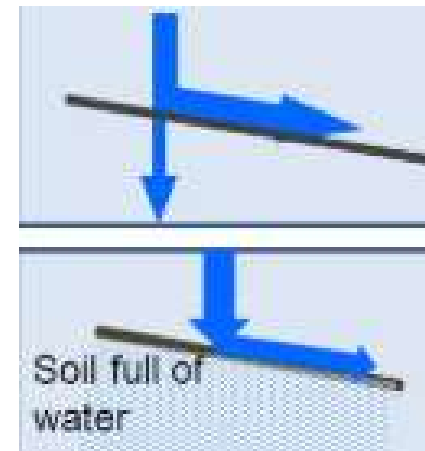


# Watershed Factor: Landcover Change

## Basics of Surface Runoff

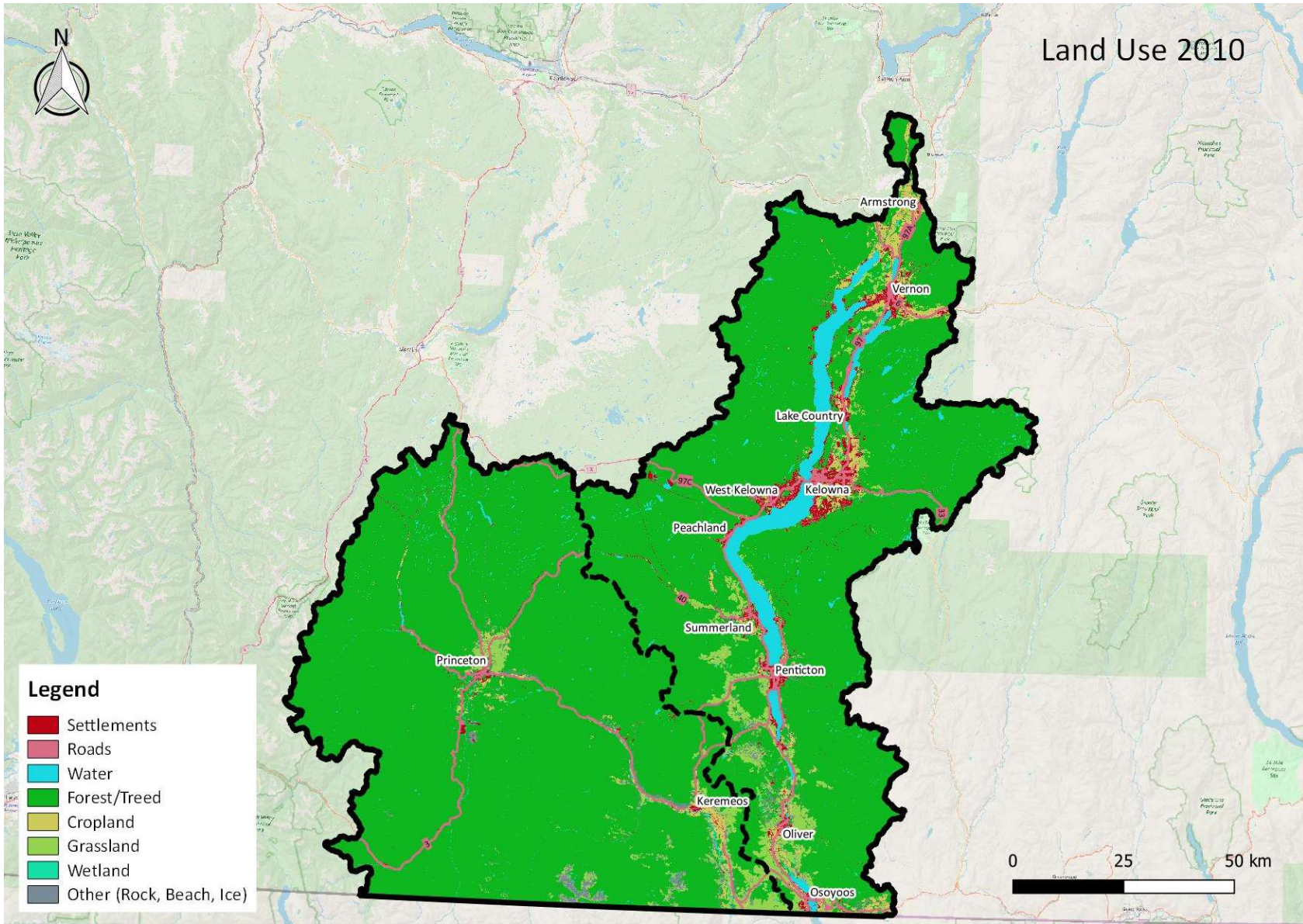
**a) Infiltration excess:**  
volume of rain > than soil infiltration

**b) Saturation excess (mainly winter)**  
water holding capacity is full



Source: DIAGNOSIS Training Course  
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# Land Use 2010



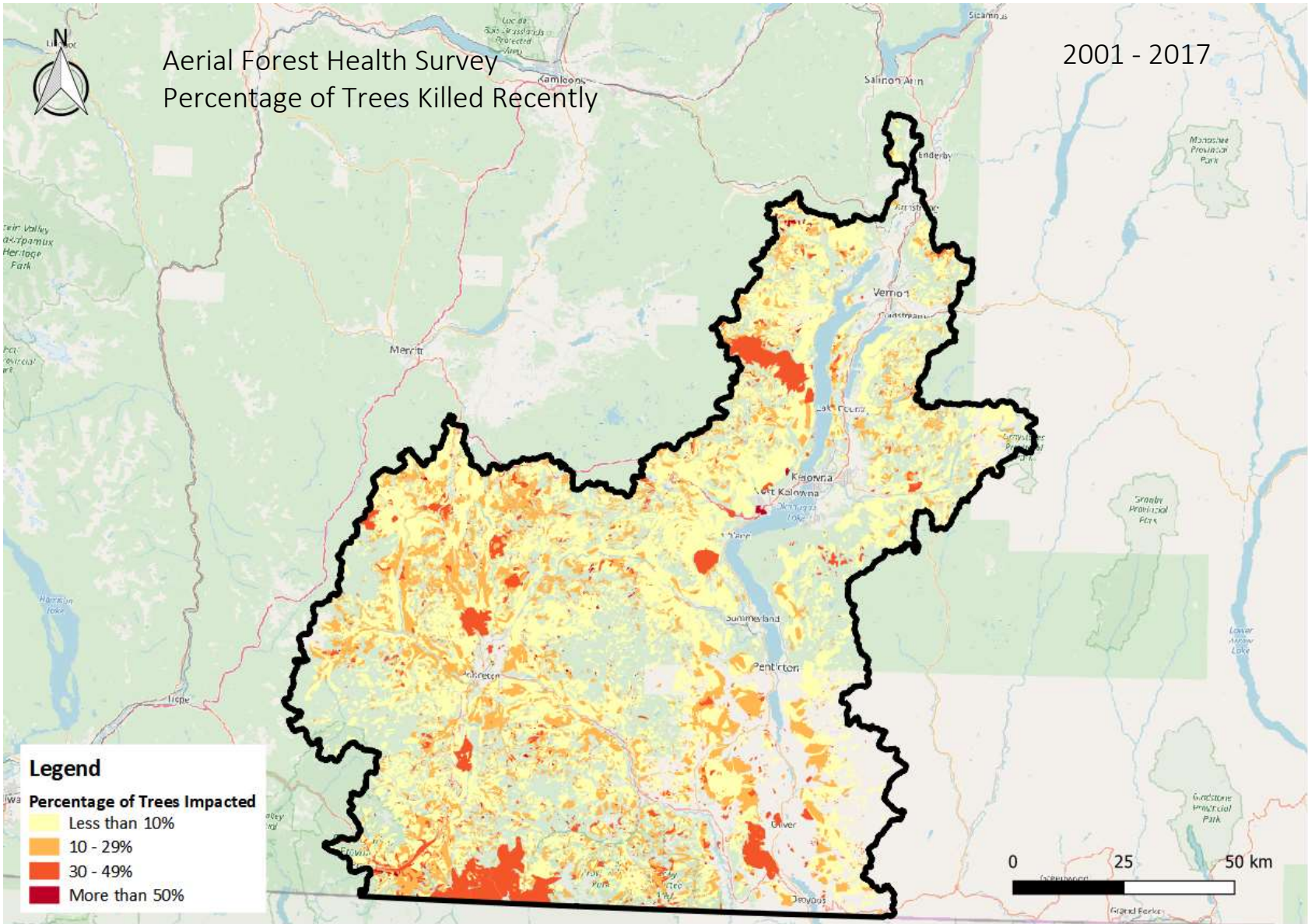
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- Settlements
  - Roads
  - Water
  - Forest/Treed
  - Cropland
  - Grassland
  - Wetland
  - Other (Rock, Beach, Ice)

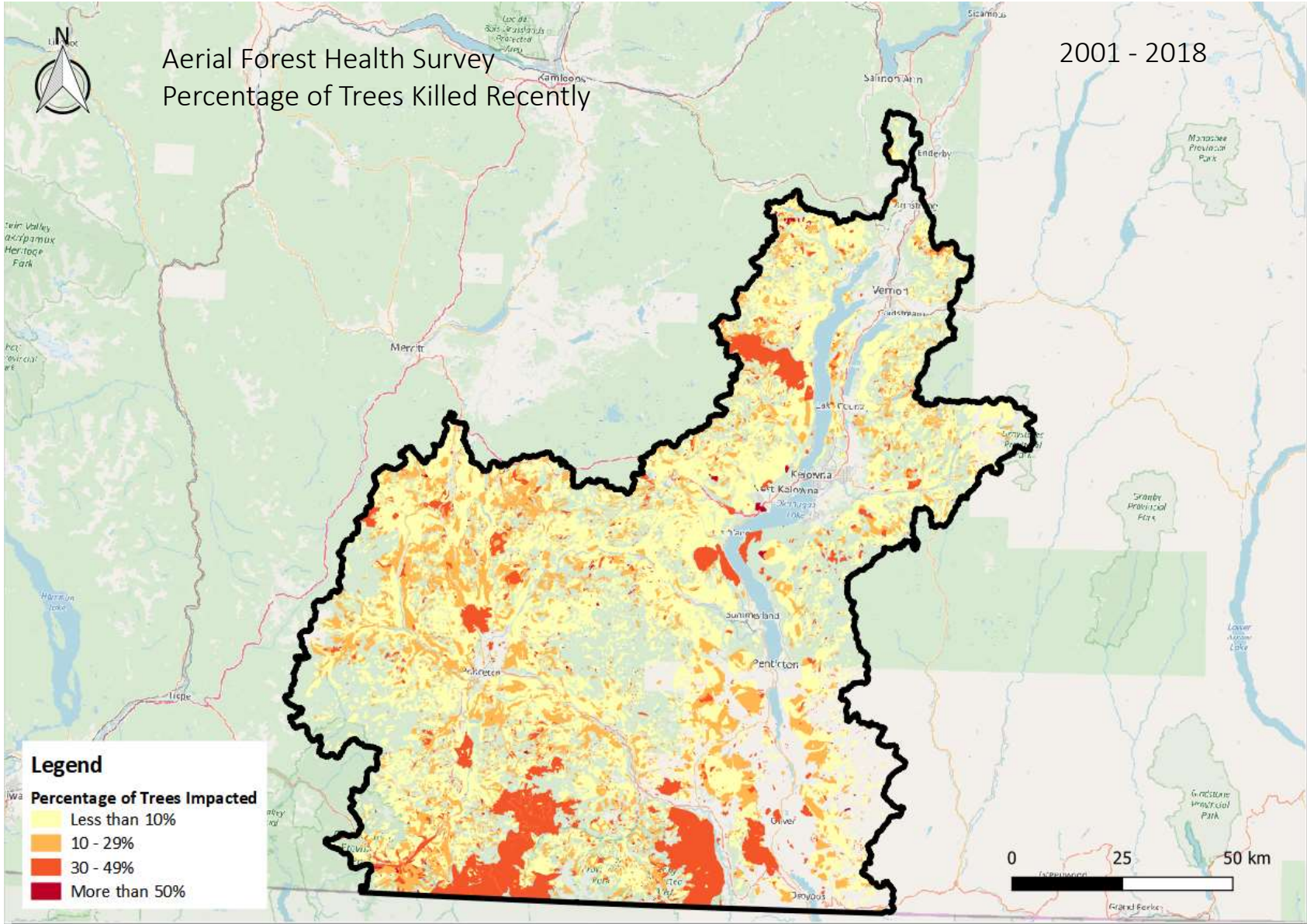
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# Aerial Forest Health Survey Percentage of Trees Killed Recently

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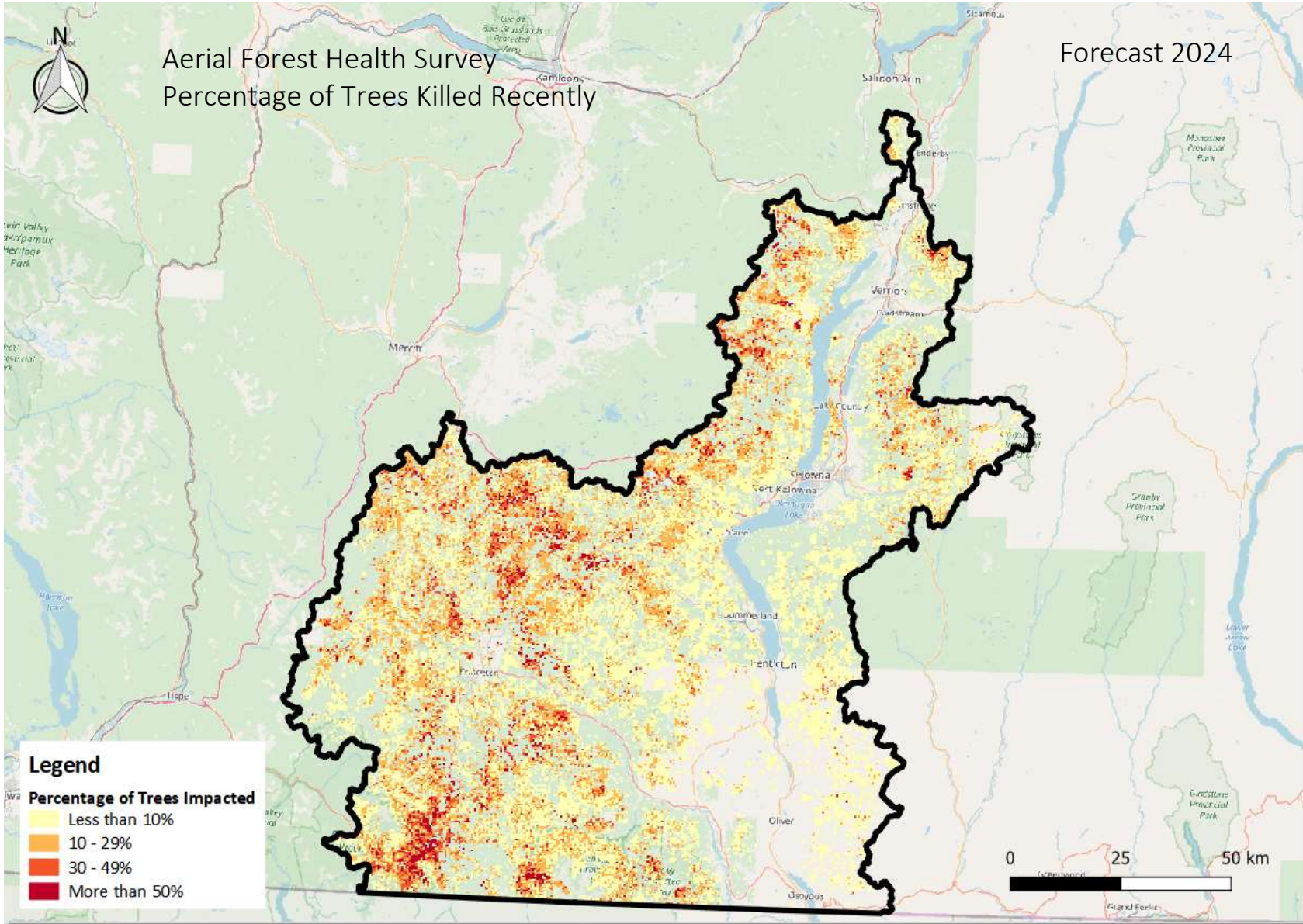






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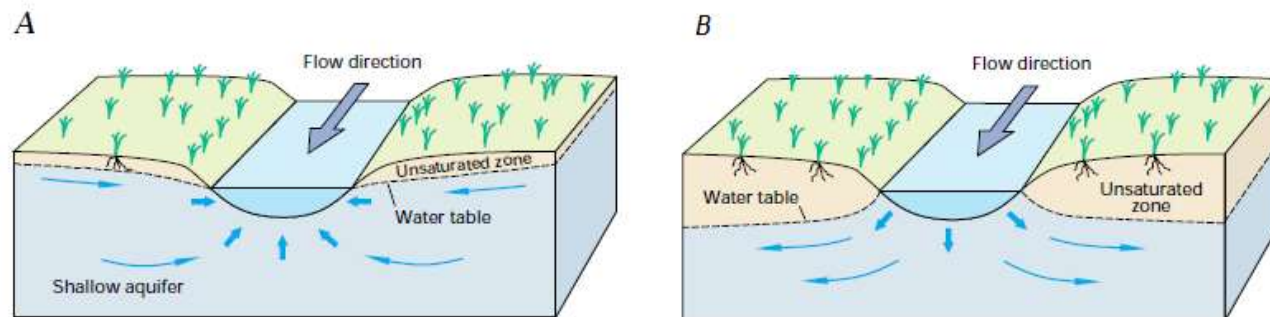
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# Watershed Factor: Groundwater

