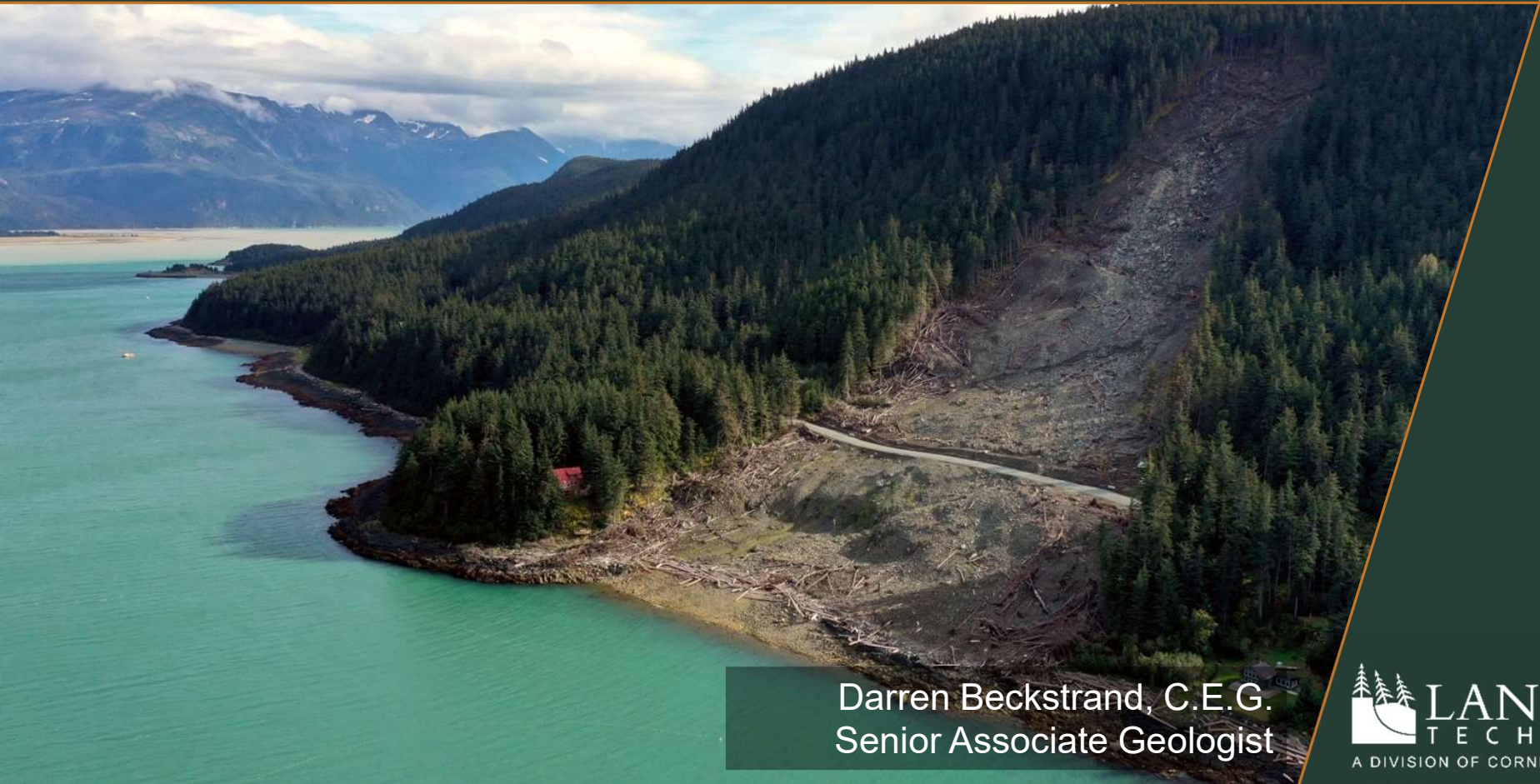


Getting Started with Geotechnical Asset Management Approaches from Various State DOTs



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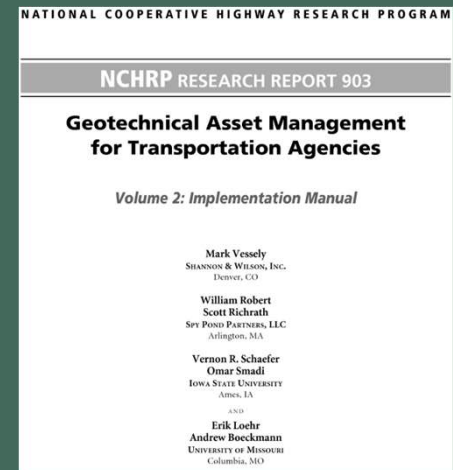
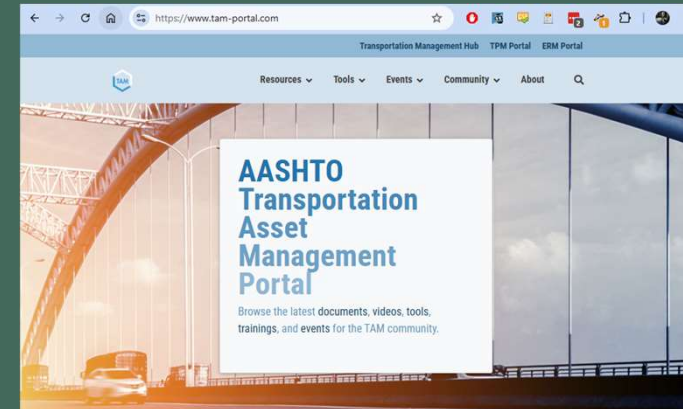
What is Transportation Asset Management?

- Transportation Asset Management (TAM)

“Strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, upgrading, and expanding physical assets effectively throughout their lifecycle” – AASHTO

- TAM for Bridges and Pavements is required and encouraged for ancillary assets

What it means: No Federal directive or requirement ... may be (likely?) considered optional by management



