**Colby\_DebrisFlowEstimates\_2014-02-04\_XXXX.gdb README**

The debris flow estimates geodatabase contains several feature classes and raster datasets:

All datasets are projected as WGS84 Web Mercator, Distance Unit = Meter, Angular Unit = Decimal Degree.

***DISCLAIMER: The data included in this geodatabase may be preliminary in nature and have not received Director's approval. As such, these data are provisional and subject to revision. This information is provided with the understanding that revisions may be made, and conclusions drawn from such information are the sole responsibility of the user. Please see contact information below if you require additional information.***

**Feature Datasets**

Relevant Feature Data:

basinpt\_feat: point feature class representing the basin outlets (pour points) used for calculating the basin-scale predictions.

ladpwbasins: basin polygons from LA County Department of Public Works

perimeter: most recent burn perimeter, obtained from geomac.gov

Basin Scale Predictions:

basin\_df\_predictions\_2yr: Predictions at the basin scale for a 2 year recurrence interval rainstorm

basin\_df\_predictions\_5yr: Predictions at the basin scale for a 5 year recurrence interval rainstorm

basin\_df\_predictions\_10yr: Predictions at the basin scale for a 10 year recurrence interval rainstorm

basin\_df\_predictions\_25yr: Predictions at the basin scale for a 25 year recurrence interval rainstorm

basin\_df\_predictions\_50yr: Predictions at the basin scale for a 50 year recurrence interval rainstorm

basin\_df\_predictions\_100yr: Predictions at the basin scale for a 2 year recurrence interval rainstorm

Stream Segment Scale Predictions:

segment\_df\_predictions\_2yr: Predictions at the stream segment scale for a 2 year recurrence interval rainstorm

segment \_df\_predictions\_5yr: Predictions at the stream segment scale for a 5 year recurrence interval rainstorm

segment \_df\_predictions\_10yr: Predictions at the stream segment scale for a 10 year recurrence interval rainstorm

segment \_df\_predictions\_25yr: Predictions at the stream segment scale for a 25 year recurrence interval rainstorm

segment \_df\_predictions\_50yr: Predictions at the stream segment scale for a 50 year recurrence interval rainstorm

segment \_df\_predictions\_100yr: Predictions at the stream segment scale for a 2 year recurrence interval rainstorm

**Tabular Information within Feature Classes**

Within the basin and segment prediction feature classes listed above, the tables for each feature class provide the data used to make the calculations, as well as the calculated estimates of probability, volume, and combined hazard. Here is a description of the relevant fields within the table:

***Important Fields:***

Basin\_ID: unique basin identifier used in modeling (unique to these data only). Field is included only in the basin features.

DPW\_ID: common identifier from LA County DPW basin layer (included in geodatabase). Field is included only in the basin features.

Magnitude: stream magnitude (Shreve method)

Relief: total upstream relief (m)

BSlp: Average slope of upstream burned terrain (%)

HM50Pct: Percentage of upstream area burned at high or moderate burn severity AND has gradient ≥ 50%.

CC: Average clay content of upstream area, from STATSGO dataset (in %).

PRain\_XXyr: Average upstream 30-minute rainfall intensity used for calculation probability estimates, where XX represents the recurrence interval of the rainstorm (e.g. PRain\_10yr represents the 30-minute rainfall intensity for a 10 year recurrence interval rainstorm). Kean et al. (2013) and Staley et al. (2013) have identified that rainfall intensities measured over durations < 60 minutes are best correlated with debris-flow initiation. Statistical analyses of the probability dataset (Staley, D.M., unpublished data) confirm that rainfall intensities measured over 30 minutes provide the best statistical predictions when combined with the other metrics in a logistic regression equation. The volume and probability models were developed independently.

X\_XXyr: x values used to calculate the probability of debris flow occurrence for recurrence interval storm ‘XX’ (see above), where:

ExpX\_XXyr: ex, used for calculating probability

P\_XXyr: probability of debris-flow occurrence for recurrence interval storm of XX years, where:

*P = e x /(1 + e x),*

PCl\_XXyr: Classifed probabilities, where 1 = 0-20%, 2 = 20-40%, 3 = 40-60%, 4 = 60-80%, 5 = 80-100%

Pcl\_XXyr\_Legend: field used to make probability layer legend.

SqRelief: square root of the total upstream relief, used in volume calcs (m)

LNHMKM2: natural log of the total upstream area burned at high and moderate severity (km)

VRain\_XXyr: The square root of the average upstream 15-minute rainfall intensity used for calculation probability estimates, where XX represents the recurrence interval of the rainstorm (e.g. VRain\_10yr represents the 15-minute rainfall intensity for a 10 year recurrence interval rainstorm). The rainfall intensity of 15-minutes was identified by Gartner et al. (2008) as being the best predictor of post-fire debris-flow volume. The volume and probability models were developed independently.

LNV\_XXyr: natural log of the predicted volume for the design storm, calculated as:

Volume\_XXyr: predicted volume for the design storm, in m3

VolMin\_XXyr: lower confidence limit of the volume prediction for the design storm (based on -1 Standard Error)

VolMax\_XXyr: upper confidence limit of the volume prediction for the design storm (based on +1 Standard Error)

VolCl\_XXyr: Classifed volume predictions, where 1 = <1,000m3, 2 = 1,000-10,000m3, 3 = 10,000-100,000m3, 4 >100,000m3

VolCl\_XXyr\_Legend: field used to make volume layer legend.

CombHaz\_10yr: relative hazard ranking, where CombHaz\_XXyr = VolCl\_XXyr + PCl\_XXyr

CombHazCl\_10yr: classified relative hazard ranking

CombHazCl\_10yr\_Legend: field used to make combined hazard class legend

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