Basics of groundwater / surface water interactions



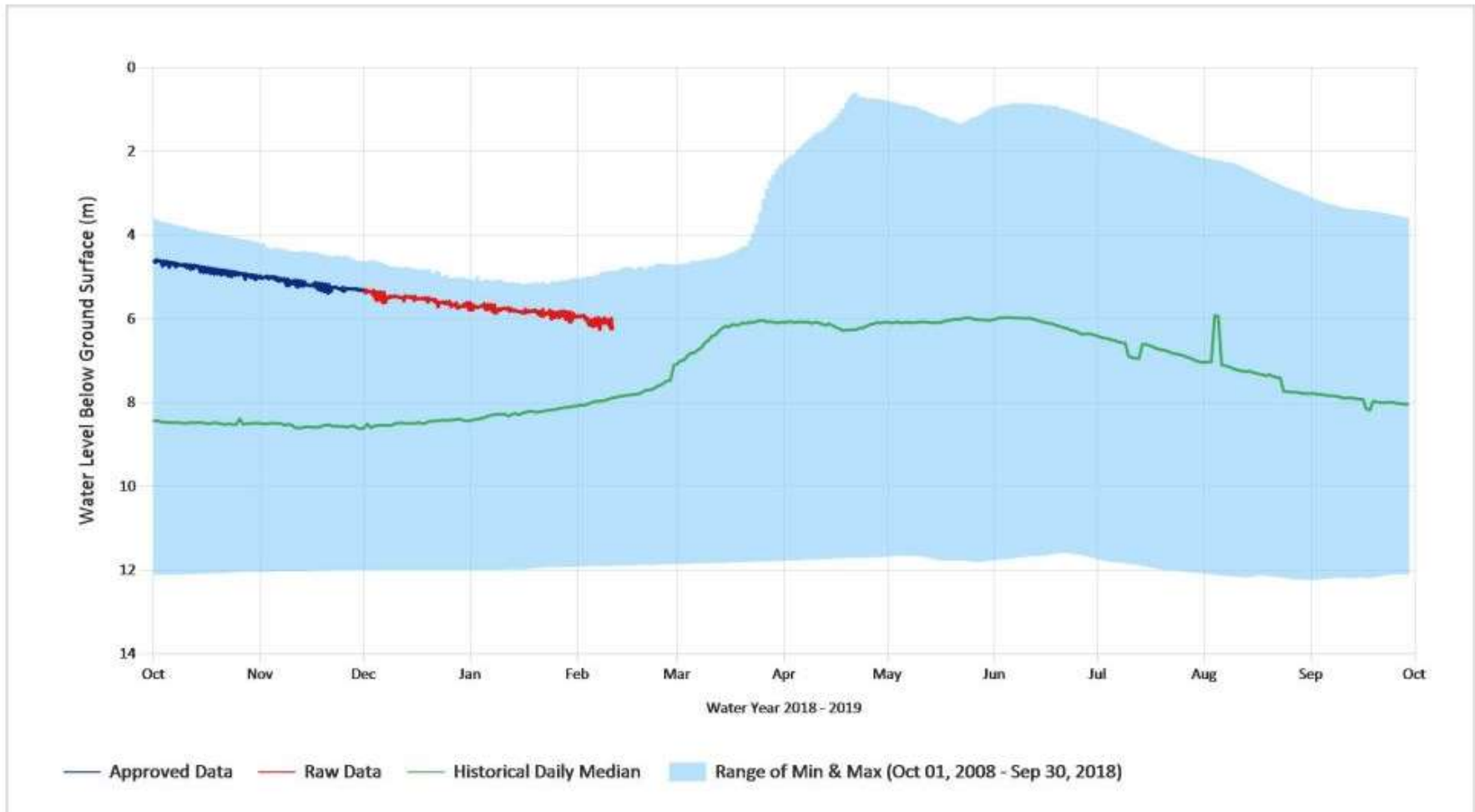
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# Groundwater Level Statistics Chart

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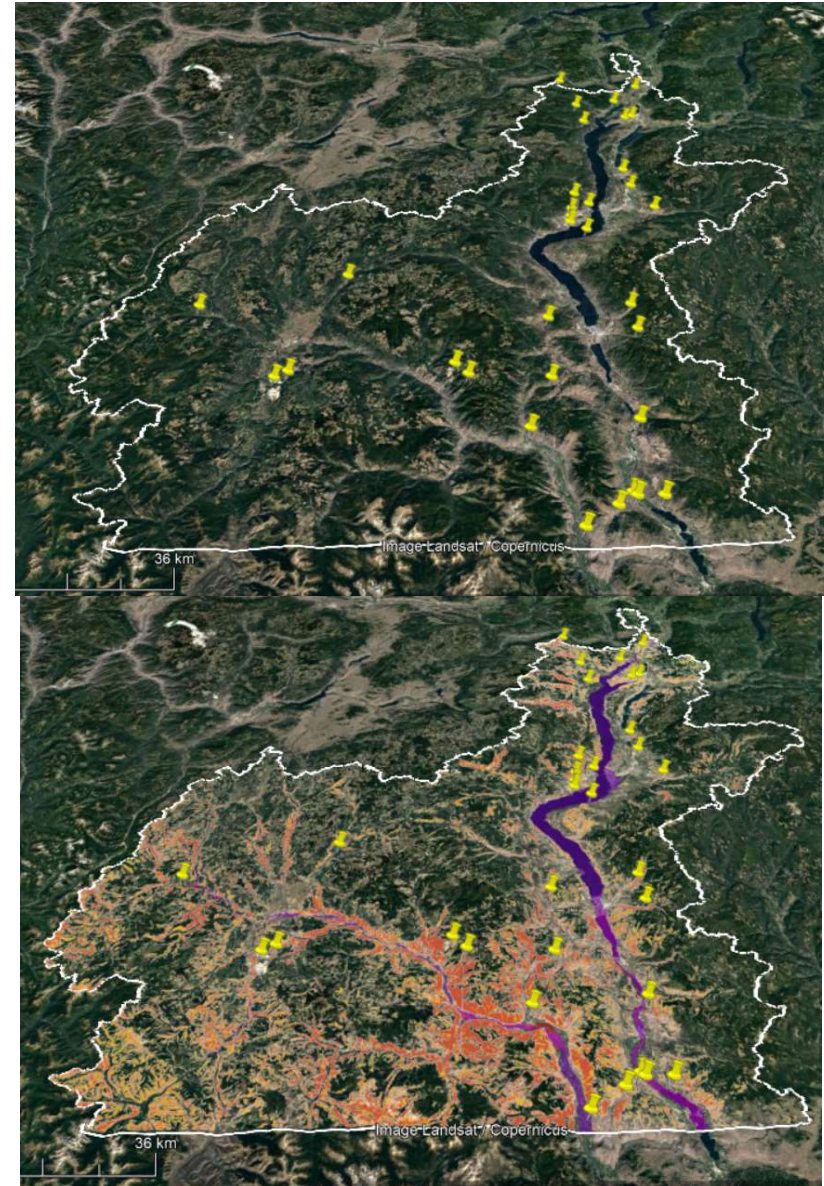
# Watershed Factor: Groundwater

How does this translate to potential flooding?

1. More water is at the surface.
2. Water in the ground can flood low-lying/underground assets.
3. Rain or snowmelt exacerbates above conditions.

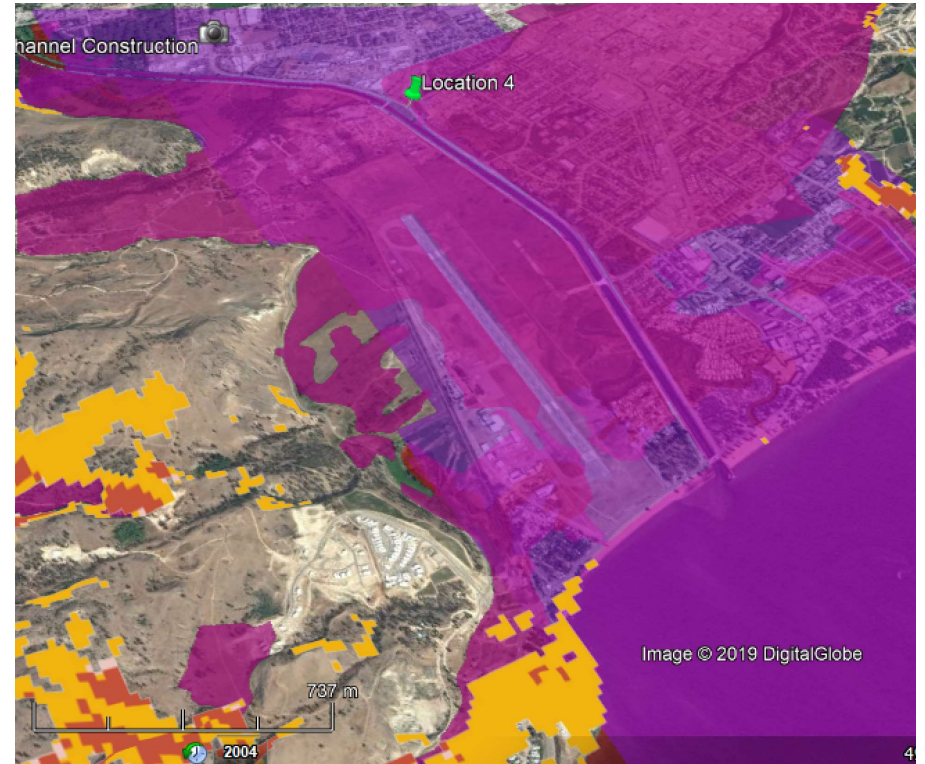
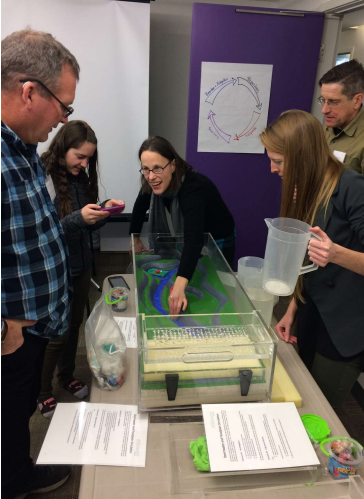
# Overall Picture

- Creating a mosaic of information and building a common understanding of *tikt*.
- After lunch, we will delve deeper into considering the impacts of flood and debris flow.
- Help inform future priority-setting.



# Lunchtime Fun!

- Experience the Penticton Virtual Tour
- Interact with the River Model

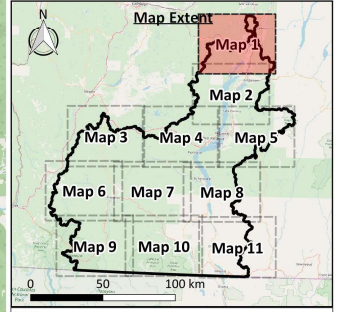
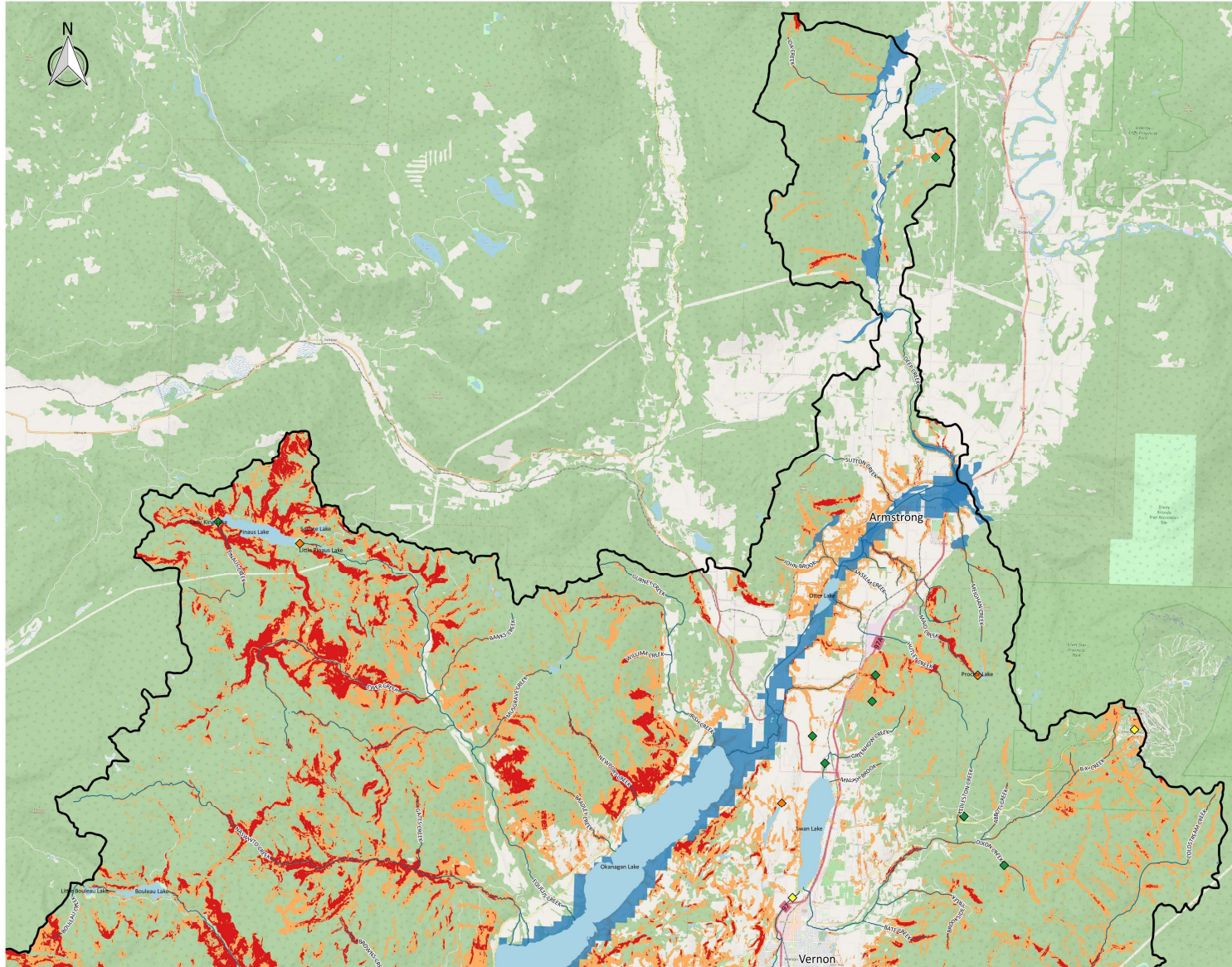


Lunch Break

What is Resilience?

# Interactions with Flood and Debris Flows: Mapping Exercise





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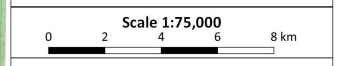
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3. The Historic Flooded Reach identifies watercourses where flooding has been observed historically (i.e. since 1808). The whole watercourse is identified due to a lack of documented specific flooded reach locations.
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3. Historic Flooded Reaches is based on Septer (2006) with updates from more recent studies (AE (2016, 2017)).
3. Highway and watercourse data is based on provincial datasets.
4. Base Layer: DSM Standard – openstreetmap.org (© OpenStreetMap contributors); cartography license CC BY-SA); Google Terrain.

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**Legend**

<b>Water</b>	<b>Dikes</b>
Watercourses	Orphan Dikes
Flood Prone Areas	Dikes
Historic Flooded Reach	
<b>Debris Flow Prone Areas</b>	<b>Dam - Failure Consequence</b>
High	None/Low
Very High	Significant
	High/Very High
	Extreme

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# High-level impact categories

## National Risk Profile



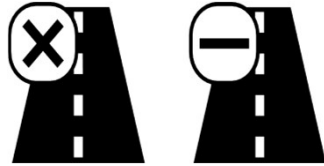
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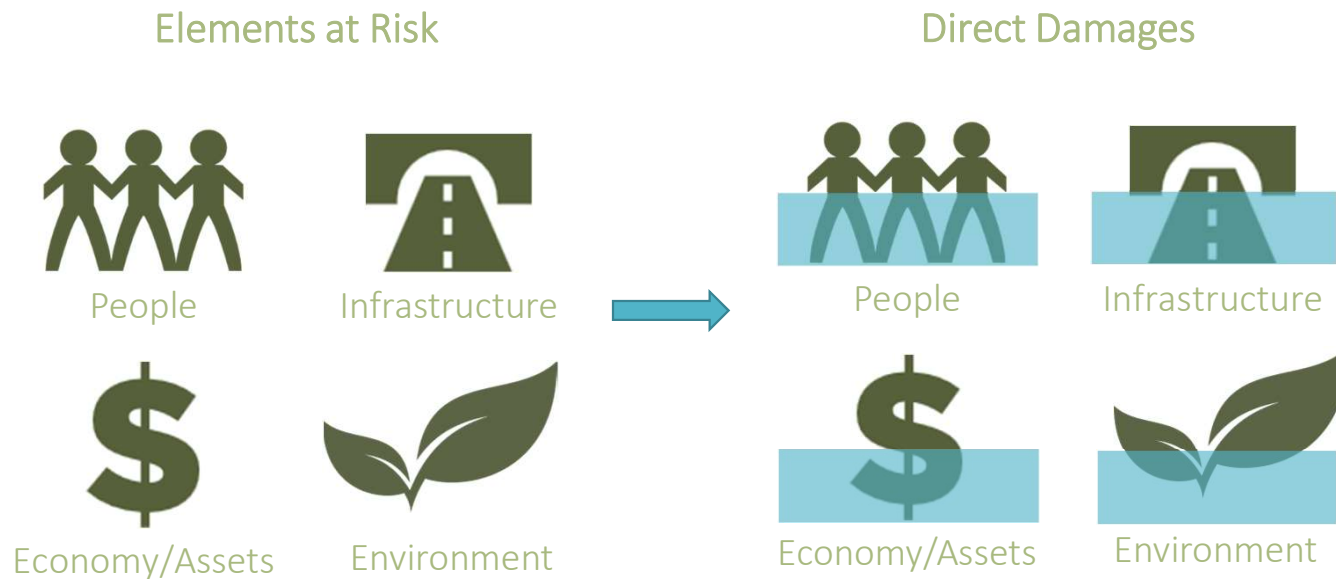
Environment



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# Risk Assessment

## A Multi-Disciplinary Task



# Flood Impacts - Direct



Washed out/ flooded roads



Exposed utilities



Backed-up sewage system



Bridge collapse

# Flood Impacts - Indirect



Lost Access to Sacred Areas



Loss of Road Access



Change in Fish Habitat

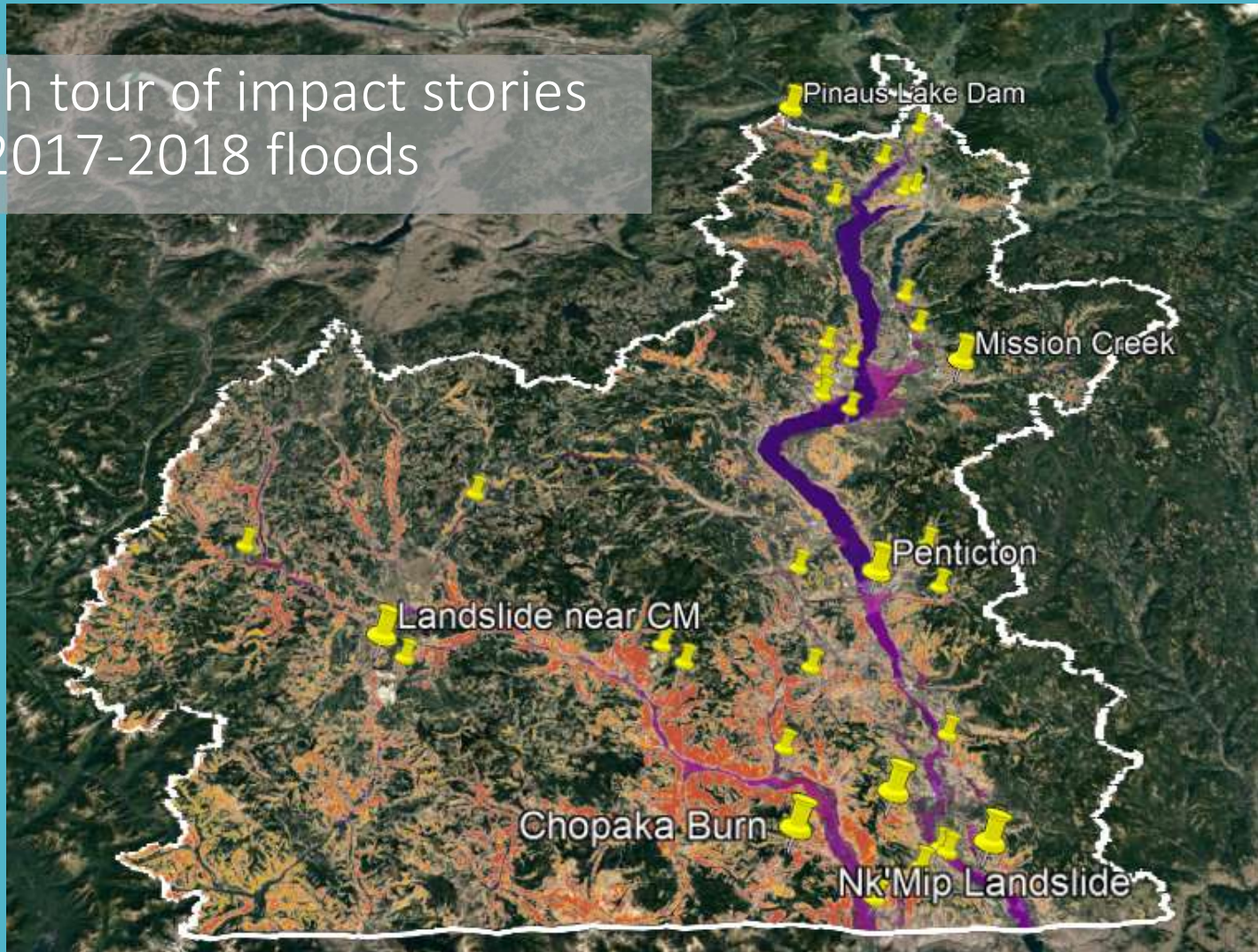


Loss of Utility Service

# *Syilx* Models

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Fly-through tour of impact stories  
from the 2017-2018 floods



# Flood & Debris Flow Mapping Exercise



# Mapping Direct & Indirect Impacts

- What is the path of the water and earth during times of flood and debris flow? [Anything not on the maps that is important to note]
- How does flood and debris flow interact with the land, people, the built environment and all tmix<sup>w</sup>?
- What about our past and current actions, traditions, practices, livelihoods, relationships and interactions with water and land, impact or are impacted by flood & debris flow?