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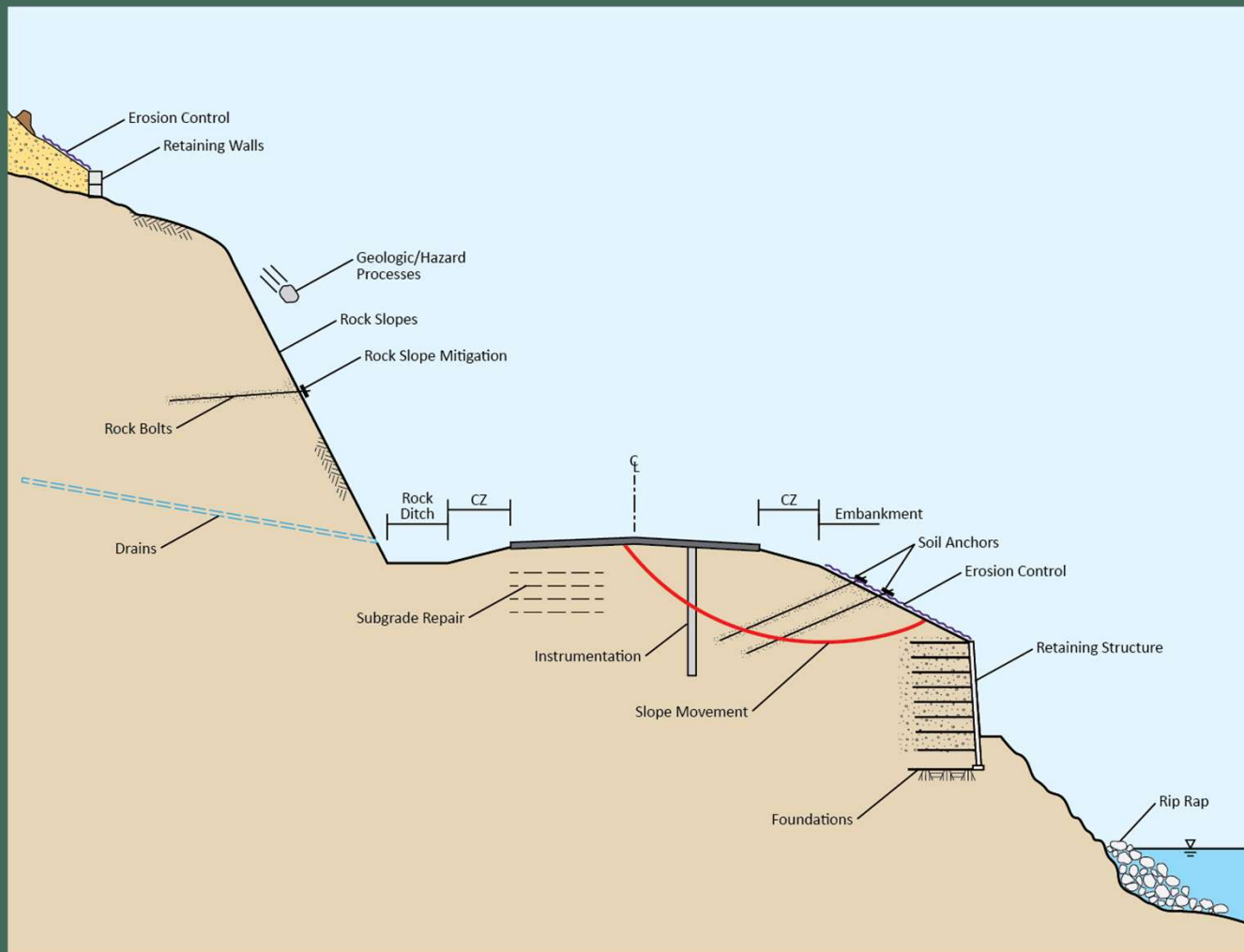
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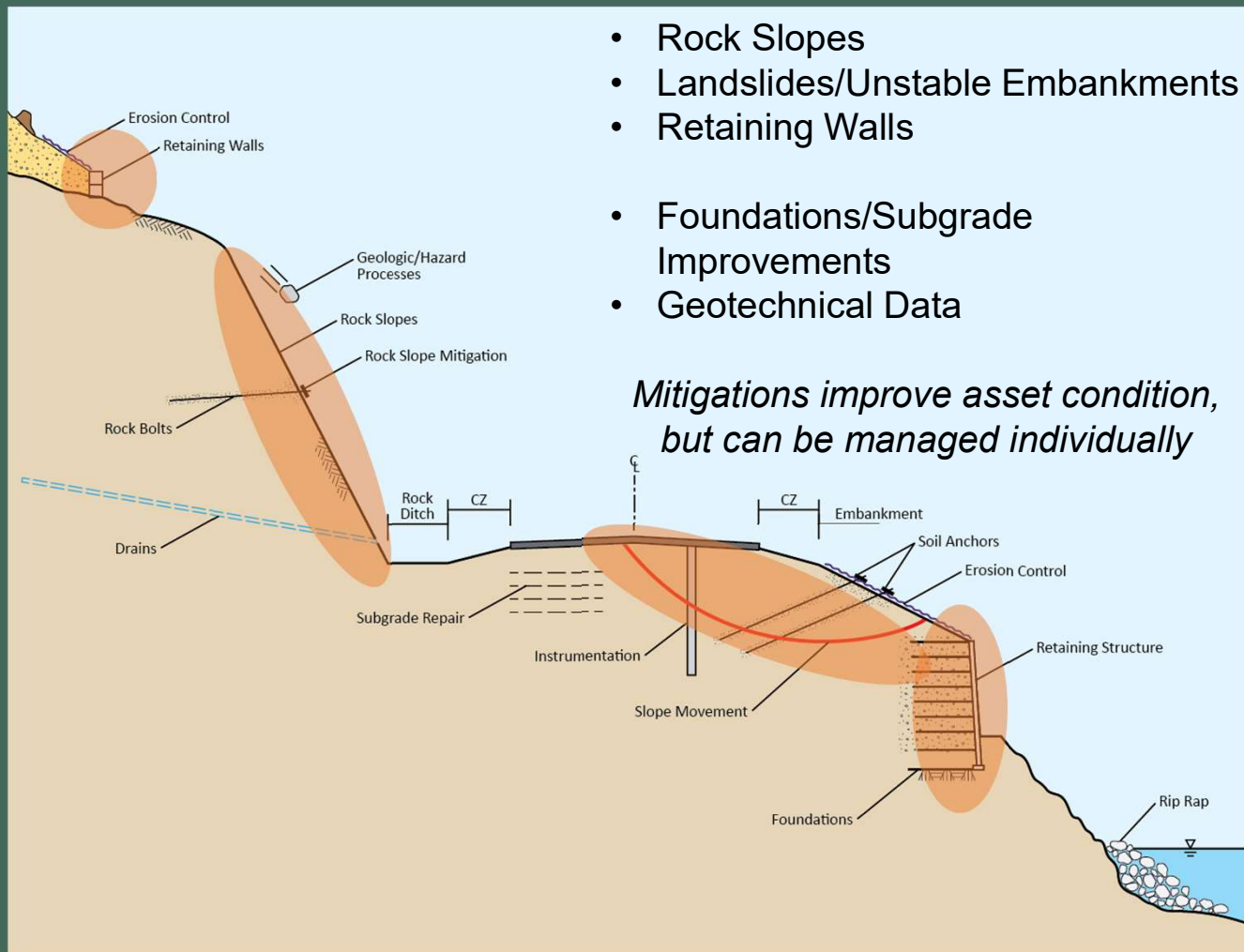
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- Costs & Consequences
- Budgets to Achieve Set Goals



Geotechnical Asset Examples



Geotechnical Asset Examples



- Rock Slopes
- Landslides/Unstable Embankments
- Retaining Walls

- Foundations/Subgrade Improvements
- Geotechnical Data

*Mitigations improve asset condition,
but can be managed individually*




Statewide Program Scoping and Execution is Daunting

- Inventory
 - Many infrastructure owners don't know what is out there
 - Not knowing \neq No liability \neq No cost
 - *Doing the entire state is bananas; we are already fiscally constrained...maybe we can do it driving to and from various sites...*
- Condition assessment
 - What kind of shape is it in?
 - *Count and then estimate asset condition?!? Can maintenance personnel perform evaluations in the off-season? Interns!!*
- Risk Estimation and Evaluation Frameworks
 - How many traffic interruptions occur from geo events? Excess maintenance activities?
 - *We don't have all the crash and damage causation data. Can't invent it out of thin air.*
- Financial Planning
 - How much will costs increase by deferring maintenance? Will preservation now save replacement costs in the future?
 - *Geologists are hard enough to manage, now I need economists also?!?*



Guidance and Tools for GAM



NCHRP
RESEARCH REPORT 903

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE HIGHWAY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Geotechnical Asset Management for Transportation Agencies

Volume 1: Research Overview

Volume 2: Implementation Manual

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NCHRP Project 24-46 GAM Planner

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Main Menu

MODEL PARAMETERS

ASSET MODEL ADMINISTRATION

Opens worksheet to enter or edit information for an asset model. You will be asked to name the model if creating a new model, or to select an existing model if editing or deleting a model.

Create Asset Model

Edit Asset Model

Delete Asset Model

Note: To use the tool, it is necessary to enable macros. Also, the Excel Solver must be installed. The Excel Solver is a plug-in provided with Excel.

ASSET INVENTORY

Opens the Inventory worksheet to enter or edit information for the inventory of assets.

Edit Inventory

PROGRAM SIMULATION

Opens the Summary Results worksheet to enter budgets by year and view summary results.

Summary Results

Opens the Detailed Results worksheet to show details on a selected asset.

Detailed Results

SUMMARY STATISTICS

ASSET DATA

Number of Asset Models7

Number of Assets0

Asset Reconstruction Value\$0

% of Segments by Level of Risk0% 0%

% of Value by Level of Risk000%

A

B

C

D

F

ANALYSIS RESULTS

Initial Needs\$0

Spent Over 10 Years\$0

Remaining Backlog\$0

Baseline or Existing Condition

(Use existing condition if evaluating treatment alternatives)

Near vertical rock cut that generates rock fall into ditch annually and occasionally on road

Cost EstimateCost

11 Year 0 Operations & Maintenance Cost\$ 3,000\$ 3,000

12 Other Year 0 or Prior Costs\$-\$

13\$-\$

14\$-\$

15\$-\$

16\$-\$

17\$-\$

\$ 3,000\$ 3,000

Treatment Option 1

Rock cut at 2:1 H:V inclination with limited maintenance anticipated

Cost EstimateCost

11 Design Cost\$ 2,500\$ 2,500

12 ROW Cost\$ 20,000\$ 20,000

13 Construction Cost\$ 75,000\$ 75,000

14\$-\$

15\$-\$

16\$-\$

17\$-\$

\$ 97,500\$ 97,500

REHAB or RECONSTRUCTION TIMING AND COSTS

YearDescriptionCost EstimatePWFPW Cost

7 Scaling Program\$ 10,0000.8706\$ 8,705

14 Scaling Program\$ 10,0000.7579\$ 7,578

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AC1 Maintenance Equipment Co\$ 1,0000%22,396\$ 22,396

AC2 Operations Labor\$ 2,0000%22,396\$ 44,793

AC3 Inspection/Mgmt. Costs\$ 1200%22,396\$ 2,688

AC4 Inspection/Mgmt. Labor\$ 1200%22,396\$ 2,688

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\$99,740\$ 2,240

NO

YES

- Guidance
 - Blank Inventory and Condition Databases
 - Fiscal Decision Support Tools
 - Great Starting Point
- NO REQUIREMENTS EXIST**



No Requirements Equate to Added Flexibility

- Scoping
 - Adopt known assessment systems with adjustments (i.e. RHRS, USMP)
 - Document with minor pilot programs
 - Scope inventory and condition, then figure out next phase
 - All in, all at once
- Inventory
 - Statewide, Regional, or Corridor
 - Desk, Field, Combo Study