*(consider positive and negative types of interactions or impacts)*

# Mapping Direct & Indirect Impacts

- What else matters if we think of flood & debris flow from the perspective of water itself, and of future generations of people and all tmix<sup>w</sup>?

*(consider positive and negative types of interactions or impacts)*

# Debrief / Reflection

Erica Crawford | Adaptation Planner | SHIFT Collaborative

1. One positive interaction with flood and debris flow
2. One challenging interaction with flood and debris flow
3. One consideration from the perspective of water and/or future generations

# Report Back



What stood out?

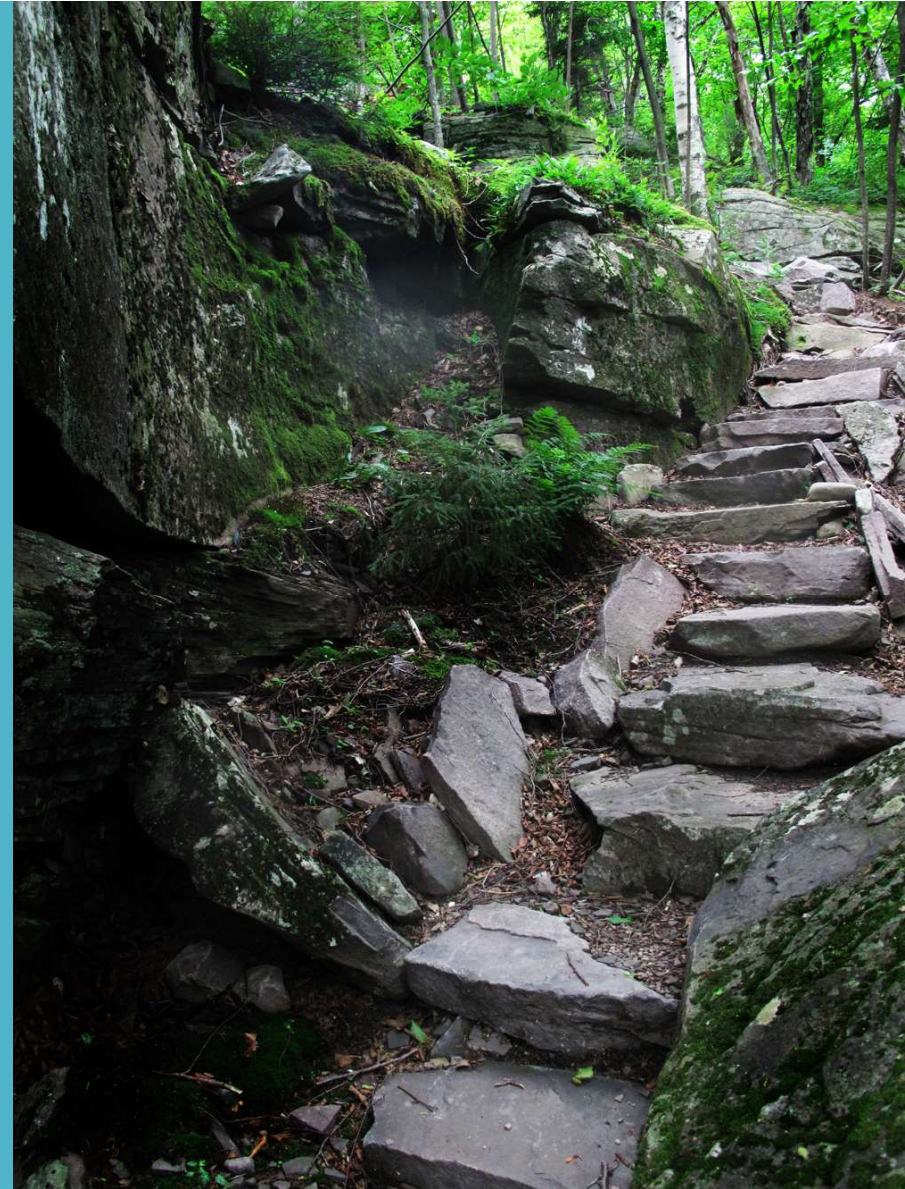
What matters  
the most?

What do we  
(consultants)  
need to know?

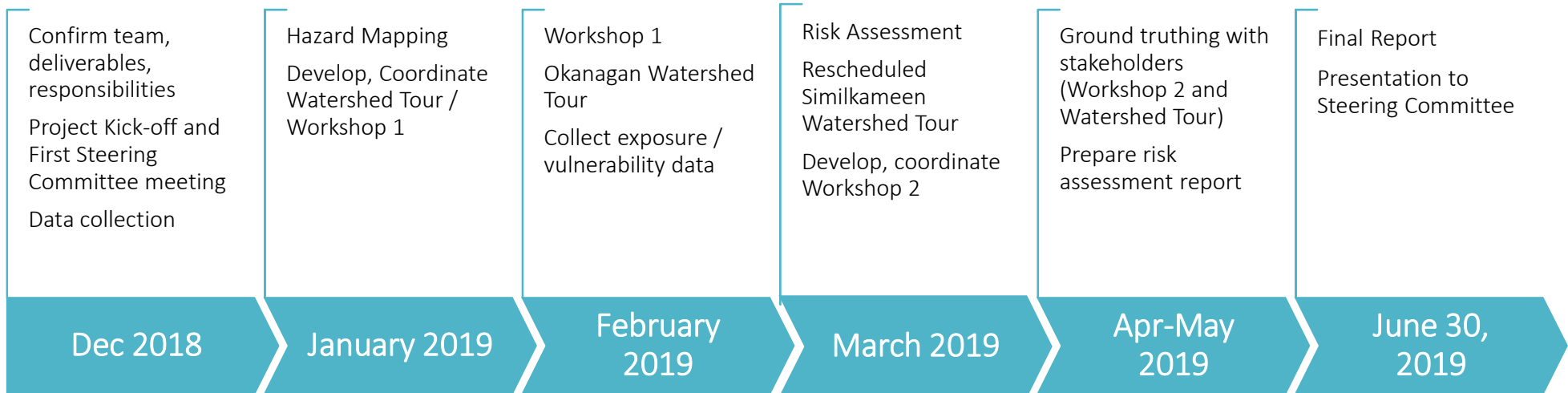
# Closing

# Next Steps...

- Compile information gathered today
- Okanagan Watershed Tour: Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Similkameen Watershed Tour: Early March (Date TBD soon)
- Collect exposure / vulnerability data



# Looking ahead....we'll be back to make sure we heard you right.







Source: [similkameenvalley.com](http://similkameenvalley.com)

THANK YOU

## **Sylix Okanagan Flood and Debris Flow Risk Assessment**

### **Report 3 of 4 – Qualitative Study**

#### **Appendix G: Workshop 2 Presentation Slides**

# Ground Truthing: Moving from *tikt* (flood) Risk to Adaptation on *Syilx* (Okanagan) Territory

Workshop 2, April 25, 2019

Source: [similkameenvalley.com](http://similkameenvalley.com)



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**IndigenEYEZ**  
Empowering People—Strengthening Community



# Agenda

Time	Section
Morning	Welcome
	Framing our work together
	Reflect on watershed tours and first workshop
	Review of impact information gathered in earlier engagement
	Break
	Share preliminary risk assessment information and identify gaps
Lunch Break	
Afternoon	Exploring opportunities for building resilience
	Visioning with the four Food Chiefs
	Reflections and closing

# Goals and Agreements

1. Learn about the Syilx perspectives on flood, including positive and negative implications
2. Review qualitative information that has been gathered and mapped to date
3. Review preliminary quantitative findings to refine the process and obtain meaningful results
4. Strengthen relationships and prepare for next phase of work related to adaptation and resilience
5. Have fun together!

# Setting the Stage: Reflecting on Early Engagement Activities

Rob Larson

Tessa Terbasket

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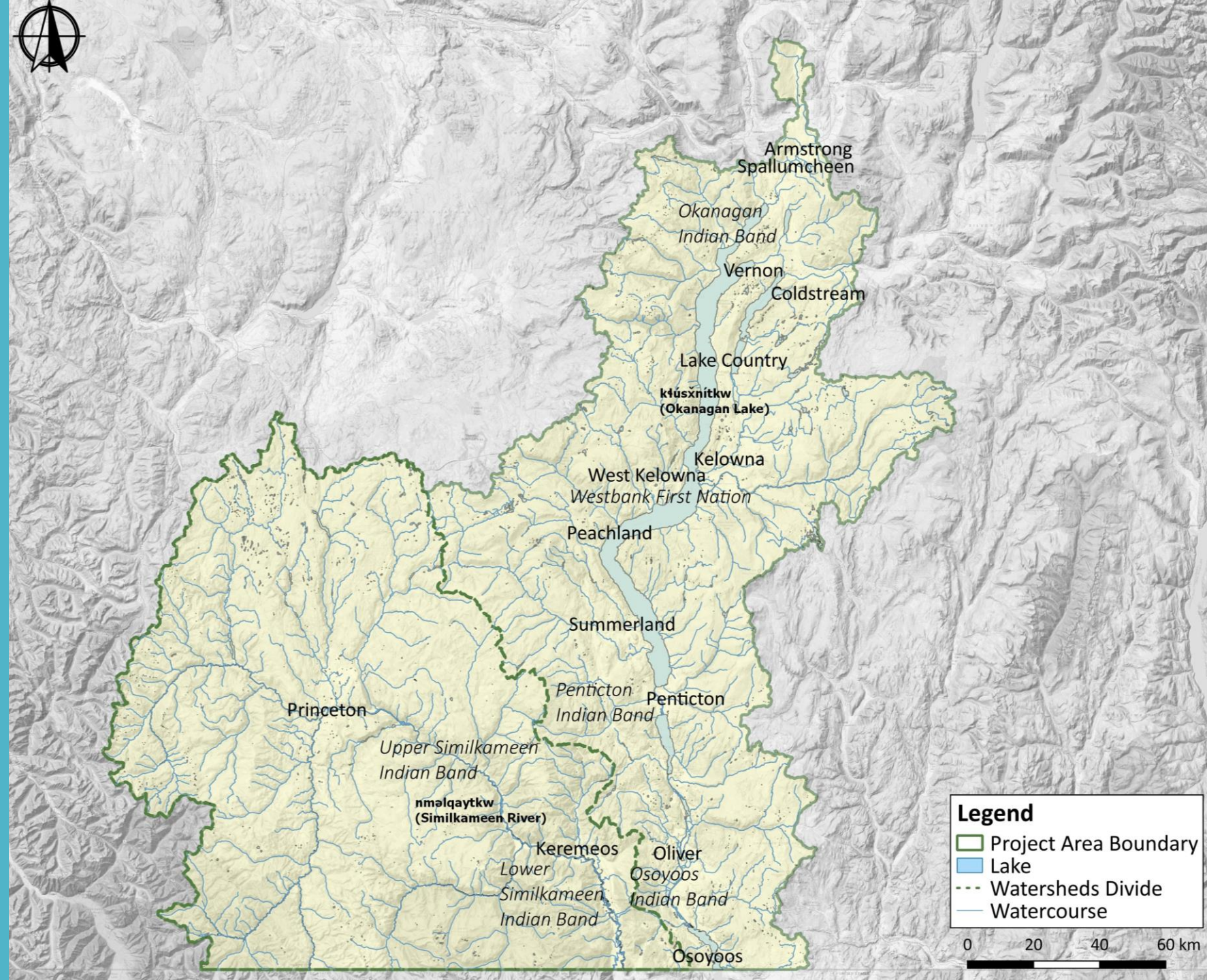
THOUGHTFUL FLOOD MANAGEMENT

# Project Objective

Understand risk due to flood and debris flows within the Okanagan-Similkameen region, to support priority-setting of future work



Study Area  
15,519 km<sup>2</sup>



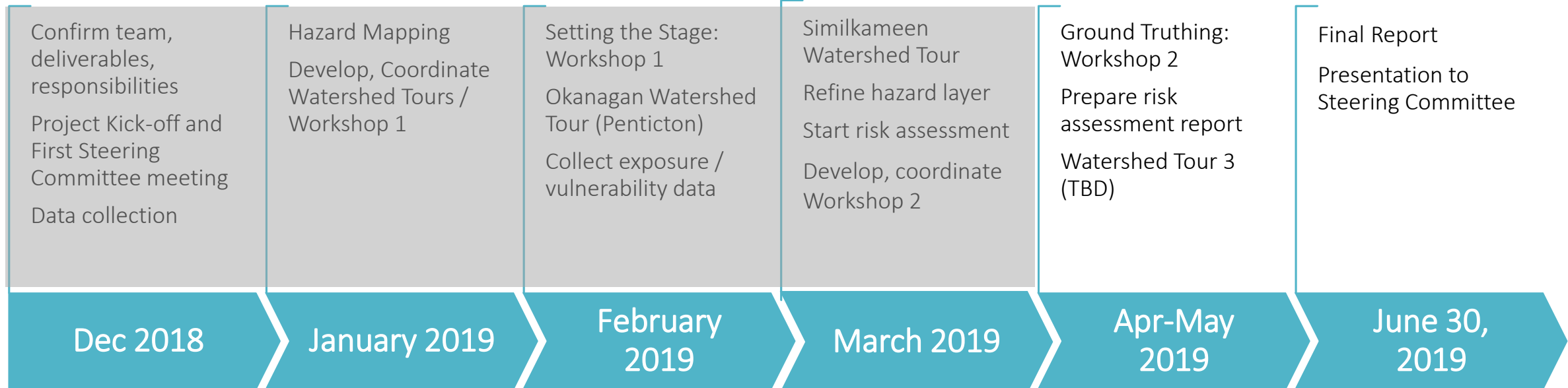
**Legend**

- Project Area Boundary
- Lake
- Watersheds Divide
- Watercourse





# Project Timeline



Water is life.

Water is our relation.

Water bonds us to our ancestry, our  
descendants and our land.

*siwłk<sup>w</sup> will always take the lowest path in its  
humility, yet of all the elements, it is the most  
powerful.*

*siwłk<sup>w</sup> will always find a way around  
obstructions: under, over and through.*

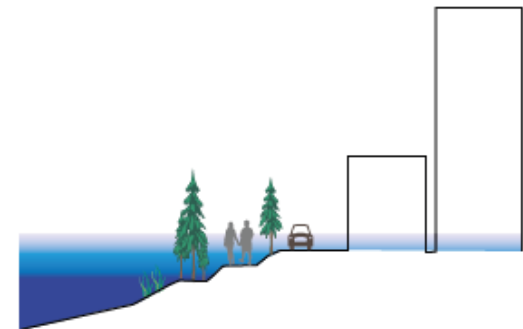
# Syilx Nation Siwłk<sup>w</sup> Declaration

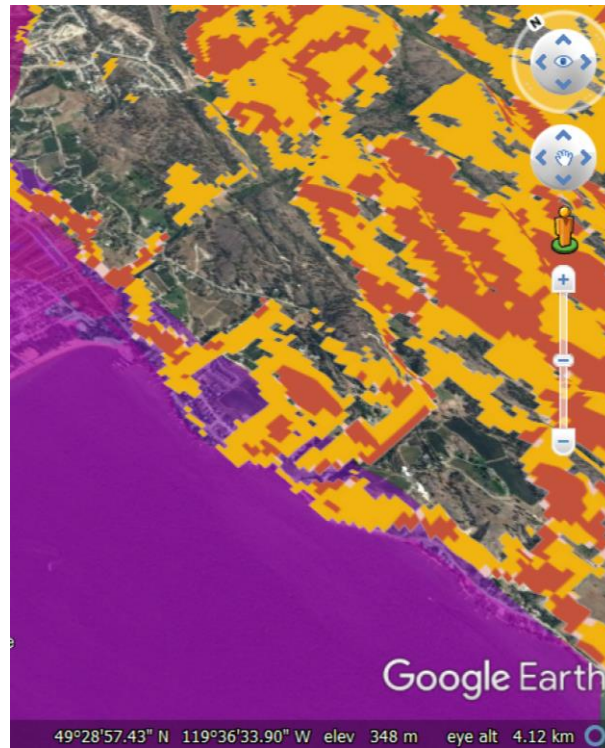


1. Plan for exceedance
2. Promote flooding
3. Understand risk and uncertainty
4. Acknowledge future change
5. Implement a portfolio of options
6. Utilize resources efficiently and fairly
7. Establish governance responsibilities
8. Communicate risk and uncertainty
9. Promote participation
10. Reflect local context

# The 10 Golden Rules of Flood Management

Sayers et al. 2014



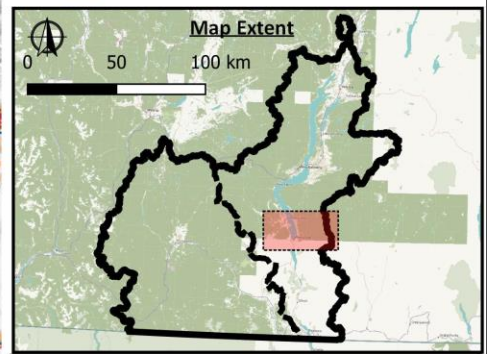


# Sharing with various tools

Workshop 1  
River Model  
Penticton Virtual Tour  
Watershed Tours



# Sharing and listening (Workshop 1)



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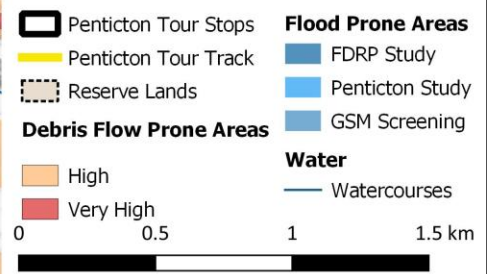
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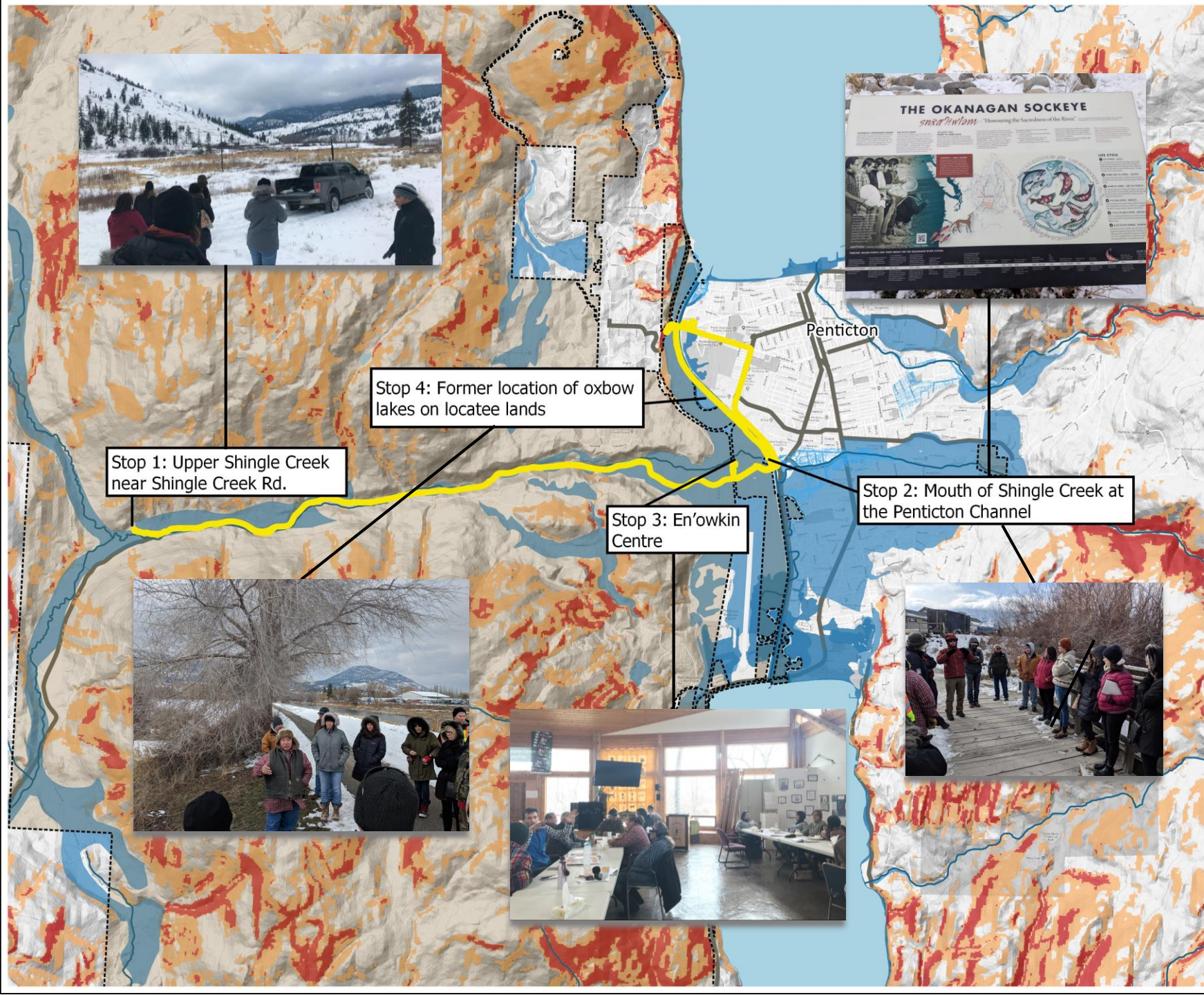
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Sylix Flood Resilience Project  
Watershed Tour - Pentiction

11 x 17 MAP



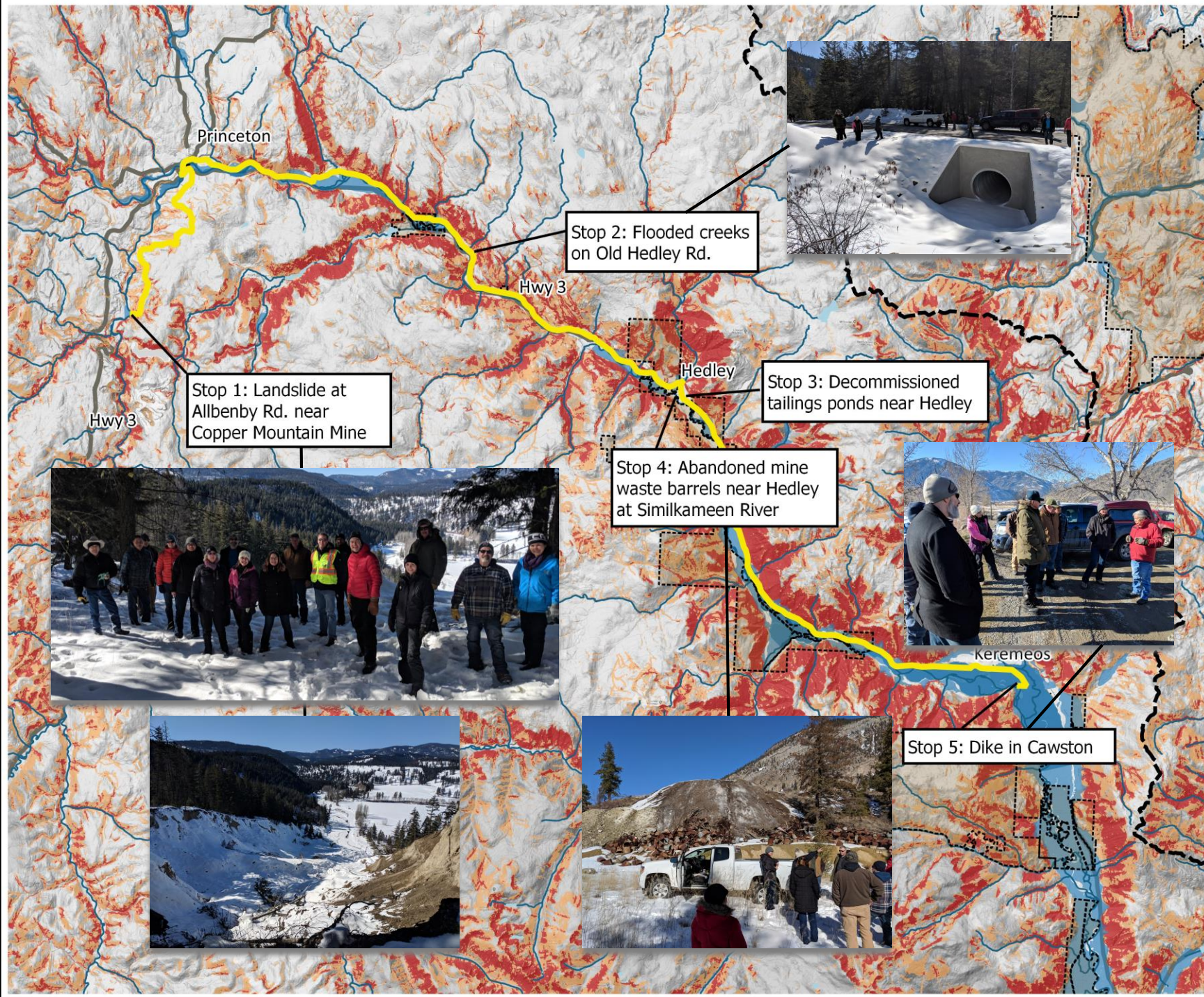
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Stop 4: Former location of oxbow lakes on locatee lands

Stop 3: En'owkin Centre

Stop 2: Mouth of Shingle Creek at the Pentiction Channel





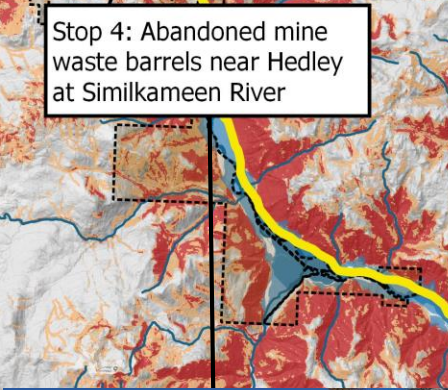
Stop 2: Flooded creeks on Old Hedley Rd.



Stop 1: Landslide at Allbenby Rd. near Copper Mountain Mine



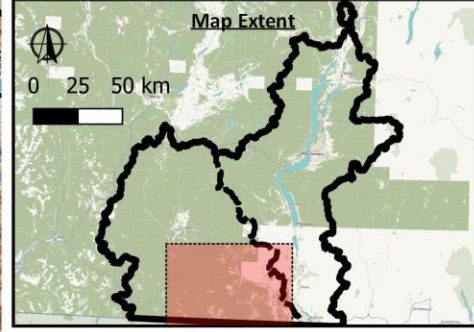
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Stop 4: Abandoned mine waste barrels near Hedley at Similkameen River



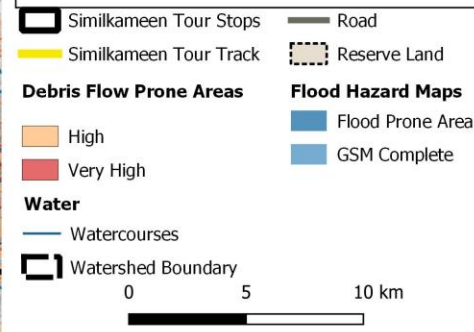
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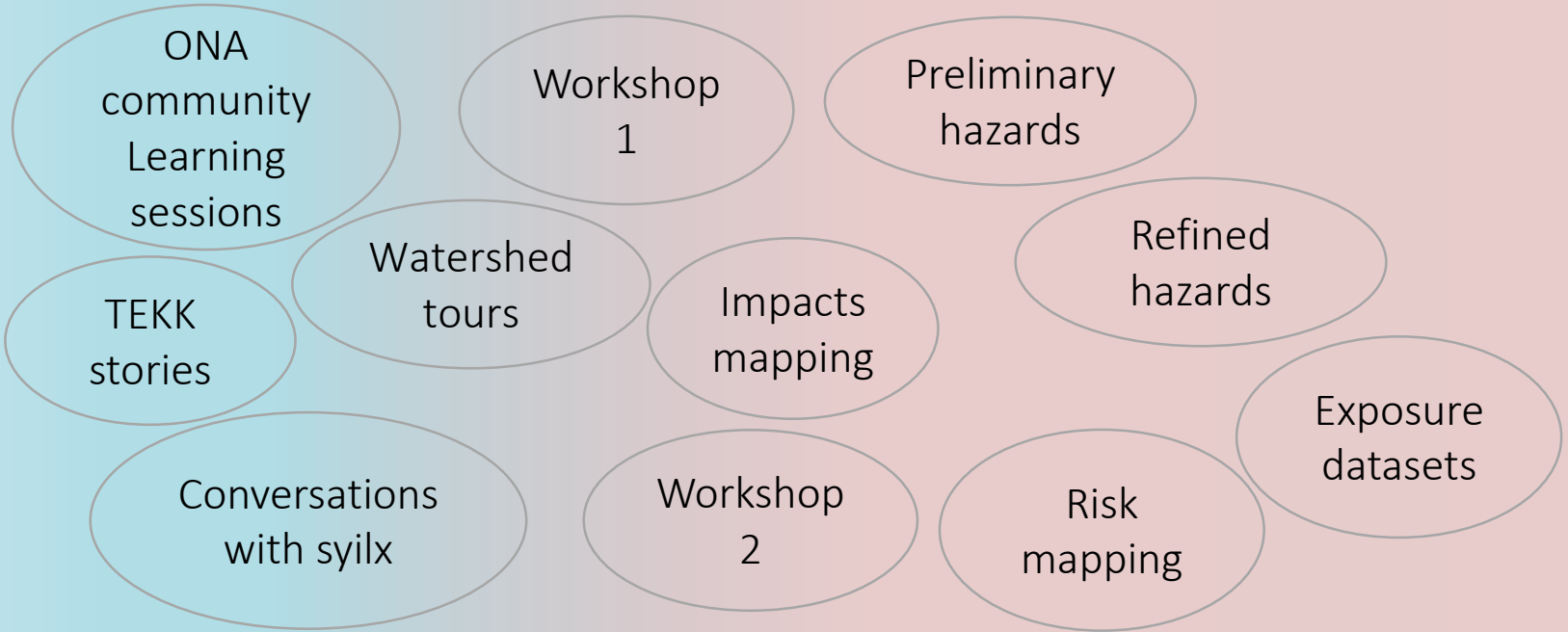


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 Watershed Tour - Similkameen

# Qualitative

# Quantitative



Priority-setting



# Mapped vs. Unmapped Information



Maps are static tools

Flood and debris flow are dynamic

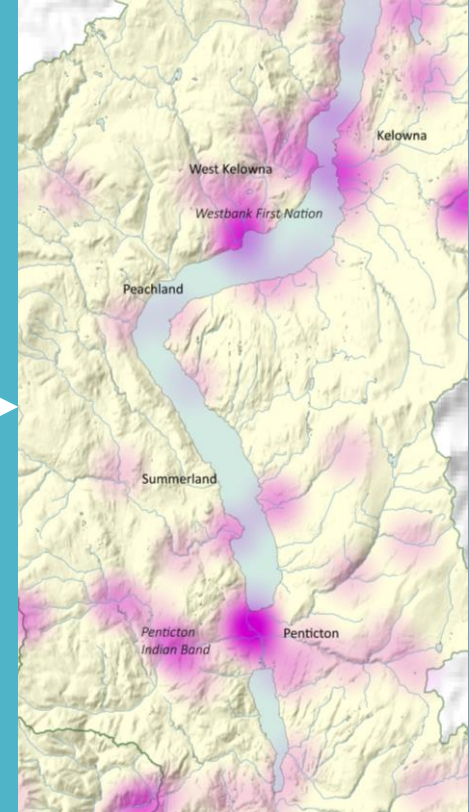
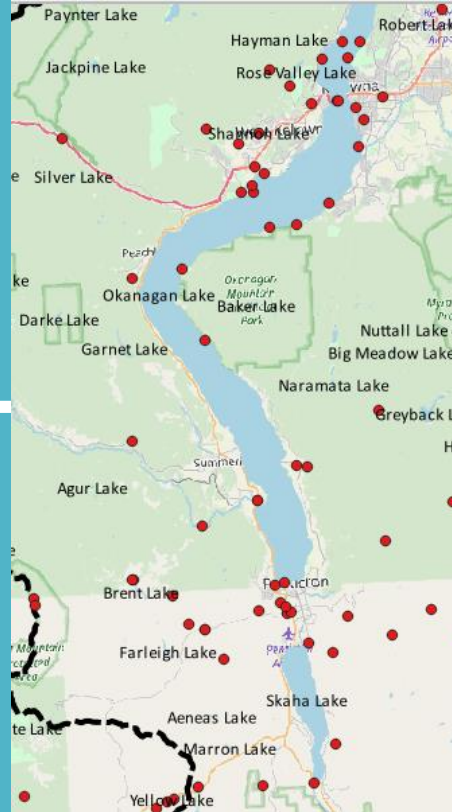
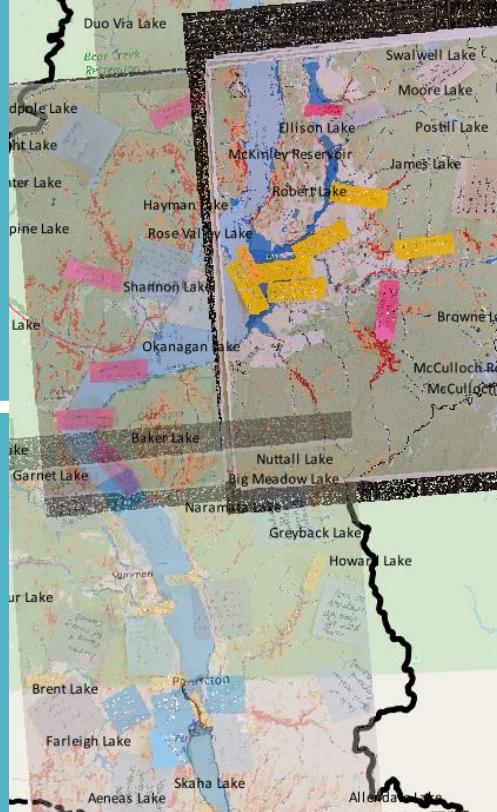
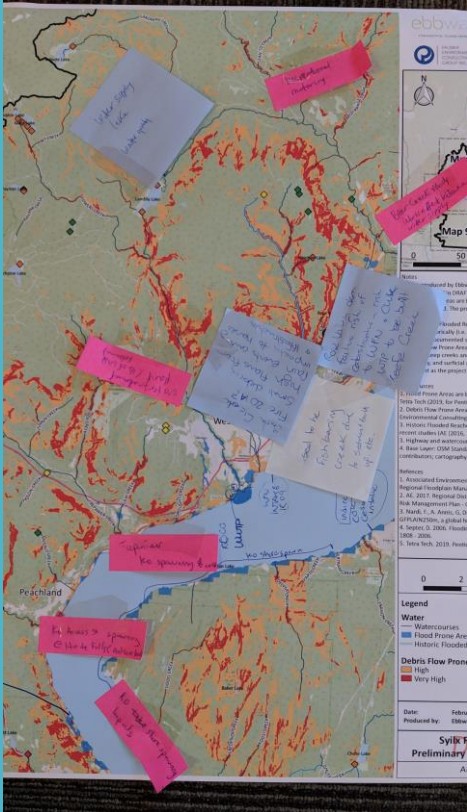
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# Review of Qualitative Impacts

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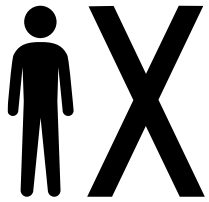
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# Mapping Qualitative Impacts