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Project Scoping

Geographic
Reach

Inventories and
Condition
Assessment

Risk
Assessment

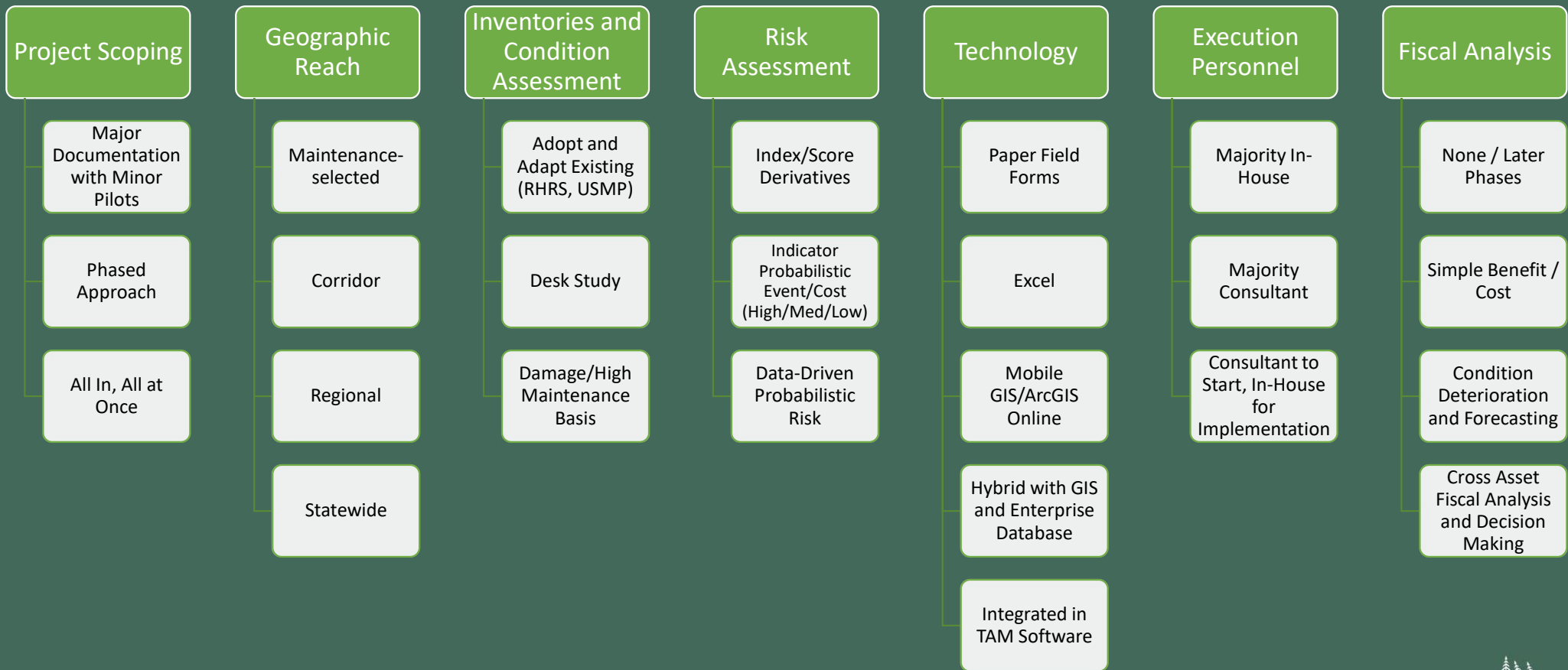
Technology

Execution
Personnel

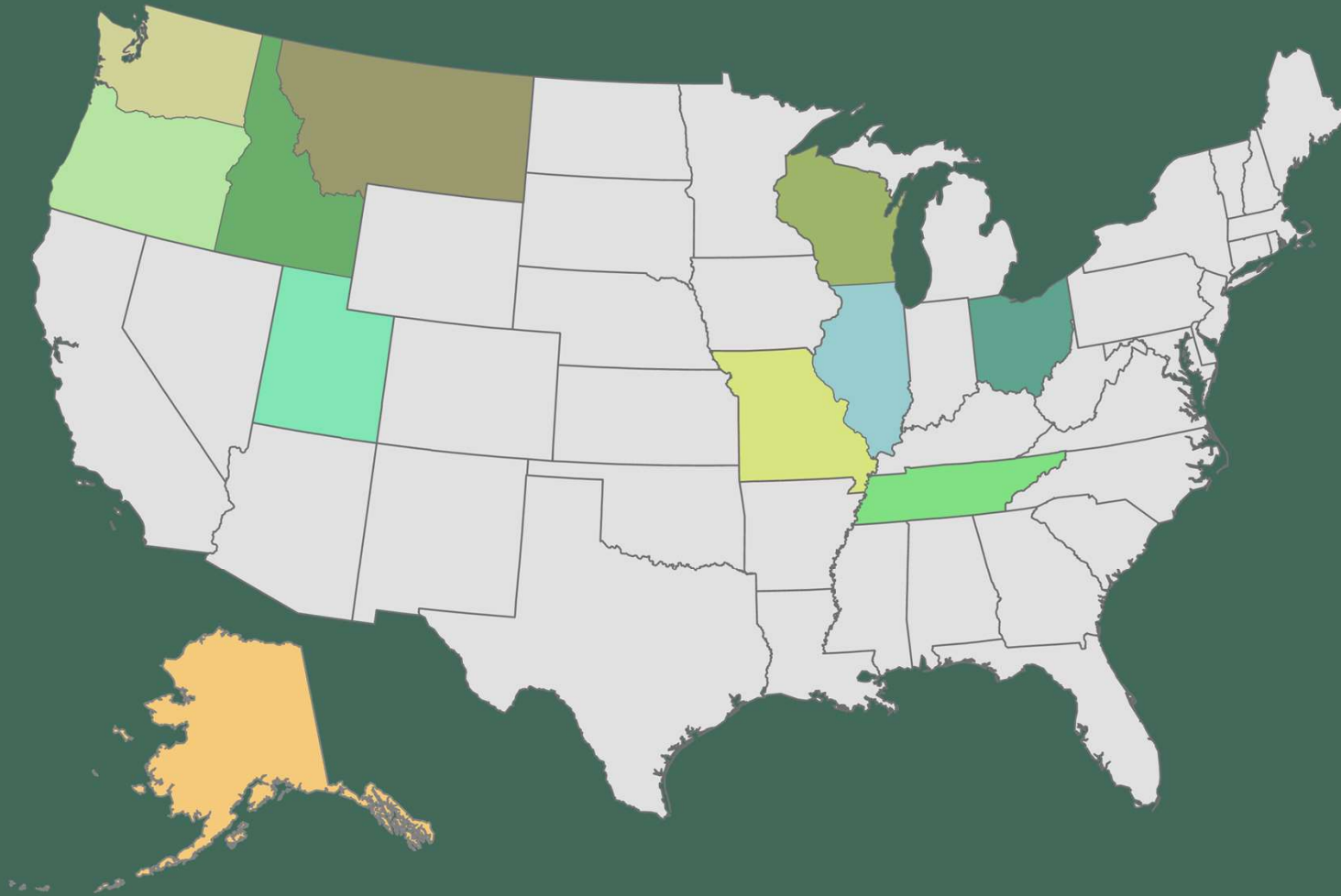
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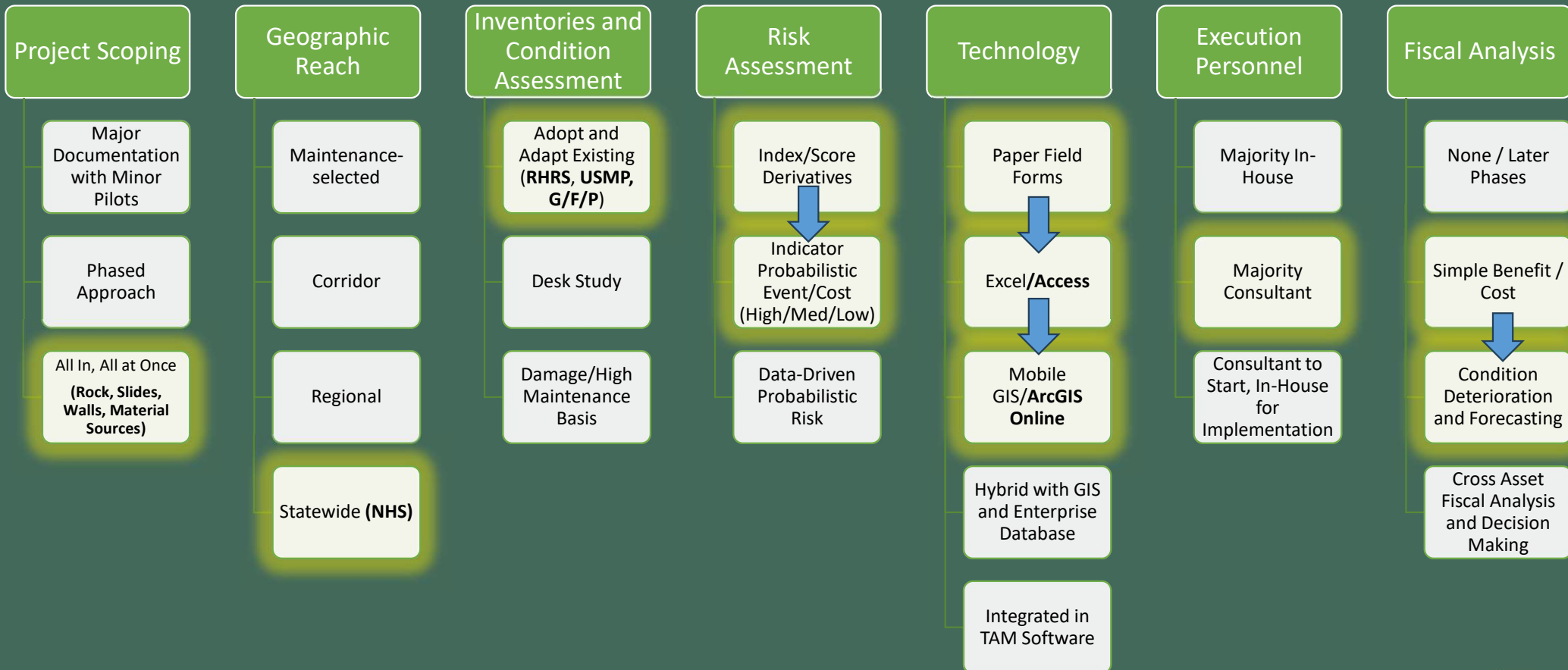
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Alaska's Path (2013+/-)



AKDOT&PF GAM Program Storymap

Development of the Unstable Slopes Management Program (USMP)

In 2010, AKDOT&PF began inventorying rock slopes and unstable soil slopes under the Unstable Slopes Management Program (USMP). Initial work focused on transportation corridor segments with a high concentration of poorly performing soil and rock slopes, like Long Lake on the Glenn Highway.