# High-level impact categories

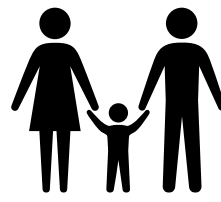
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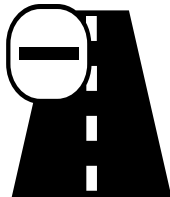
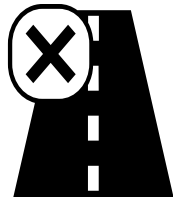
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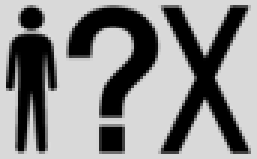
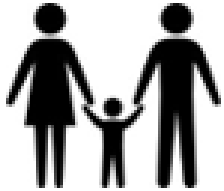

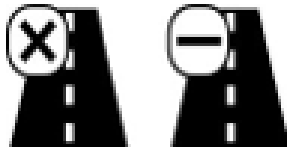




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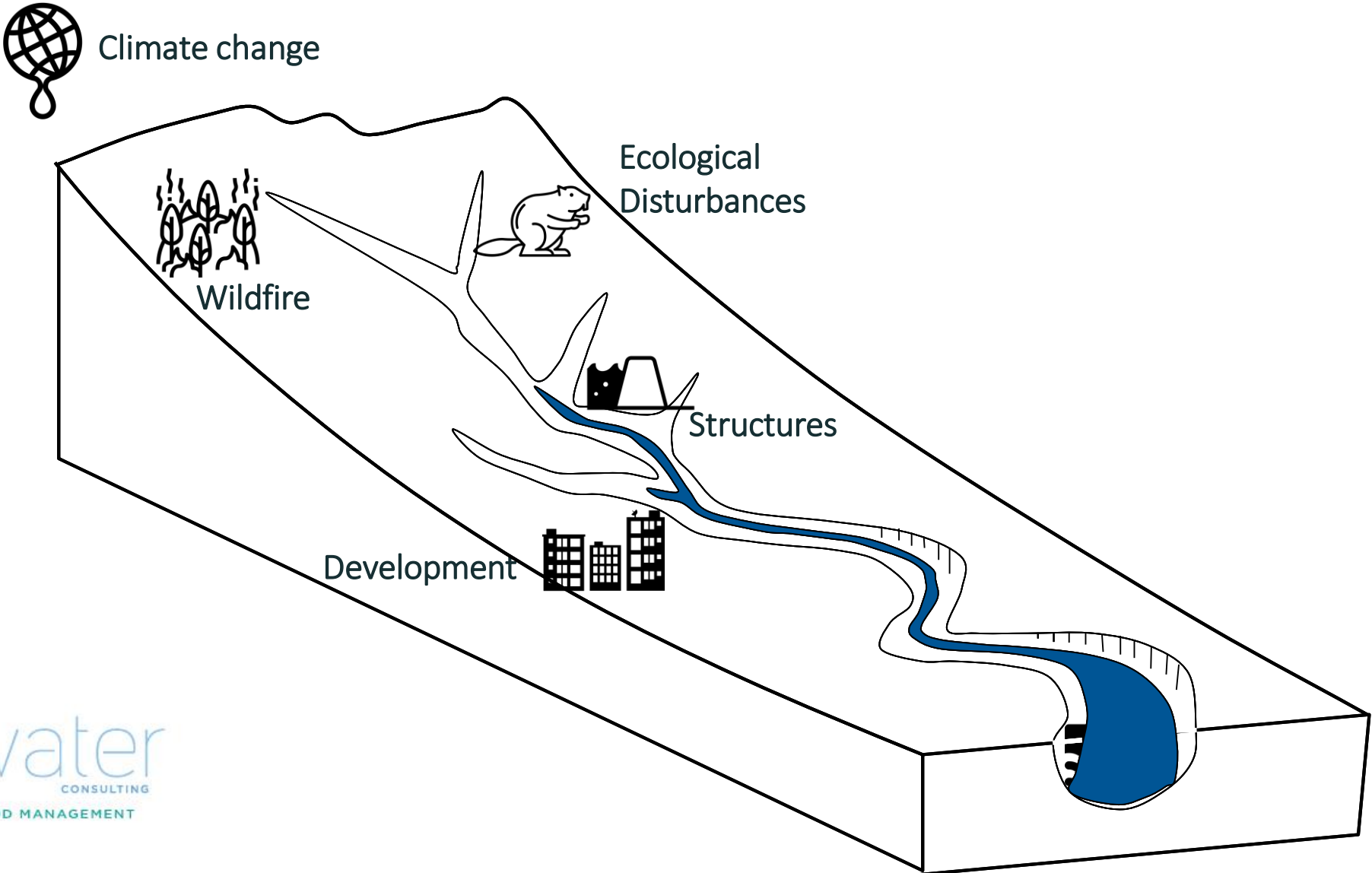


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# Impact Categories

Impact Category	What Is Described
	People that go missing or die as a result of the event. <i>Not used in the qualitative analysis.</i>
	People impacted because they have had their homes, schools, businesses, and/or other services lost (e.g. from a damaged public amenity).
	Direct losses, which primarily includes damage and reconstruction costs to public and private structures. This also can include the cost of response.
	Describes the potentially more widely spread impacts that can result from an event (e.g., when a transportation network such as a road is cut off).
	Impacts to environmentally sensitive areas that are directly exposed, and the effects of contaminants that are released into the area when hazardous sites are affected.
	Impacts to sites of cultural significance including harvesting, sacred, and recreational areas.

# Human-Induced Stressors





# Undesirable vs. Desirable Consequences

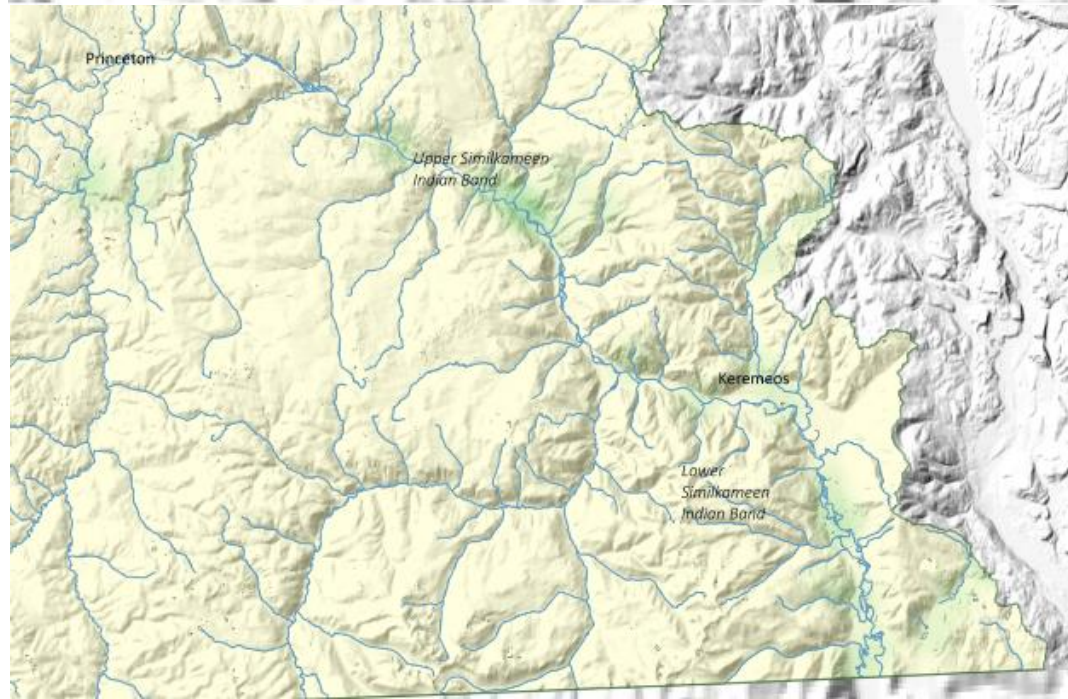
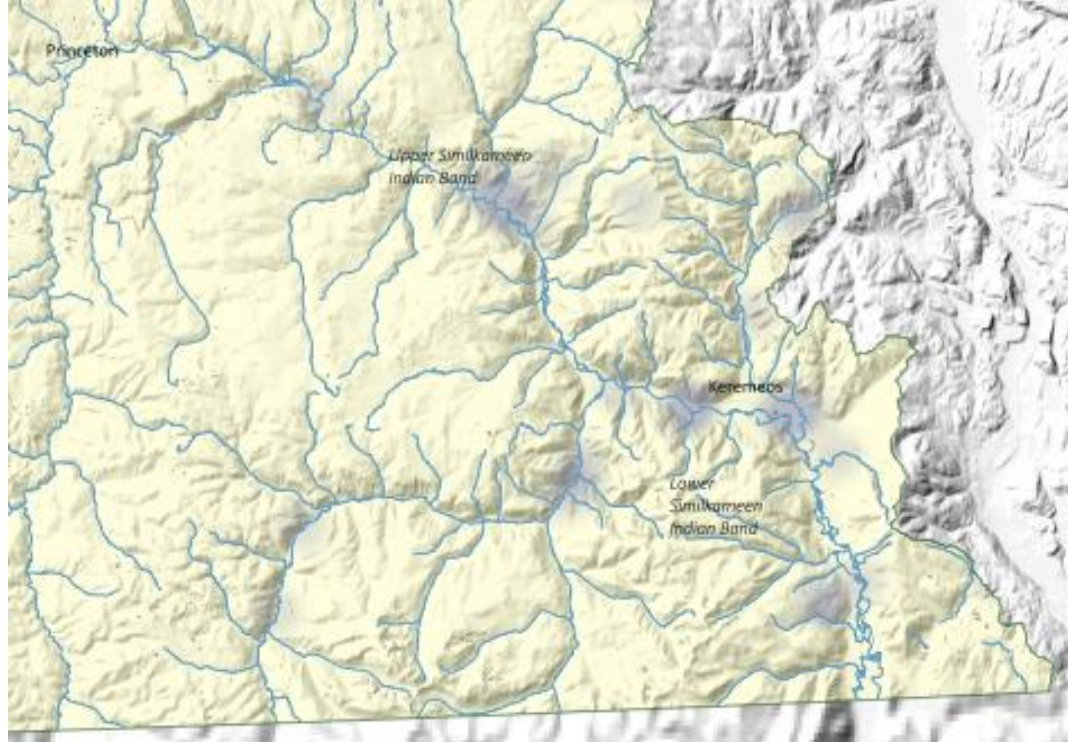
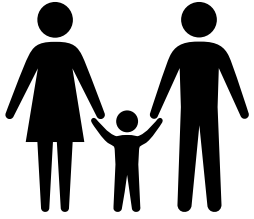


Some flooding is good for fish

Flood infrastructure is problematic

Seek opportunity gains





## Similkameen Watershed

### Preliminary

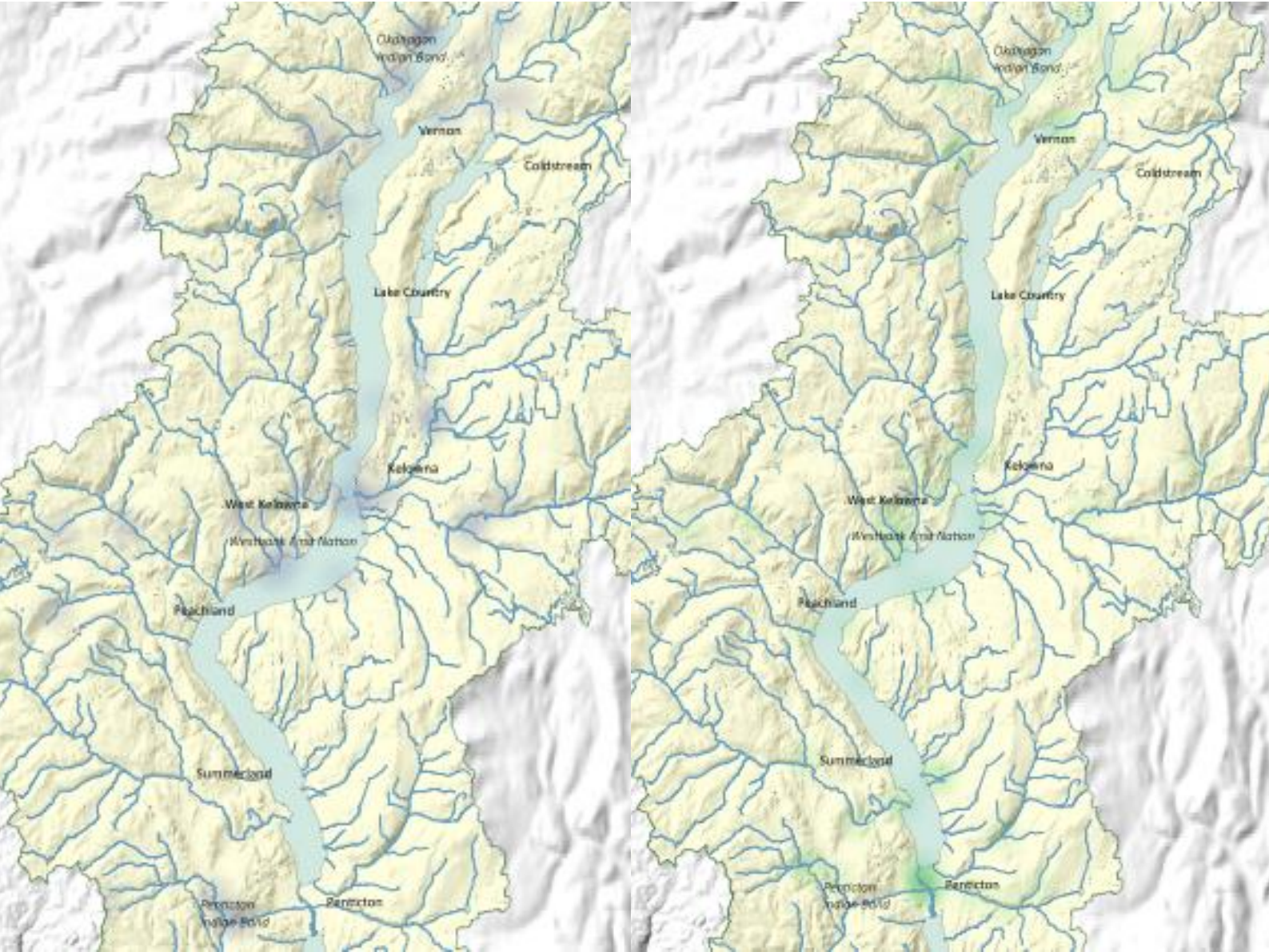
### Qualitative Results:

- Not all areas equally represented
- Some overlap between categories





# Okanagan Watershed

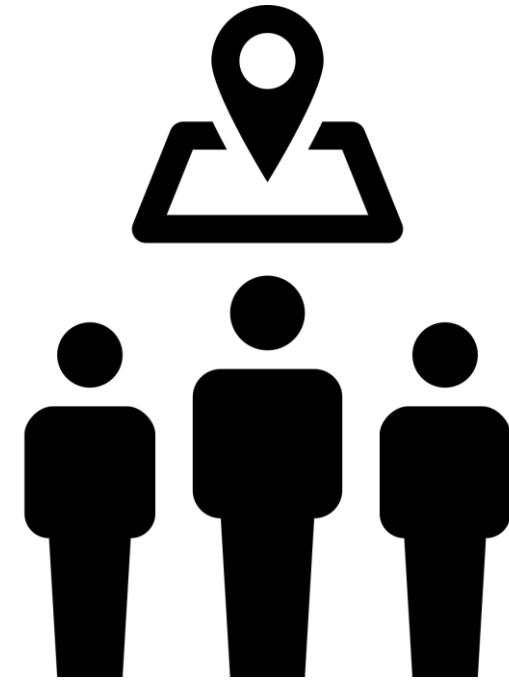


## Preliminary Qualitative Results:

- Impacts are distributed but close to water
- Some overlap between categories

# Exercise (15 min): Impacts Mapping Review

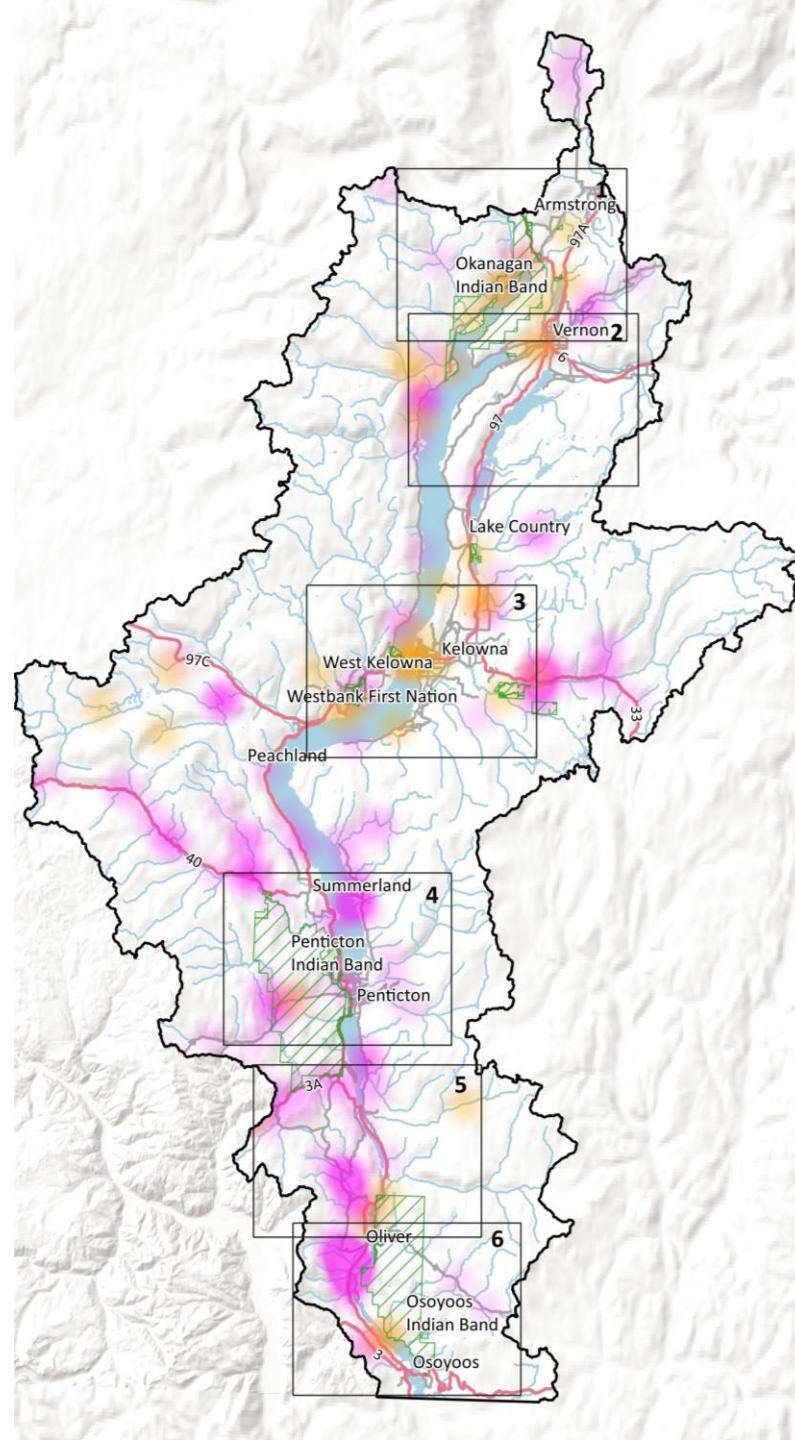
- 2 Watersheds, 5 Impact categories
- Did we miss specific areas?