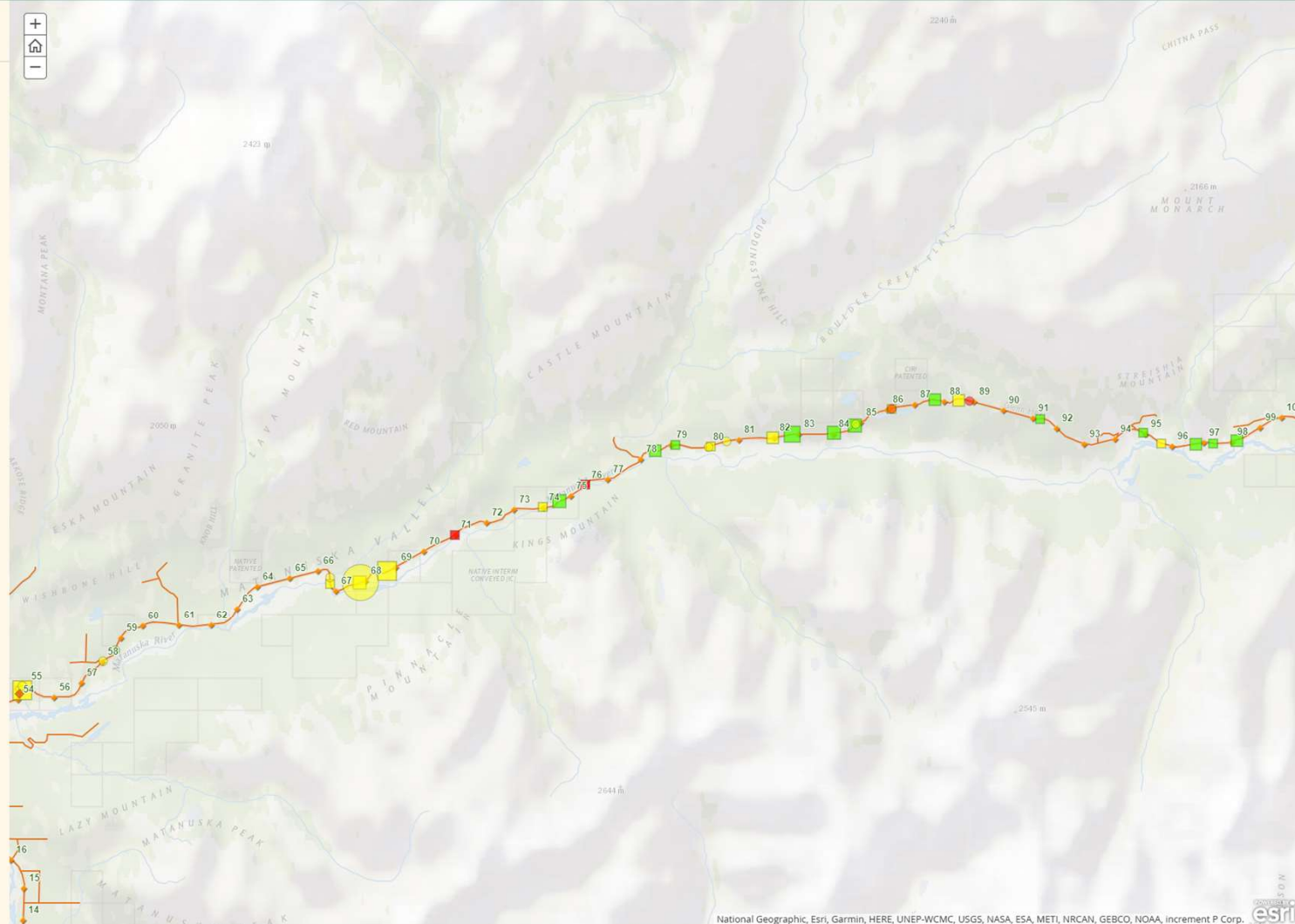
A field form was developed for geotechnical engineers or geologists to use in inventorying slopes. Raters spent 15 to 30 minutes at each site, and met with M&O personnel when possible to improve data capture of movement history or required maintenance. More detailed data capture would be part of work on a specific roadway improvement project.

The USMP rating rubric is similar to the Rockfall Hazard Rating Systems (RHRS) already used by many DOTs nationwide. Each category is scored on an exponential scale, with 100 being the worst possible category score. There are 17 final rating categories each with a maximum category score of 100, so the highest possible USMP score for a rock or soil slope was 1,700 points. In general, a higher score implied that a site was in worse condition or that a failure at this location would have a greater effect on the transportation system.



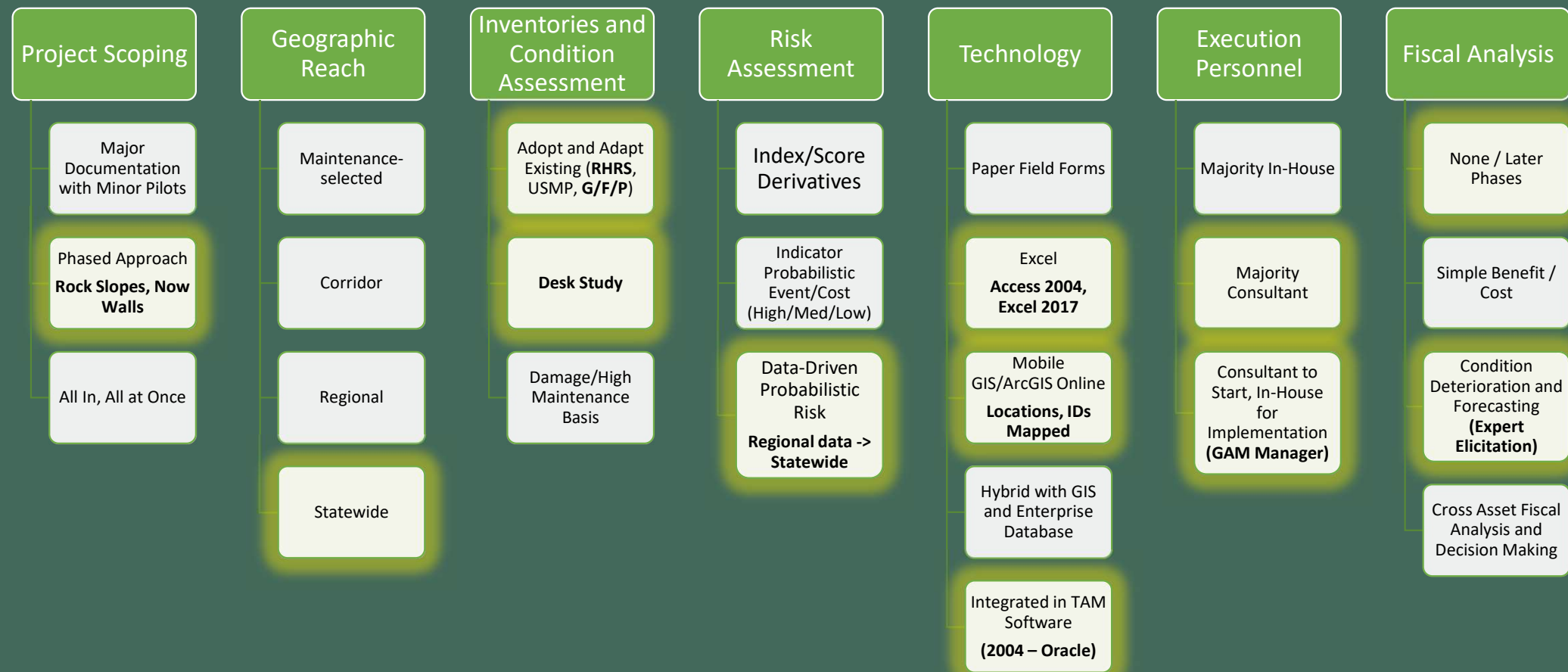
Unstable soil slope on Glenn Highway, **MP 49.7**. Total USMP score is 518.

Integrating Rock Slope Assets into GAM

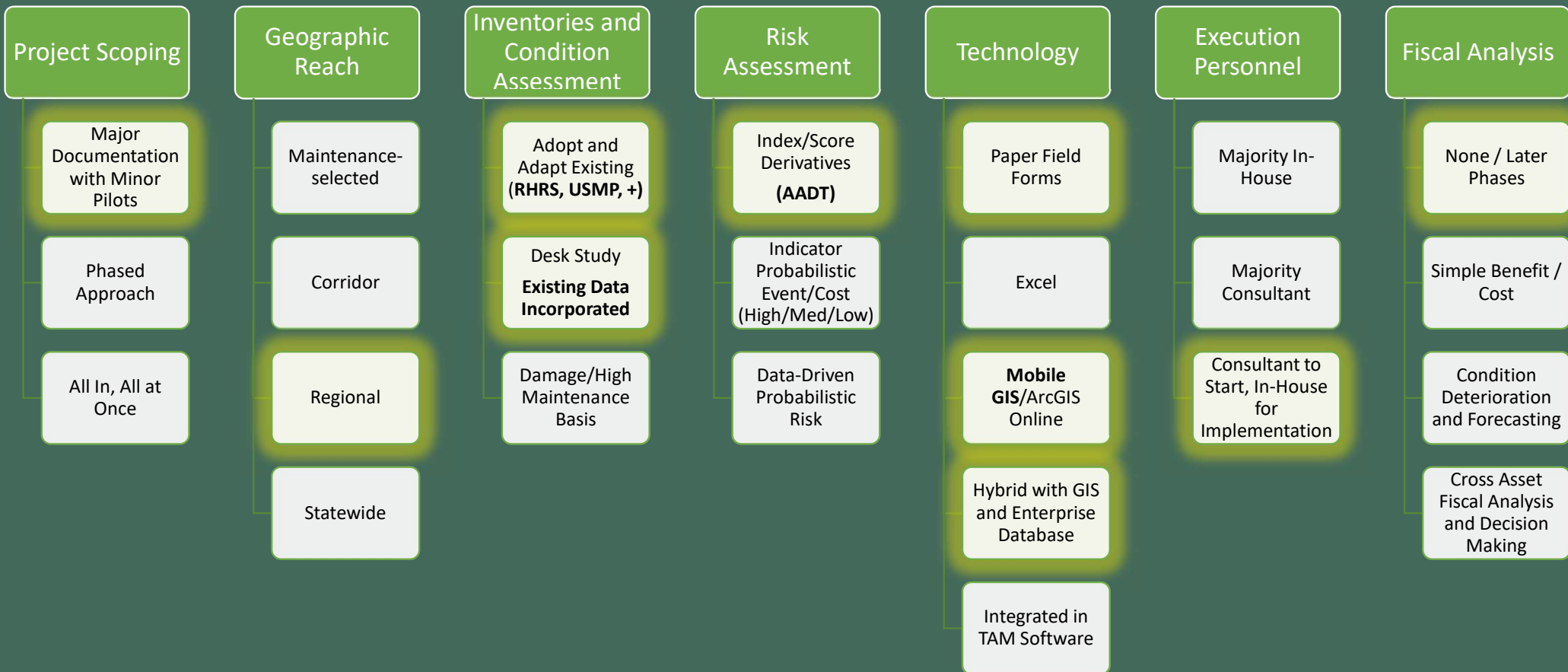


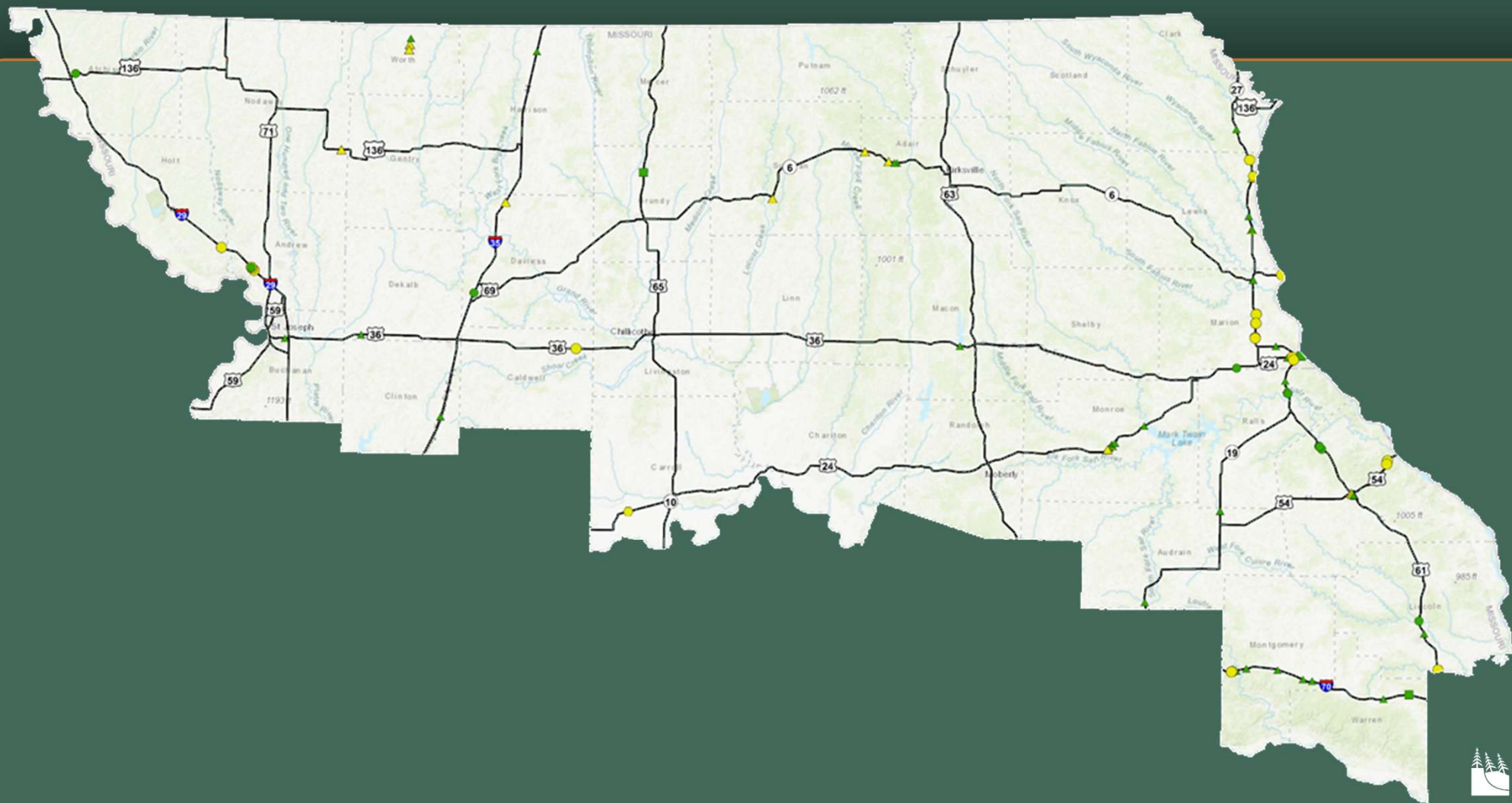
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Montana's Path (2004, 2017, Ongoing)

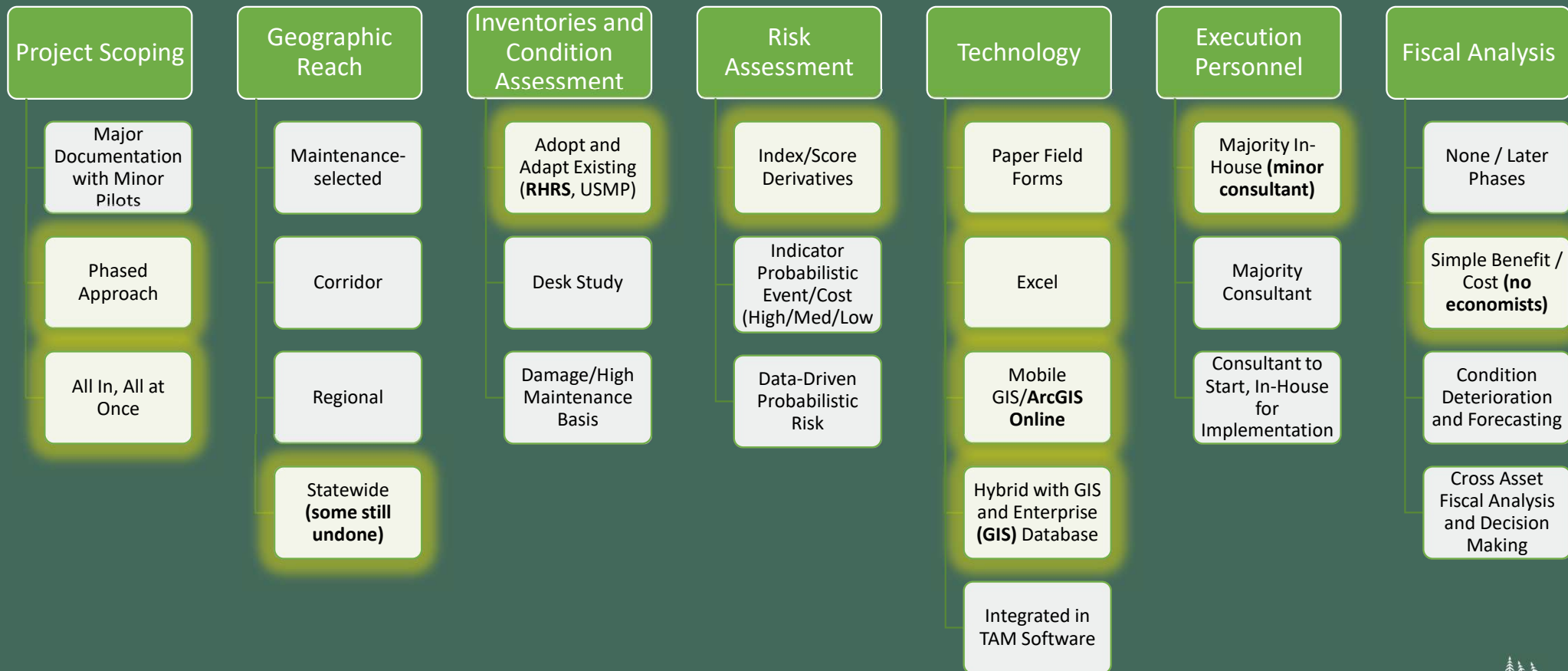


Missouri's Path (2019)





Oregon's Path (1990's onward)