Break

# Complementary Qualitative and Quantitative Datasets

- Disruptions as indicated by you (orange)
- Events recorded by MOTI (pink)



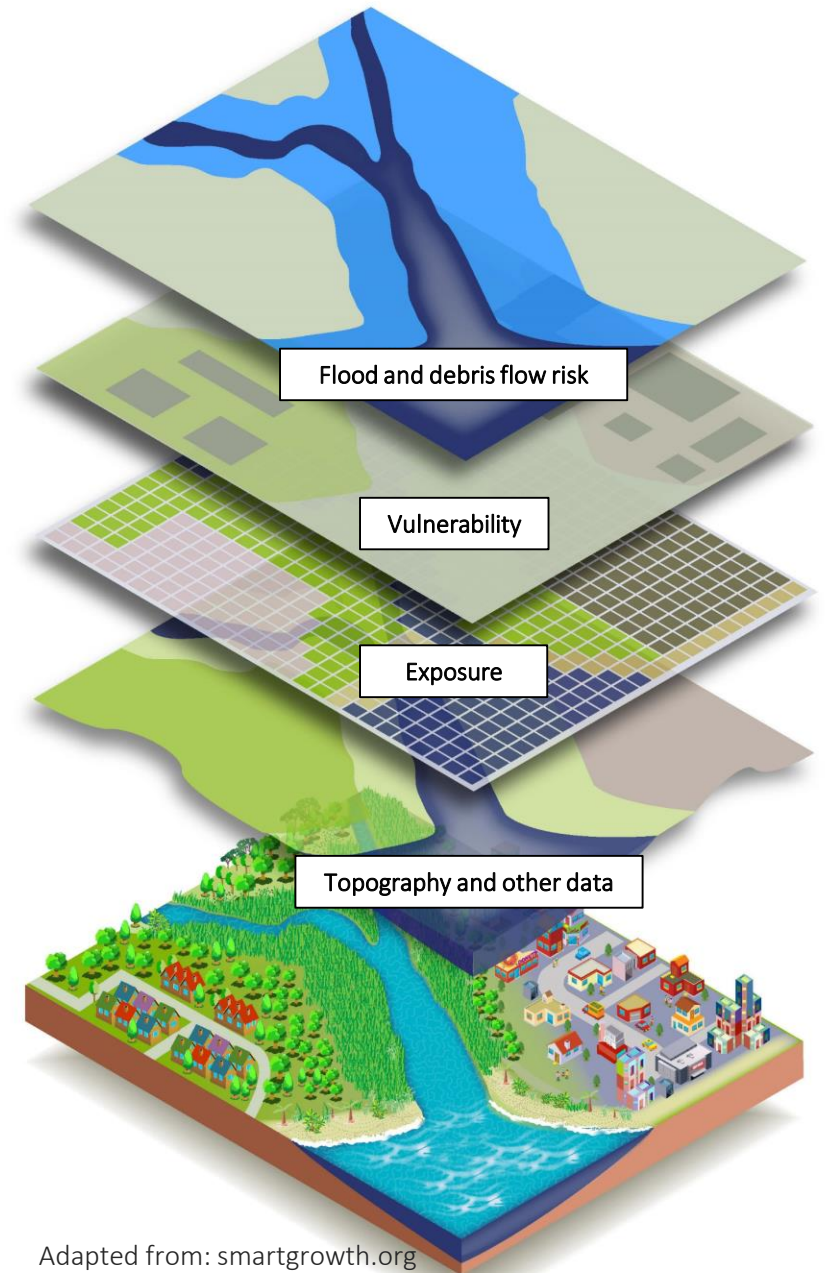
# Preliminary Quantitative Results

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# Process of Risk Assessment







- Understand and map components of risk
- Overlay the elements to see where they intersect



Adapted from: [smartgrowth.org](http://smartgrowth.org)

# Impact Categories

## Quantitative

Impact Category	Data Sources	Impact Category	Data Sources
	Building footprints		Major and minor roads
	Census dissemination areas		Contamination Sources Fish observations, drinking water wells, and high biodiversity areas
	Property assessments Building footprints as proxy		Cultural buildings



# Flood vs. Debris Flow



Modelling and data analysis

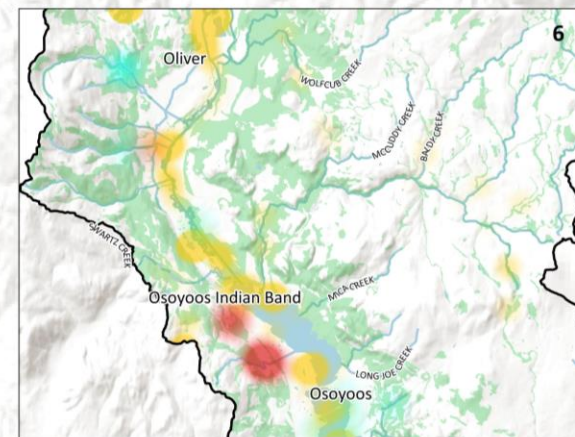
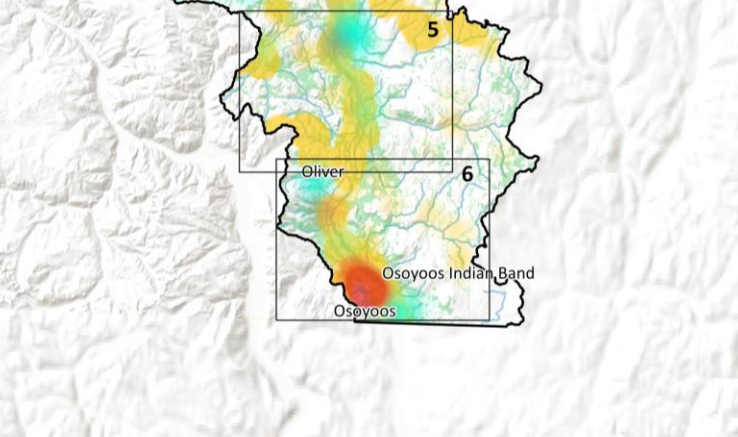
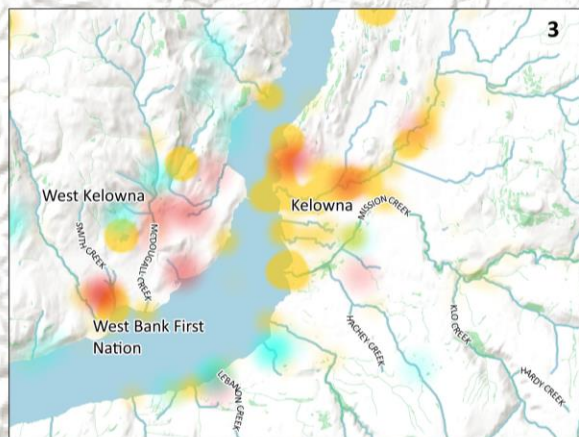
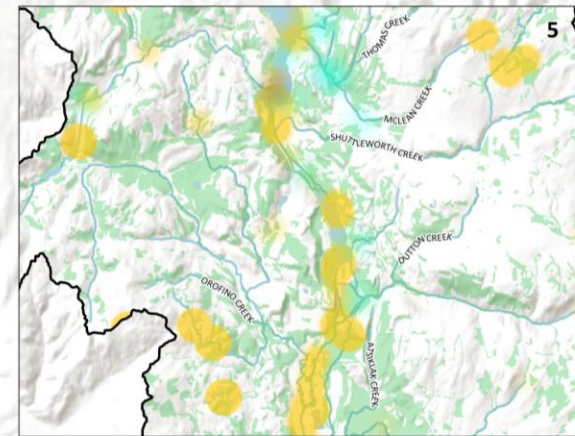
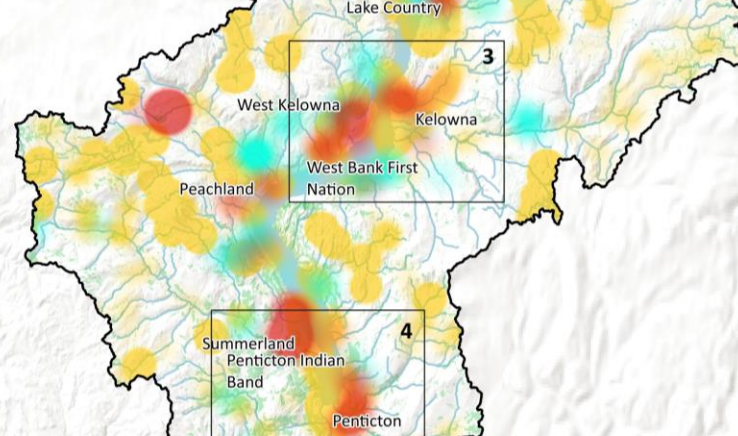
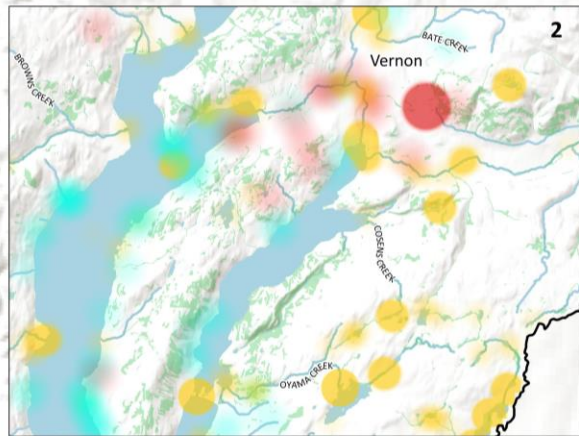
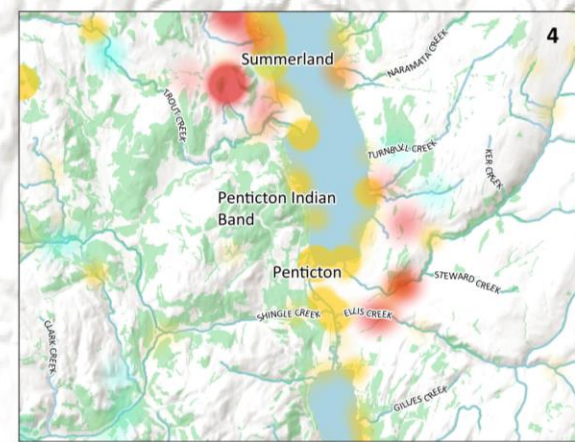
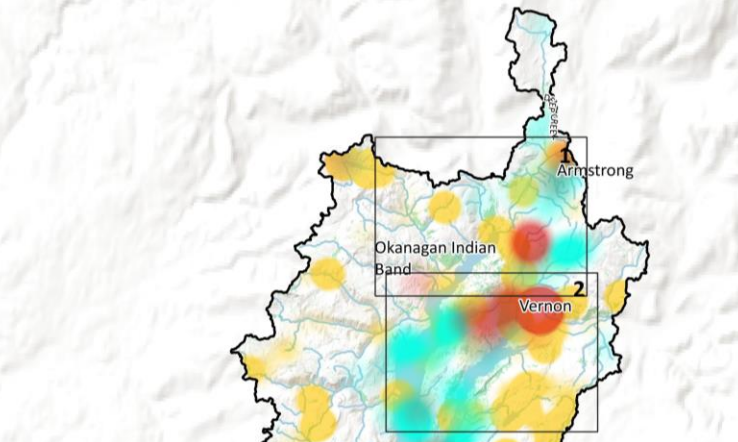
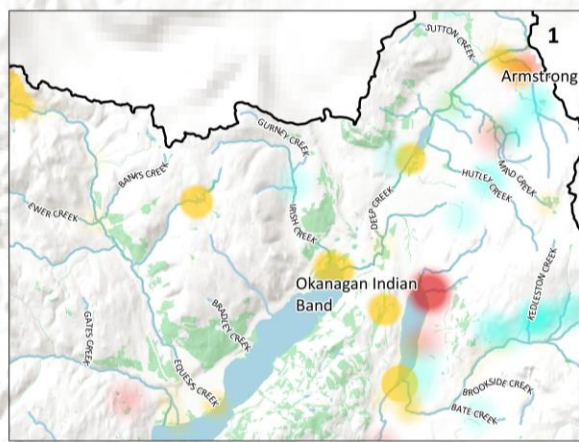
Spatial distribution