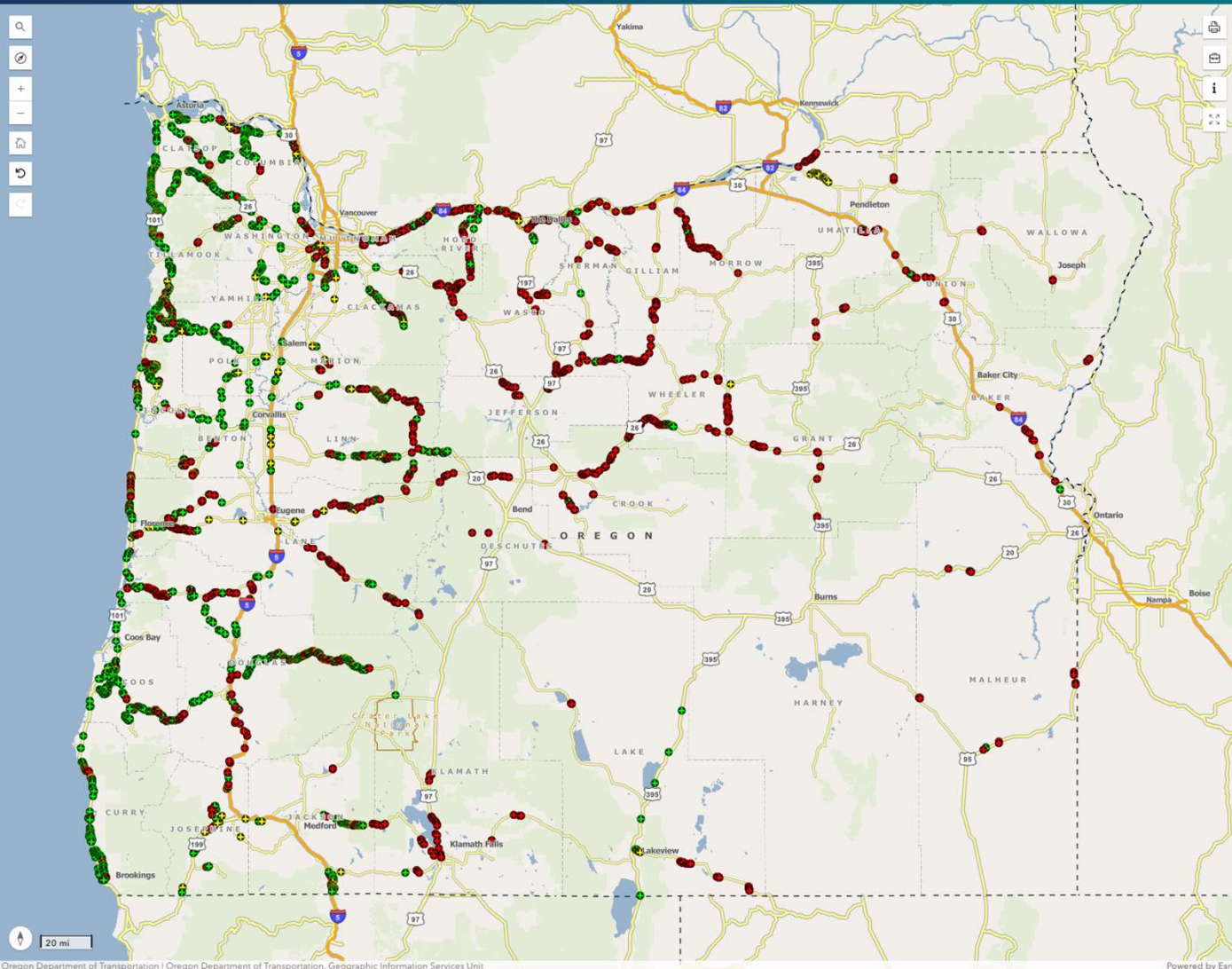
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Active Layers

✖ Unstable Slopes

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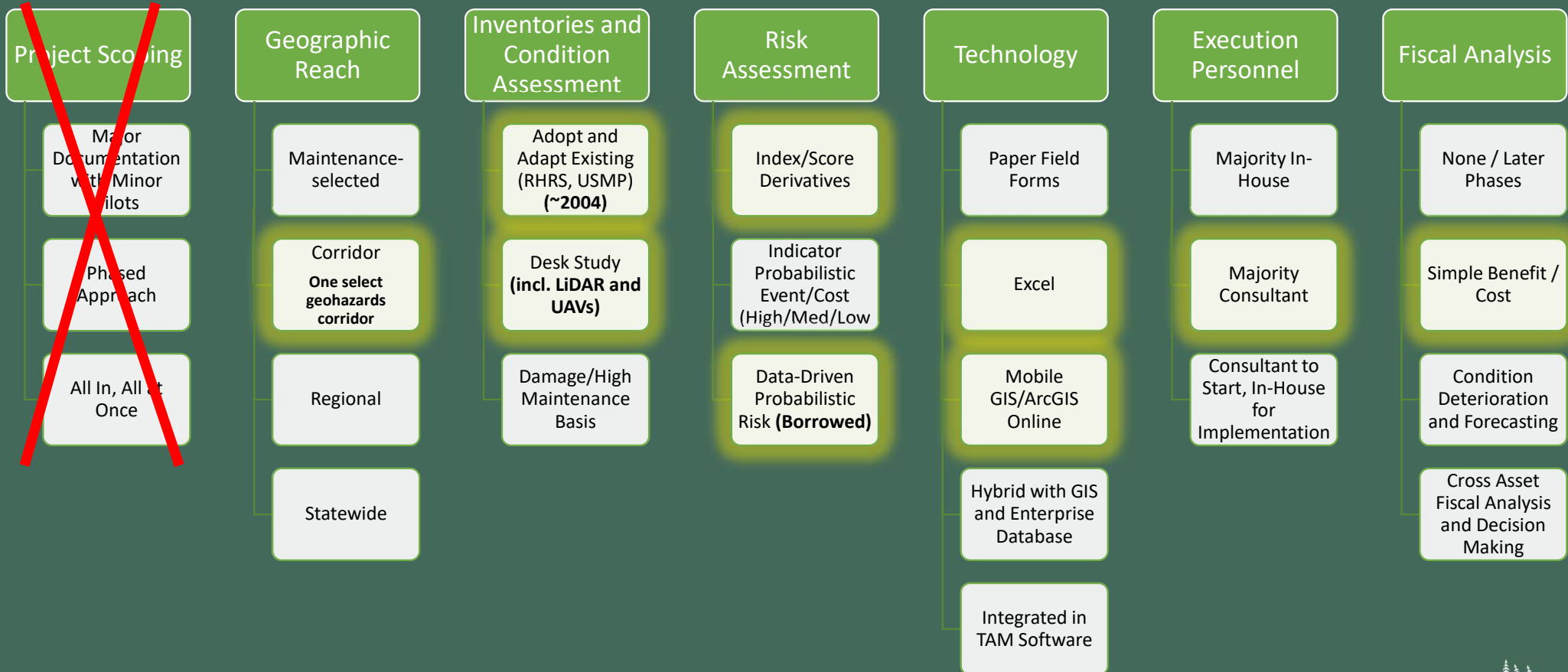


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Clear All



Utah's Path (2024)



Utah's Path (2024)

UDOT Rock Slope Assessment Form				
Fill in orange cells		Assessed By Rachel Hunt		
Ver. 1.00 April 2024		Assessment Date 4/28/2024		
Hazard Type	Rockfall	Photo Range		
Slope Beginning Latitude	39.719211	39.717379 t Number	3268	
Slope Beginning Longitude	-110.866556	-110.868133 Slope ID	3_0006NM_MP230.42_RF	
Site Information				
Region	3	Highway Name	US 6	
County	Utah	Milepost Start	230.42	
Route Name	0006	Milepost End	230.59	
Functional Classification	Other Principle Arterial	Side	Right	
Rating Status		Fence?		
AAOT (Count)	11773	AAOT (Year)	2022	
Failure Type	Differential Erosion	Mesh?		
Comments				
The rock slope is above a weigh station. Maintenance reported a car-sized block crushed a van parked here. This facility appears to have been vacated for a few years and is now permanently abandoned.				
Character Count 189				
Site Measurements				
Slope Height (ft)	690	adway Width (ft)	80	
Roadway Length (ft)	850	eed Limit (mph)	55	
Slope Angle (°)	40	nual Precip. (in)	13.65	
Ditch Width (ft)	12	ght Distance (ft)	1050	
Ditch Depth (ft)	0	ASHTO DSD (ft)	875	
Ditch Slope (°)	0			
Block Size (ft)	10			
Event Volume (cg)	0			
RHRS Rating EXP				
Ditch Effectiveness	Moderate	A Effectiveness Score	27	
Rockfall Activity	Few	B. Rockfall Activity Score	3	
Case 1 Structure		C. Geologic Character Score	54	
Case 1 Joint Friction		D. Slope Height Score	100	
Case 2 Struc-Features	Many different erosional features	E. Block Size or	100	
Case 2 Diff Erosion	Large difference	F. Annual Precipitation Score	4	
Maintenance Frequency	Normal, scheduled maintenance	G. Roadway Width Score	1	
Slope Drainage	Slope appears dry or well-drained, surface runoff well controlled	H. Average Vehicle Risk Score	100	
Evaluation Result Summary				
Total RHRS Score	396	Condition State (GIFIP)	2 FAIR	
Condition Index (A+B)	75			
Risk Index (G+H+I)	67			
Risk Analysis				
Risk Result Summary				
Avg. Disruption Duration	6	ual Likelihood of Disruption	1.81%	
Typical Detour Add. Dist. (mi)	65.5	ikelihood of Injury Accident	0.31%	
Typ. Detour Add. Time (min)	82	nnual Mobility Consequence	\$ 19,971.08	
Slowdown Delay (min)	10	Annual Safety Consequence	\$ 516.12	
Add. delay duration (days)	7	Annual Maintenance Cost	\$ 1,041	
Average disruption duration is 6 hrs; Rater may adjust duration based on judgement				
Est. Total Economic Loss (30 yrs)				\$ 450,586
Est. Cost to Improve to CS 1				\$ 4,063,858.50

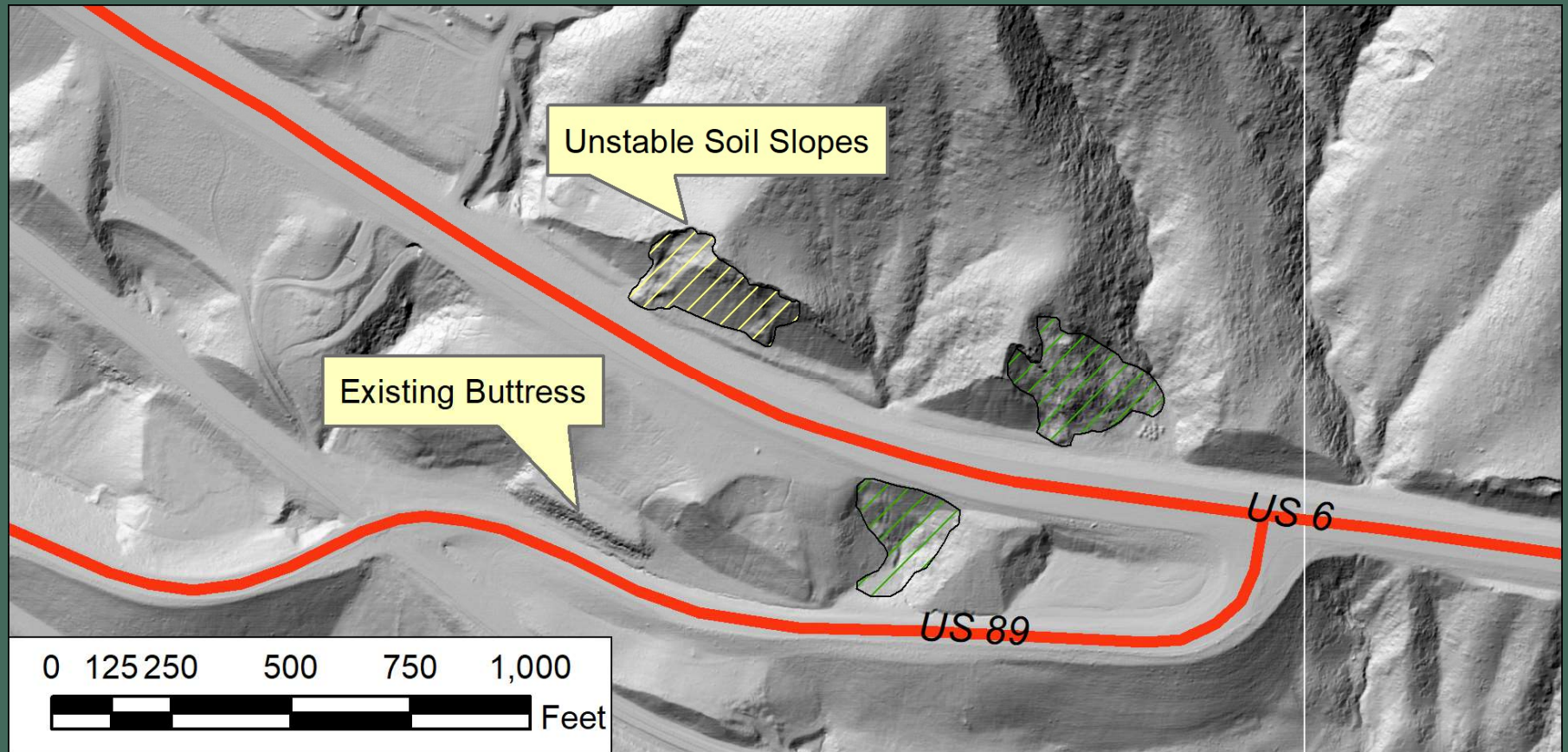
UDOT Landslide Assessment Form			
Fill in green cells		Assessed By Rachel Hunt	
Ver. 1.00 April 2024		Assessment Date 4/24/2024	
Hazard Type	Landslide	Photo Range	
Slope Beginning Latitude	39.77524	39.778558	Proj. No.
Slope Beginning Longitude	-110.918154	-110.917383	Slope ID
Site Information			
Region	3	Highway Name	US 6
County	Utah	Milepost Start	225.12
Route Name	0006	Milepost End	225.18
Functional Classification	Other Principle Arterial	Side	Right
Rating Status		Location	Above
AAOT (Count)	9151	AAOT (Year)	2022
Failure Type	Debris Flow	Drains?	
Comments			
Debris chute			
Character Count 12			
Site Measurements			
Axial Length of Slide (ft)	190	idway Width (ft)	47
Slope Angle (°)	30	Roadway Length Affected (ft)	326
idway Width Affected (ft)	12	eed Limit (mph)	50
		nual Precip. (in)	16.66
		ght Distance (ft)	1050
		ASHTO DSD (ft)	750
Modified USMP Rating EXP			
idway Width Affected (%)	26%	Roadway Width Affected Score	27
Displacement/Slide	1 inch offset, or 6-inch deposit of material	B. Slide/Erosion Affects Score	9
Deposit	Major erosion will affect travel in < 5 years	C. Length of Roadway	53
Maintenance Frequency	Every year	Axial Length of Slide	100
Movement History	Up to 3 inches per event, one event per year	F. Maintenance Frequency	81
Slope Drainage	Water usually on slope, poorly drained, or surface runoff poorly controlled	G. Movement History	15
Evaluation Result Summary			
Total RHRS Score	329	Condition State (GIFIP)	3 FAIR
Condition Index (A+B+G)	47		
Risk Index (J+K+L)	93		
Risk Analysis			
Risk Result Summary			
Avg. Disruption Duration	6	Likelihood of Disruption in 10 yrs if untreated	Medium
Typical Detour Add. Dist. (mi)	65.5	Est. Cost to Improve to CS 1	\$ 1,194,444.57
Typ. Detour Add. Time (min)	82		
Slowdown Delay (min)	10		
Add. delay duration (days)	7		
Average disruption duration is 6 hrs; Rater may adjust duration based on judgement			