Consequences



# Preliminary Quantitative Finding:

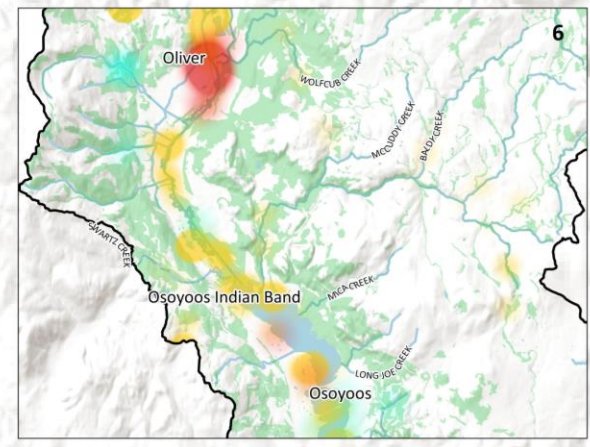
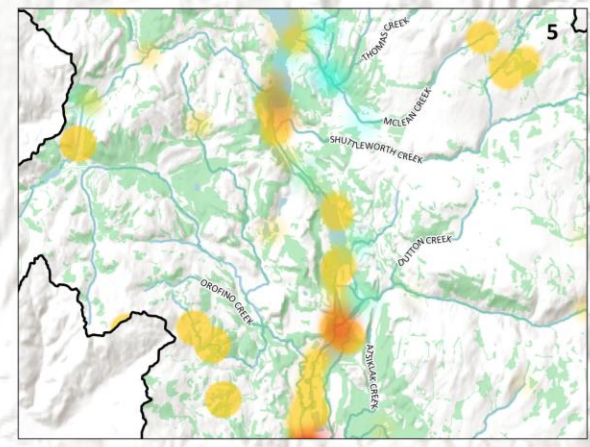
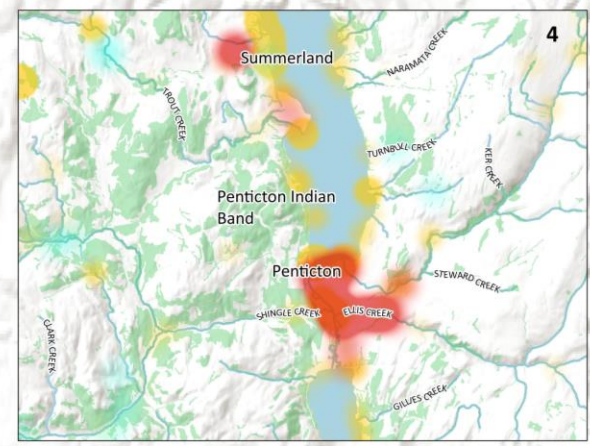
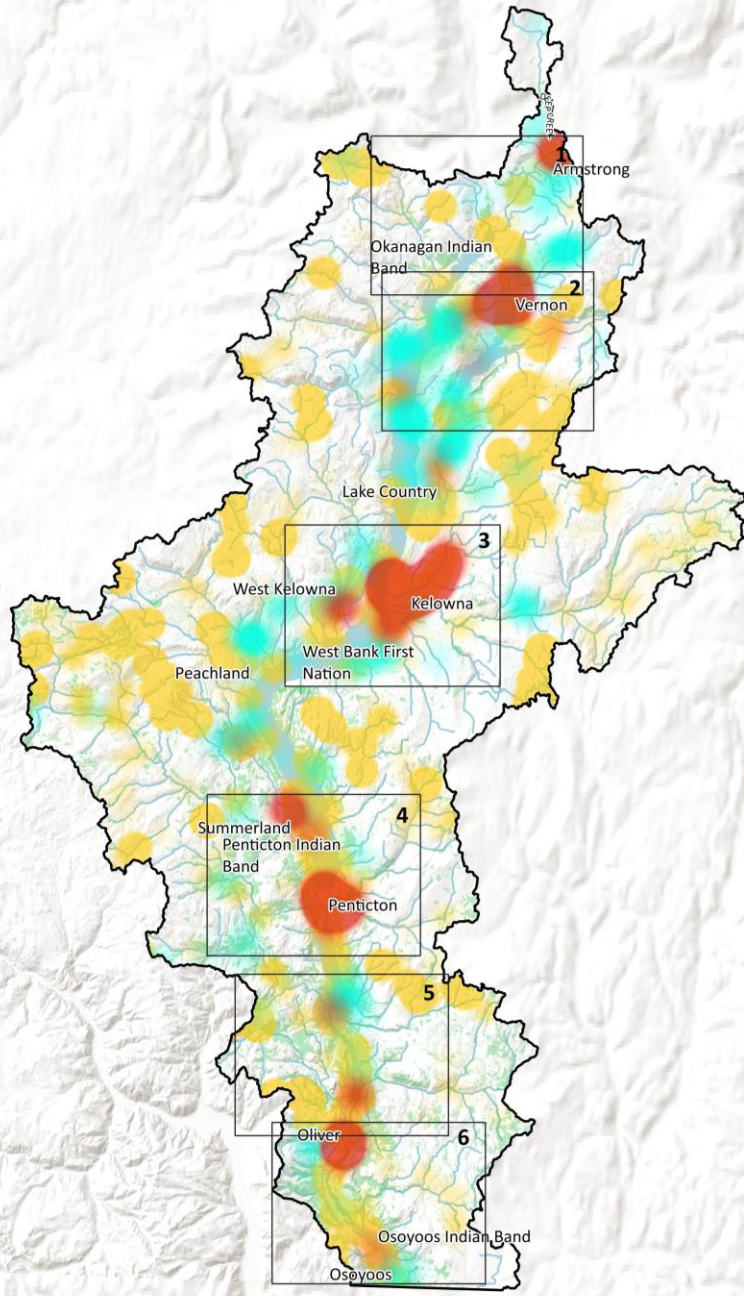
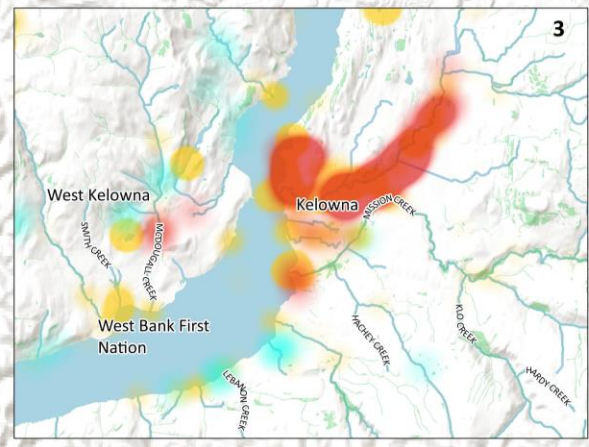
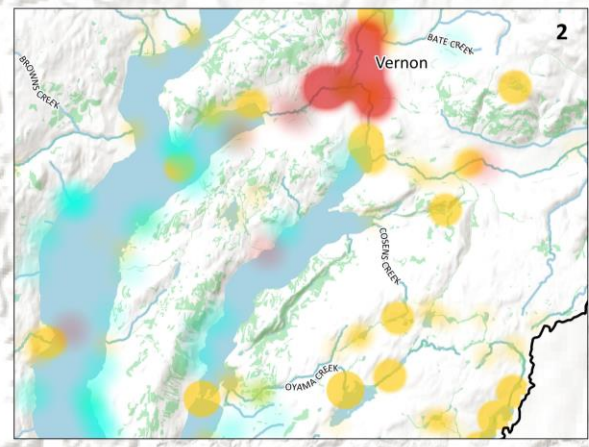
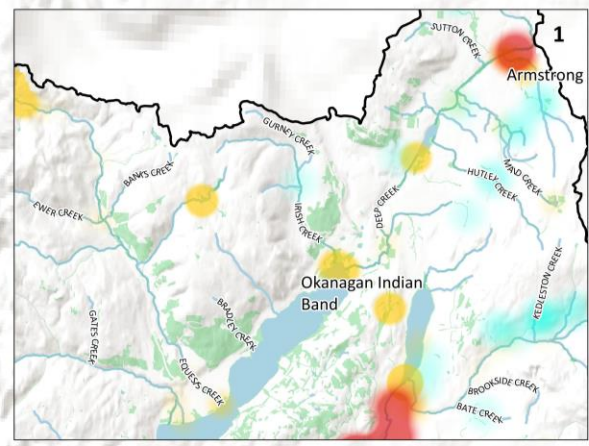
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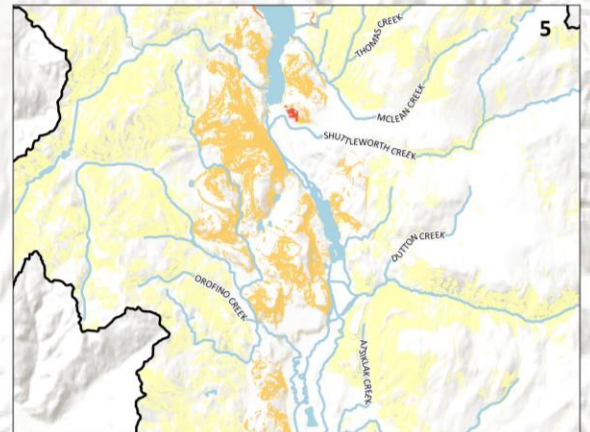
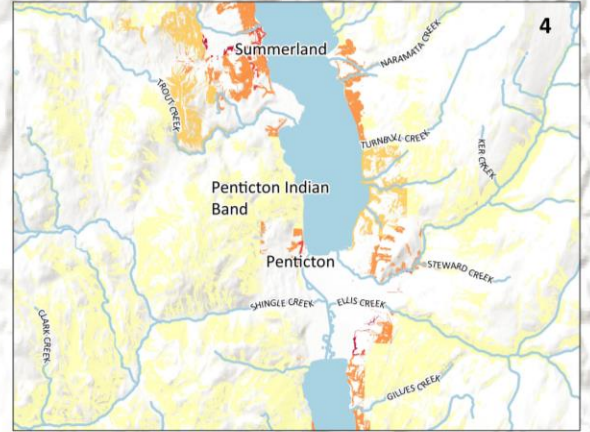
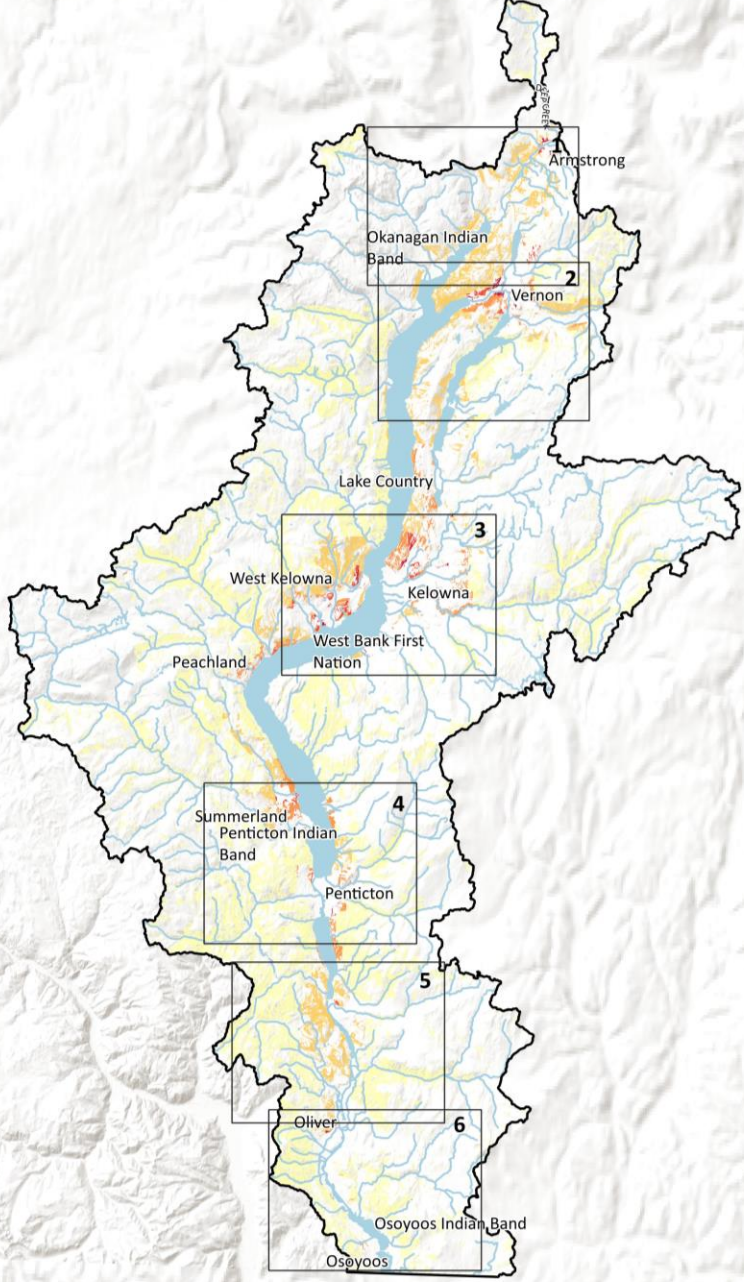
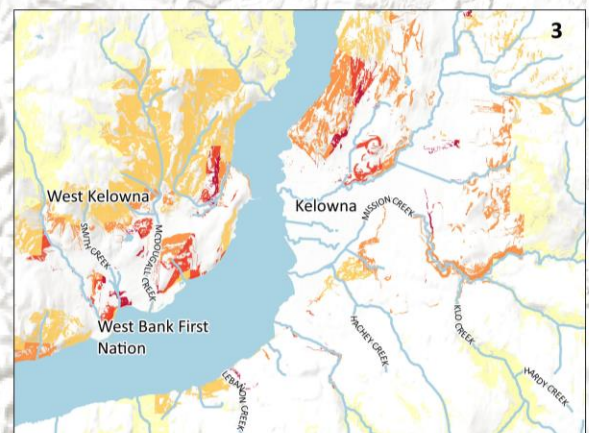
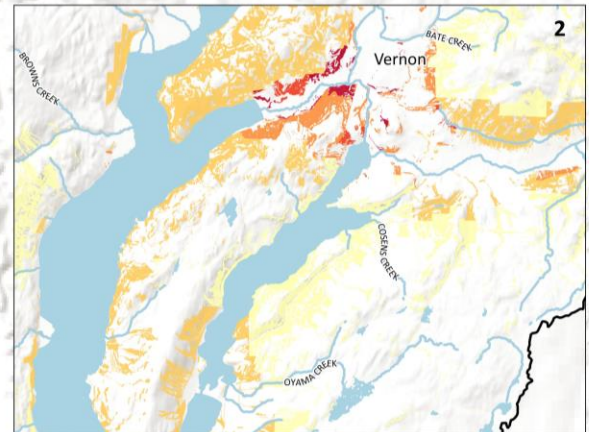
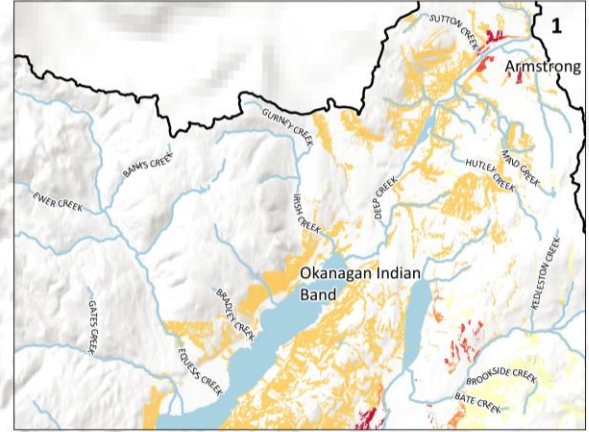




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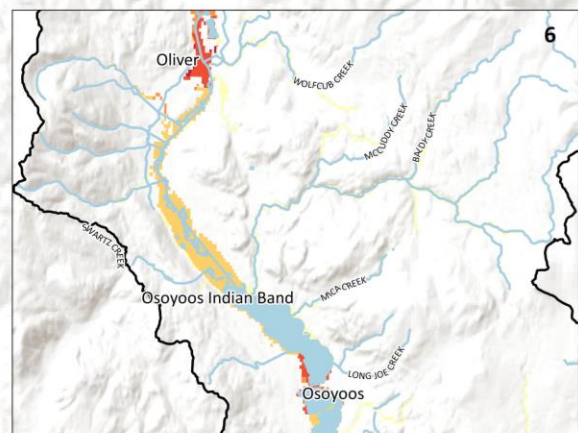
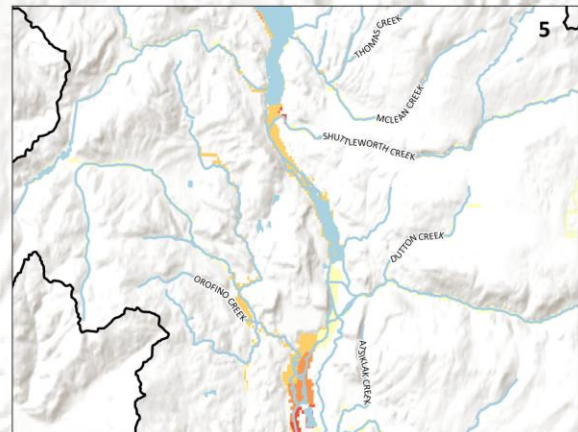
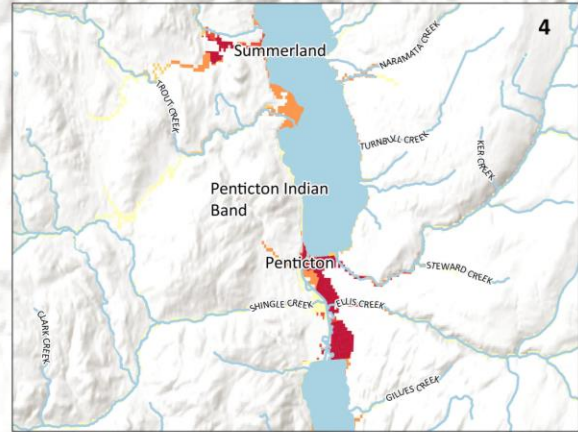
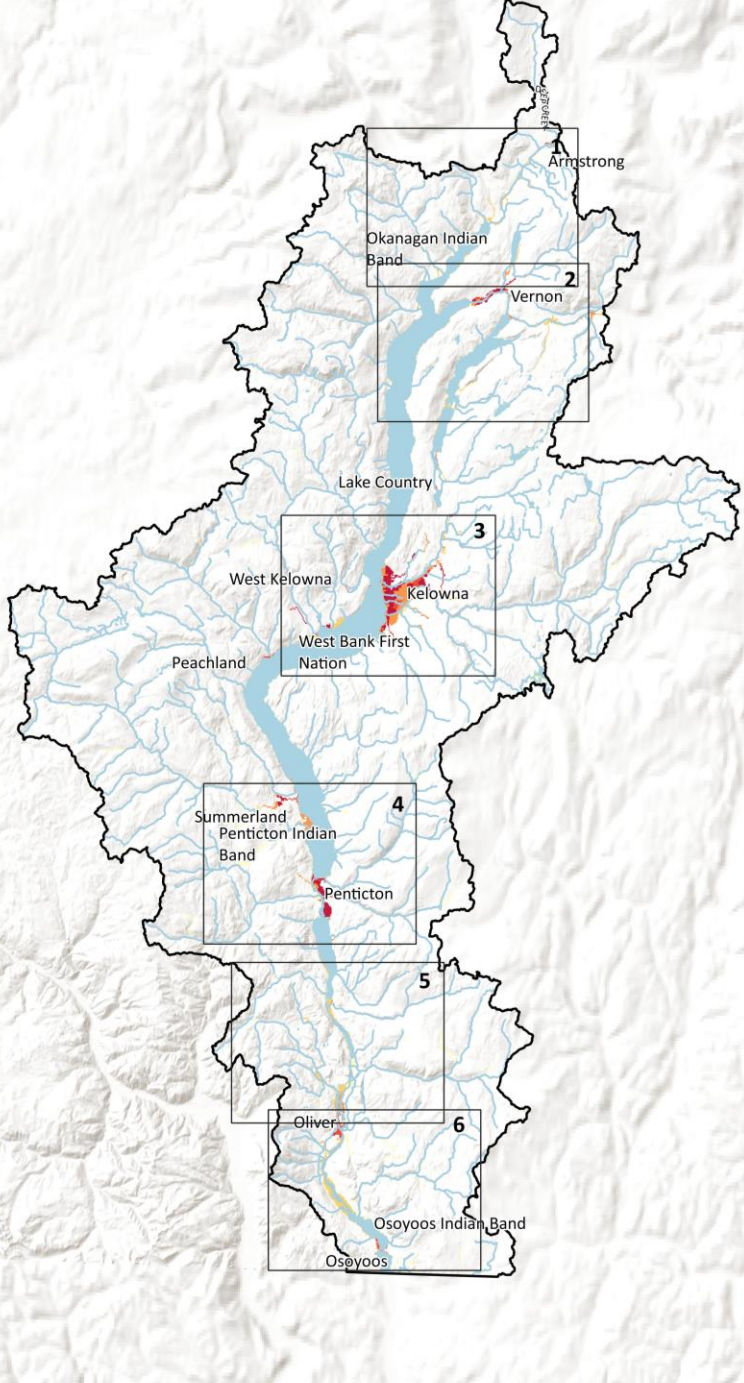
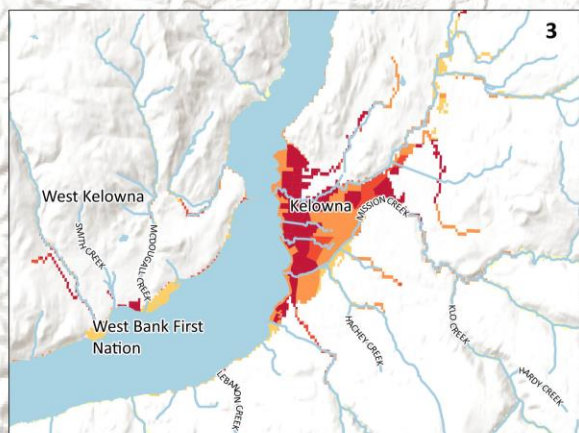
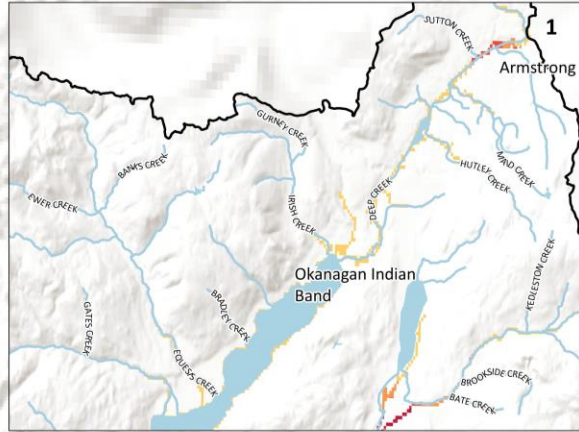
- More intense hazard areas