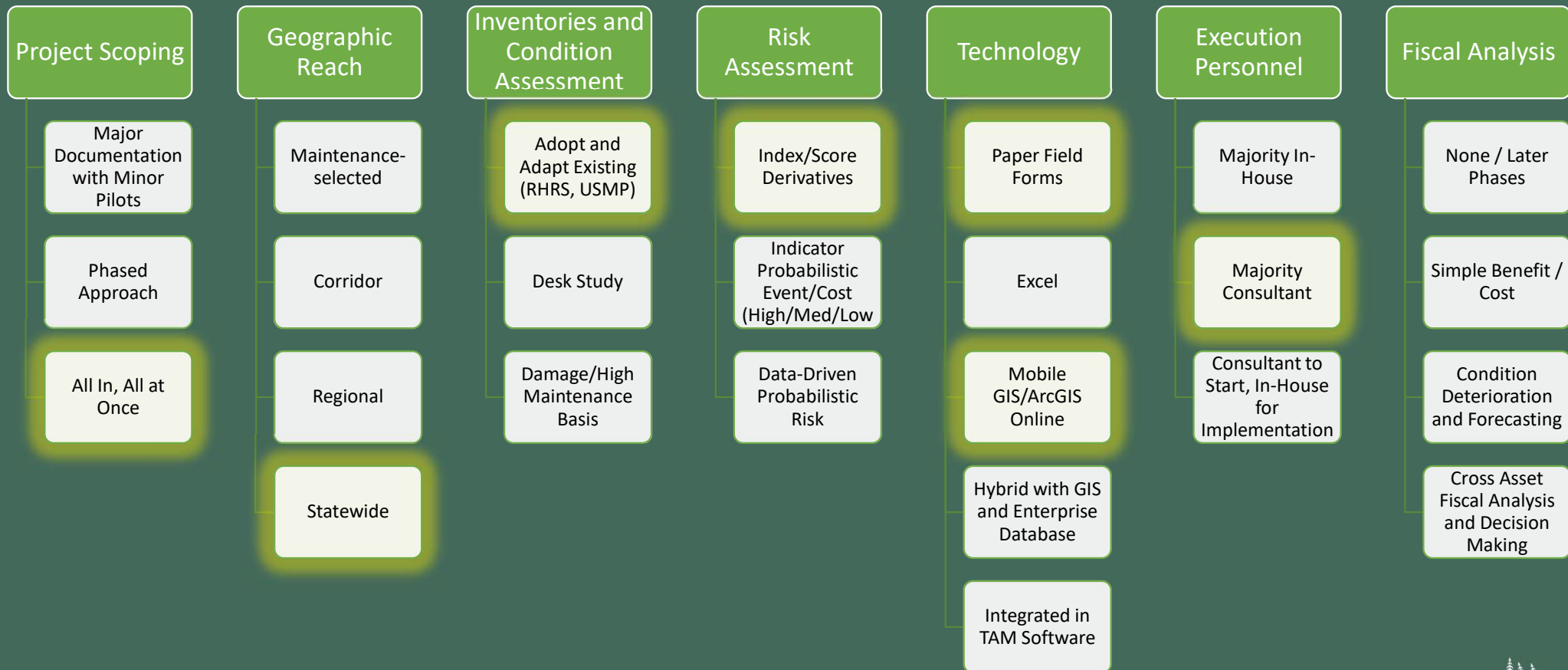
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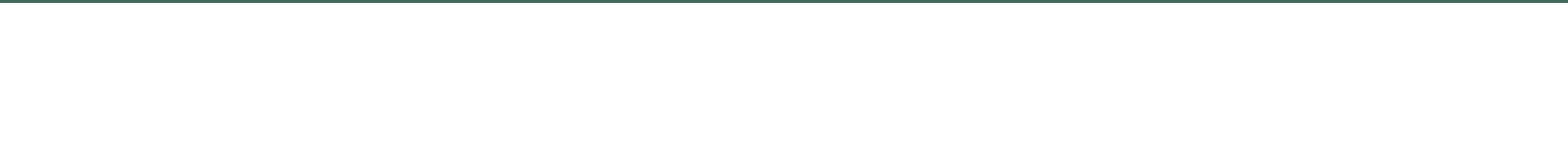
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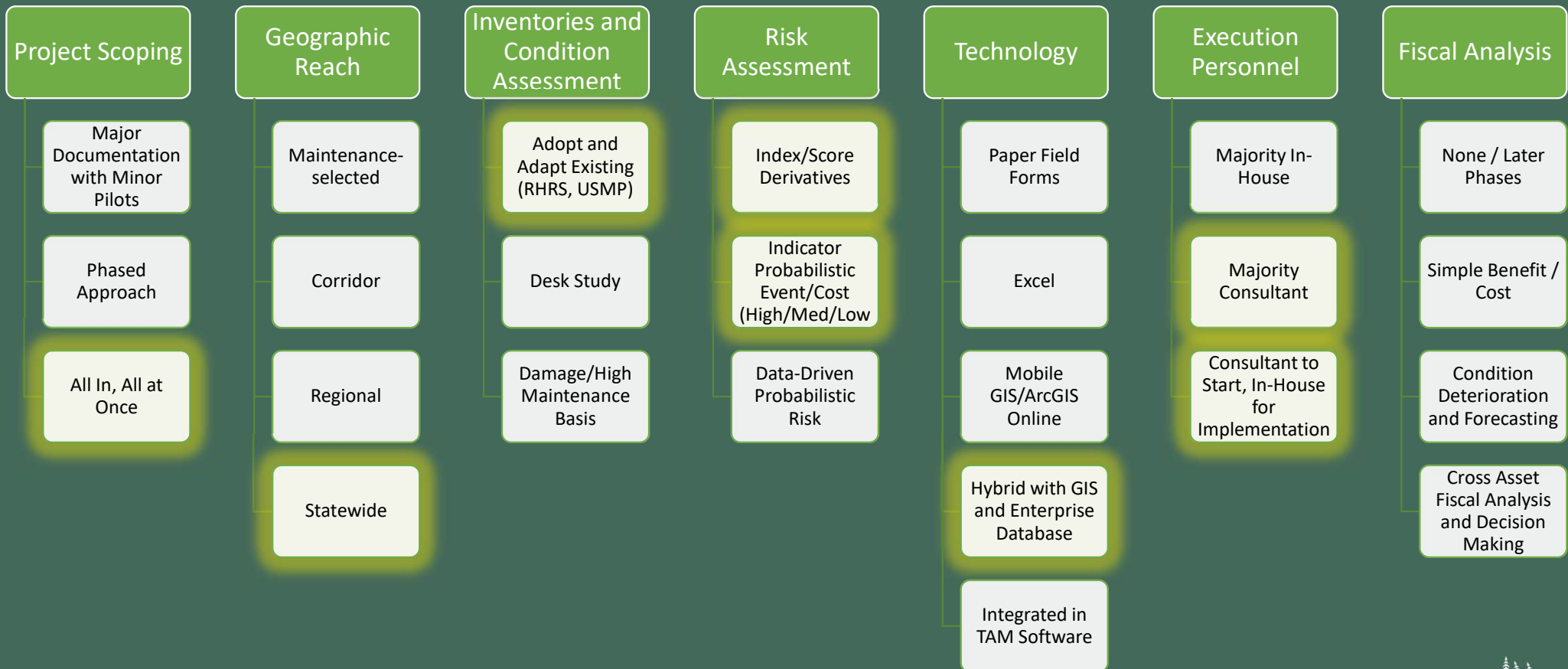
Tennessee's Path (2002-2007, ~2018 onward)



Tennessee's Path



Ohio's Path (2000's onward)





Rock Slope Dashboard

This dashboard provides a high level view of Rock Slope Inventory data.

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DISTRICT COUNTY LATEST TIER MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

All All All All

2,431
RS INSPECTION DUE

3,718

RS TIER 1 SITES

1,072

RS TIER 2 SITES

456

RS TIER 3 SITES

12

RS TIER 4 SITES

5,259

ACTIVE RS SITES

172

REMEDIED RS SITES

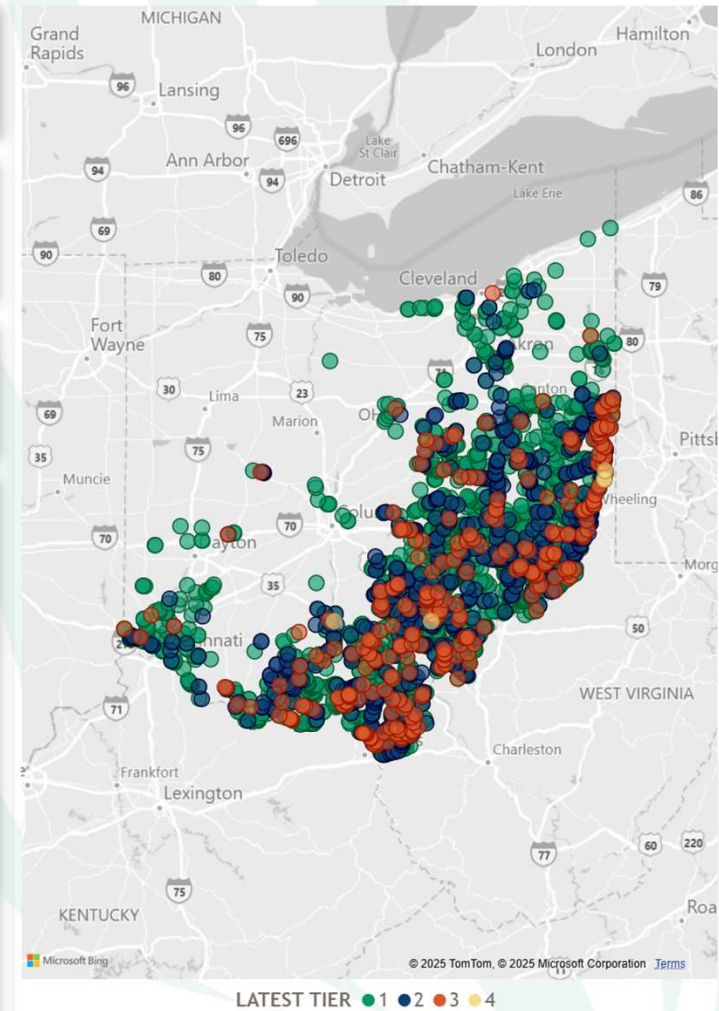
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NEW RS SITES THIS YEAR

2

PROGRESSING RS SITES

ROCK SLOPE SITE ID	DISTRICT	COUNTY	NLFID	CTL BEGIN NUMBER	CTL END NUMBER	LATEST EMGY DETER	CREATED DATE
RS00000004	10	ATHENS	SATHUS00050**N	21.481			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
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RS00000006	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00356**C	4.093			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000007	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00356**C	2.109			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000008	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00144**C	4.821			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000009	10	ATHENS	TATHTR01337**C	0.931			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000011	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00013**C	13.612	13.710	No	10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000012	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00013**C	6.357	6.507	No	10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000013	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00013**C	6.350	6.460	No	10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000015	10	ATHENS	SATHUS00050**N	23.121			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000016	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00329**C	16.647			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000017	10	ATHENS	SATHSR00078**C	4.314	4.351	No	10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000018	10	ATHENS	SATHRA05007**C	0.162	0.050	No	10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000019	10	ATHENS	SATHUS00033**N	14.559	14.655	No	10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000020	10	ATHENS	SATHRA05042**C	0.552			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000021	10	ATHENS	PATHMR80271**C	0.123			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000022	10	ATHENS	SATHUS00033**C	22.509			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
RS00000023	10	ATHENS	SATHUS00050**N	28.325			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM
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RS00000027	10	ATHENS	SATHUS00050**N	26.025			10/30/2020 6:54:41 PM



Key Takeaways/Suggestions

- No 'One Way' to get started
 - Use GAM how your Department (DOT, geotech/materials division) see fit...
- Consider a regional (county/region/corridor/highway system) 'big picture' and gauge time and scope based on a pilot
 - Make the pilot a 'go it alone' approach and then see who needs to be engaged?
 - Jump in with field assessments with an existing paper form (USMP) with some tweaks (AADT, maintenance cost ranges, etc.)
- Use existing services to leverage existing IT investments
 - <https://YOUR STATE HERE.maps.arcgis.com/>
- Go Big?

TRY IT OUT AND GET STARTED!



Thank You!