# Preliminary Quantitative Results:

- More and different areas affected, but few with high likelihood



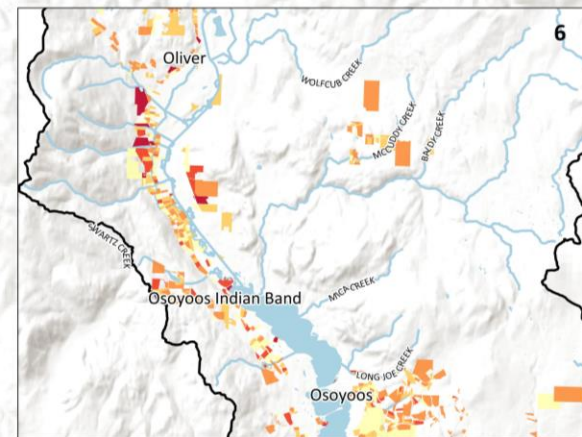
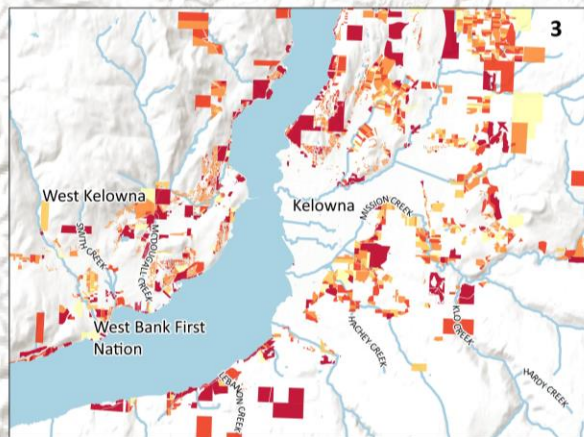
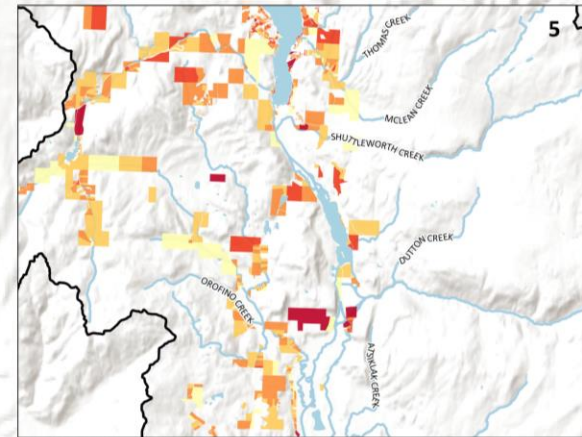
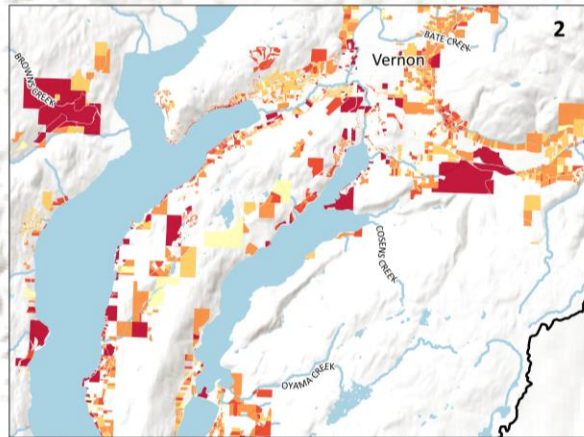
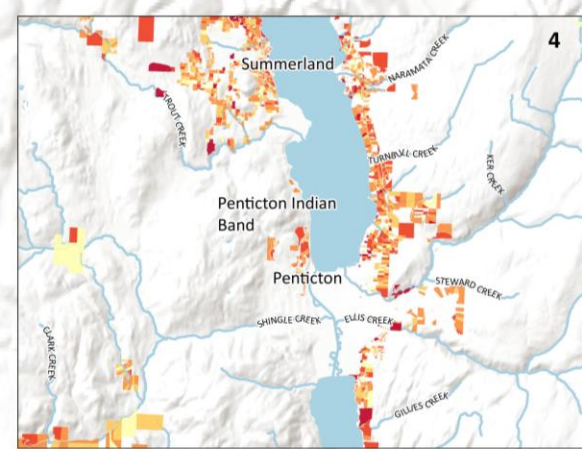
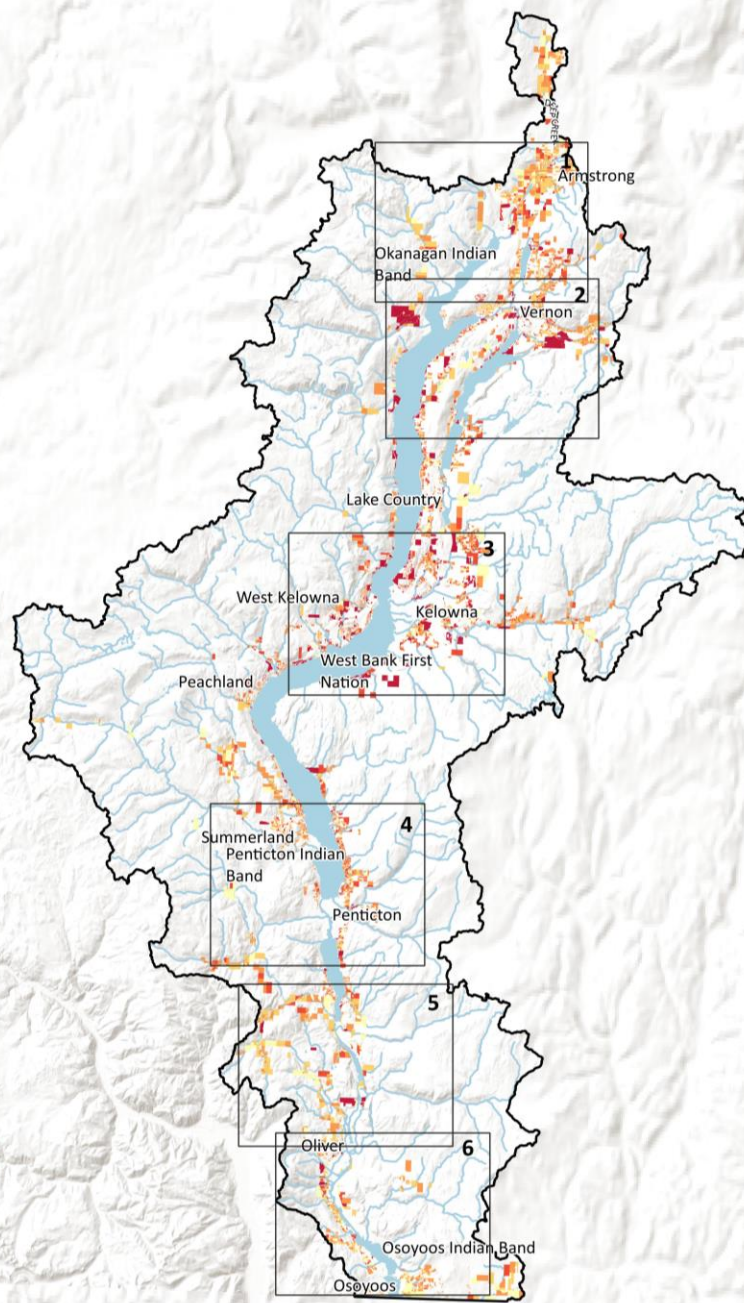
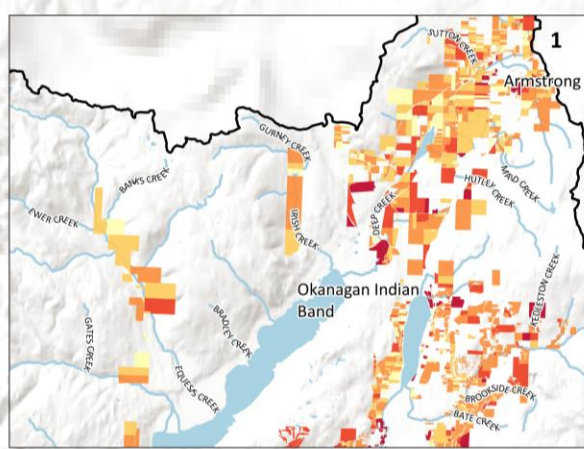
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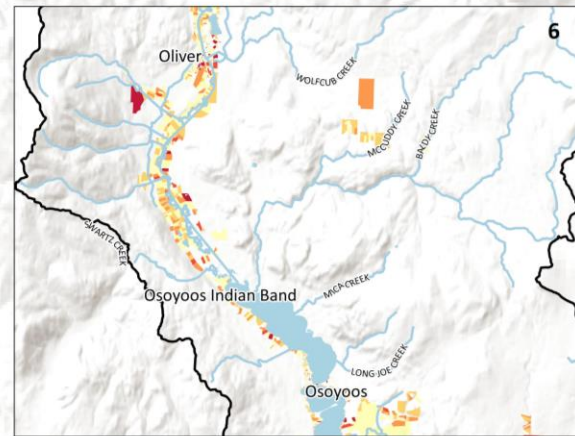
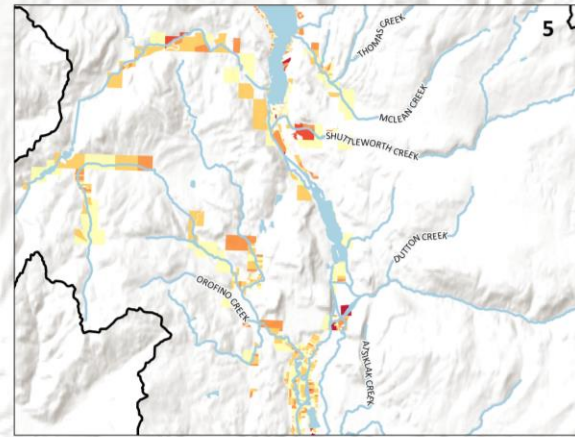
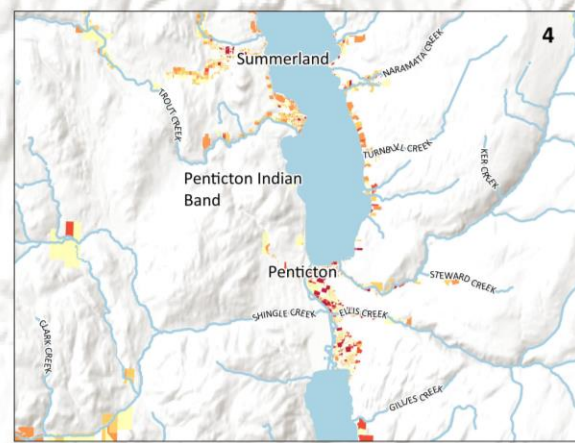
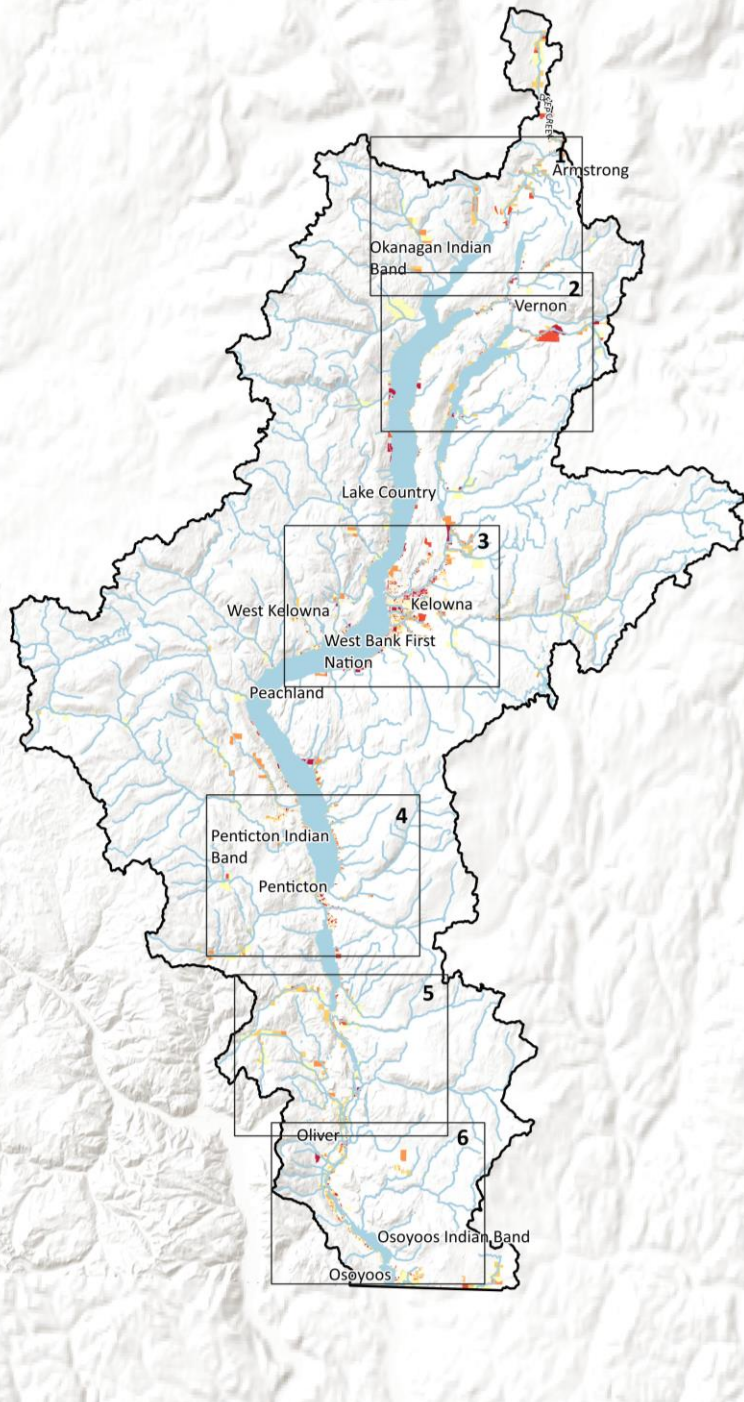
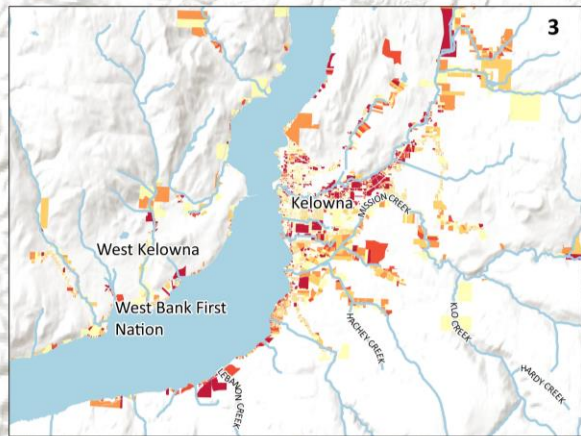
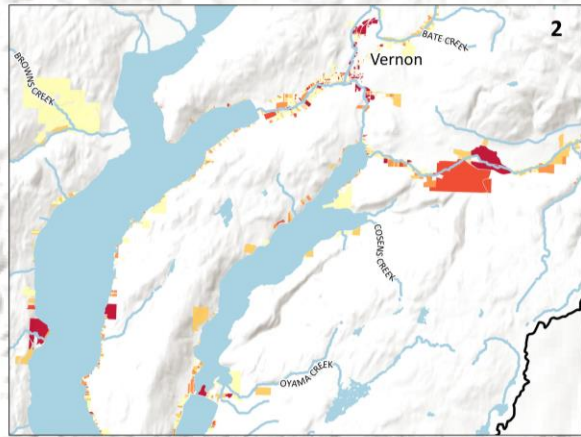
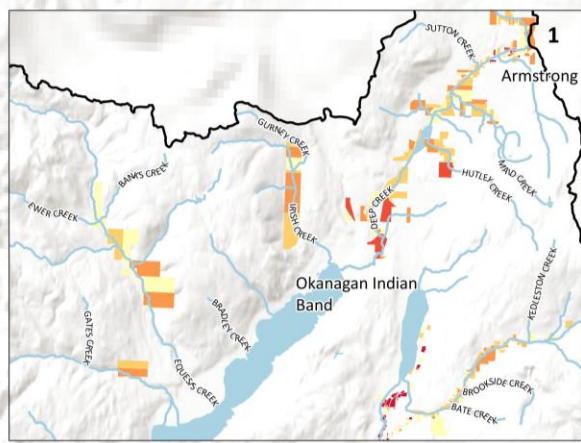
- Significant population centres in high hazard areas



# Preliminary Quantitative Results:

- Numerous areas affected
- \$19.5bn



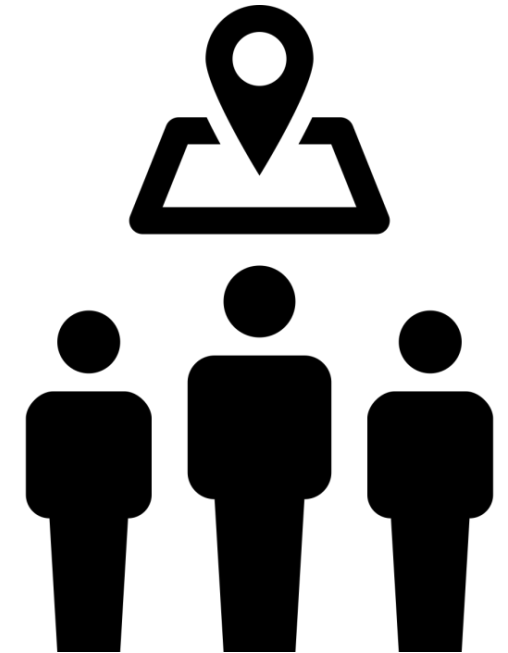


## Preliminary Quantitative Results:

- Areas affected are less widespread
- \$13.1 bn

# Exercise (15 min): Preliminary Risk Map Review

- Which regions do we want to show close-up, if any others?
- Are there any gaps? What is missing?
- Are there any errors that you notice, from your direct experience/knowledge of the area?
- Are we representing the right information? (would other data sets be more relevant?)





## **Sylix Okanagan Flood and Debris Flow Risk Assessment**

### **Report 3 of 4 – Qualitative Study**

#### **Appendix H: Workshop 2 Feedback**

# Report for Syilx (Okanagan) Flood & Debris Flow Workshop #2 Feedback

## Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	
Complete		 13

Totals: 13

1. On a scale of 1-5 (1= Not at all; 5 = Very much), please rate the following statements:

	Not at all	-	Somewhat	-	Very much	Responses
I improved my understanding of flood and debris flow risk in the Okanagan and Similkameen watersheds (Syilx traditional territory) Count Row %	1 7.7%	1 7.7%	3 23.1%	6 46.2%	2 15.4%	13
I learned about the Syilx perspective on flood and debris flow phenomena Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 7.7%	2 15.4%	6 46.2%	4 30.8%	13
I strengthened relationships with other stakeholders in the region Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 15.4%	6 46.2%	5 38.5%	13
I improved my understanding of how to work together to adapt to flood and debris flow phenomena in this region Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 7.7%	5 38.5%	4 30.8%	3 23.1%	13

Totals

Total Responses

13

2. What was one key insight or take-away for you, from this session?



## ResponseID Response

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- 2 Ask First Nations communities to provide information on impacts to their members, culture and heritage. Acknowledge and respect the thousands of years of experience First Nations peoples are able to contribute.
- 3 A key insight was the understanding that the entire Syilx watershed is connected (through rivers and now through dams, and spillway etc), and that changes made to a singular drainage can affect the entire watershed below. Having all the stakeholders be a part of decision making processes is vital to the health of our region.
- 5 There is definitely a human impact to a lot of flooding problems.
- 6 There is opportunity to combine our efforts and work together. There needs to be a bit of flexibility to meet each other's goals. I see it as possible.
- 7 The value of listening.
- 8 I think the focus on letting areas flood and the importance of flooding rather than the focus on limiting and control of floodwater
- 9 The value of in person meetings
- 10 I learned about the Syilx perspective on flood and debris flow phenomena.
- 12 That we as a people living in the Okanagan and the Similkameen are connected by water
- 13 Further collaboration is needed and we are on our way.
- 14 Key people are relatively uninformed about threats to the water and people.

3. What is an example of how this session may impact your work or practice in the near future?



**ResponseID    Response**

2                    Invite First Nations representatives to our local government table.

3                    Studies are inherently data-centric in nature and are typically not based enough on historical information. This session struck home to me that modeling natural environments is very complex and land based knowledge (such as that provided by elders) is not being considered thoroughly enough.

5                    To be aware of building in potential flood areas and changes on land can affect or contribute flooding.

6                    If we can come out of this process with a mechanism for moving forward, and not always repeating it, then I believe this will have a huge impact as we move forward. There is opportunity to incorporate some of the Syilx traditions into our processes.

7                    At each of the workshops and site visits I gained a better understanding of community member's perspective of how floods impact their lives.

9                    How to develop working tools to encourage open communication between in office teams

10                    Honestly not sure how to bring this into my current job.

12                    Look more into traditional mitigation

13                    Relationship building and moving forward on other regional projects