

Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Risk & Resiliency Project

Utah Seismic Safety Commission

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**CENTRAL UTAH WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Central Utah Water Conservancy District



Managing
\$3.5 billion in
infrastructure



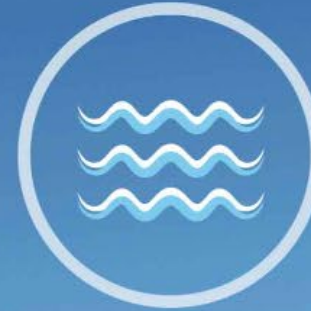
Treating more
than **100 million**
gallons per day



Serving **1.5 million**
people
every day



Maintaining
178 miles
of canals,
tunnels and
pipelines

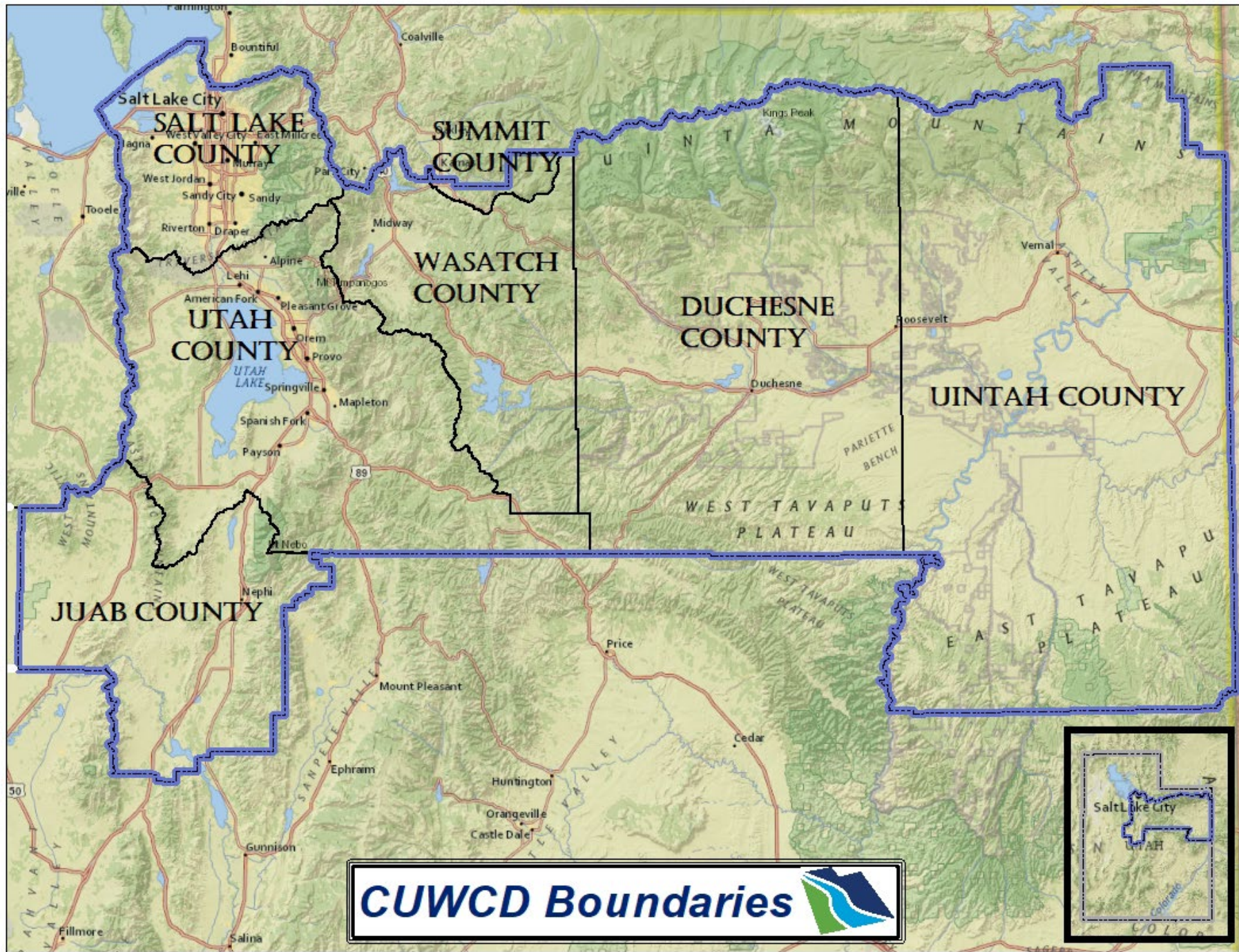


Delivering
more than
400,000 acre-feet
annually



Storing
565 billion gallons
in reservoirs





CUWCD Boundaries



Colorado River Basin:

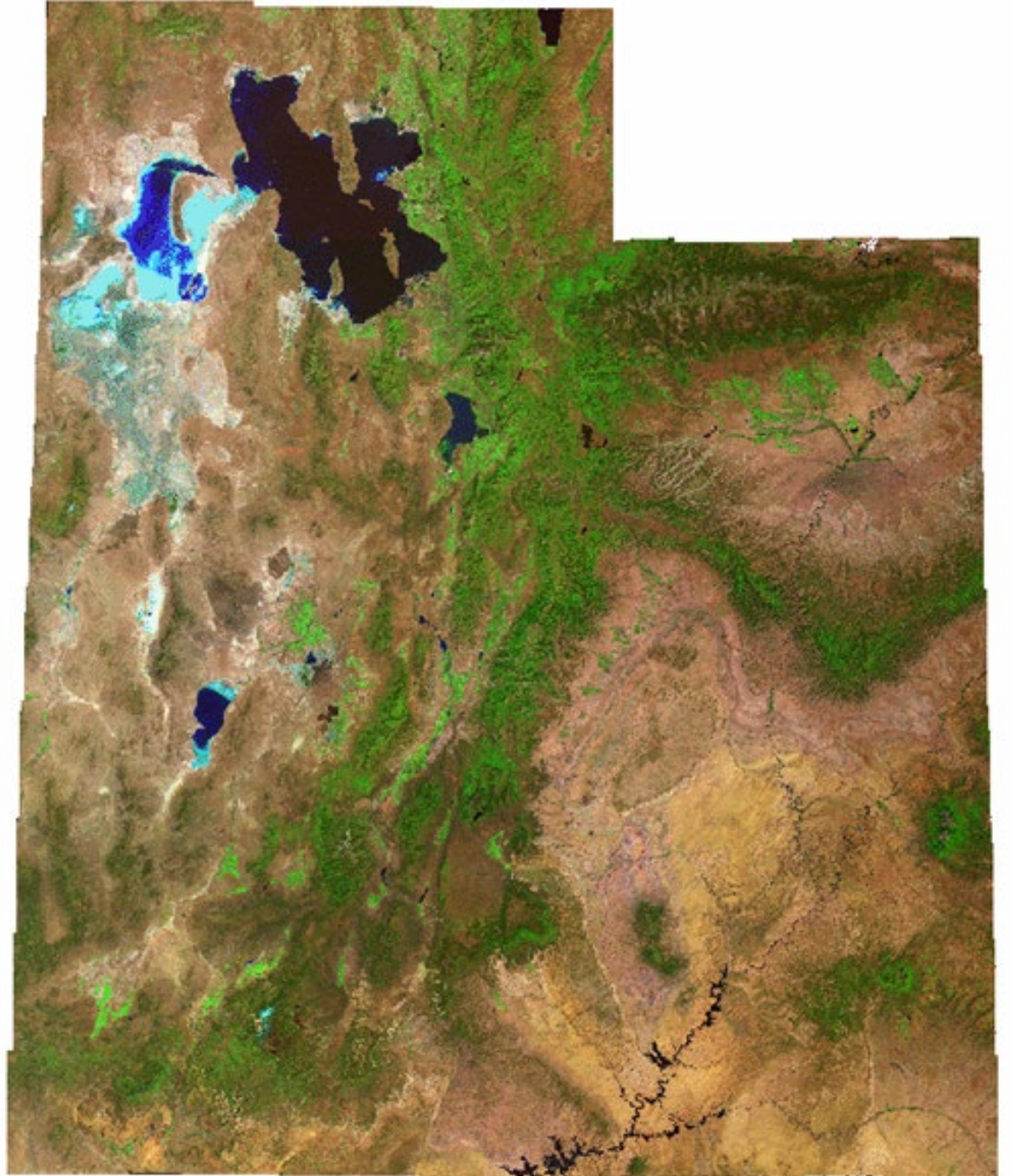
Why is this so important?

- Over 40 million people in the 7 Basin States and Mexico rely on the Colorado River and its tributaries
- ~4.5 million Acres of land irrigated in the basin and adjacent areas
- \$1.4 trillion in economic benefit
- 29 federally recognized Tribes in the basin
- Unique habitat for a wide range of species, seven wildlife refuges, 11 units overseen by the national Park Service
- Myriad recreational opportunities – boating, fishing, rafting, tourism
- 11 hydroelectric powerplants on the river that produce approximately 5.7 million kilowatt-hours of hydropower

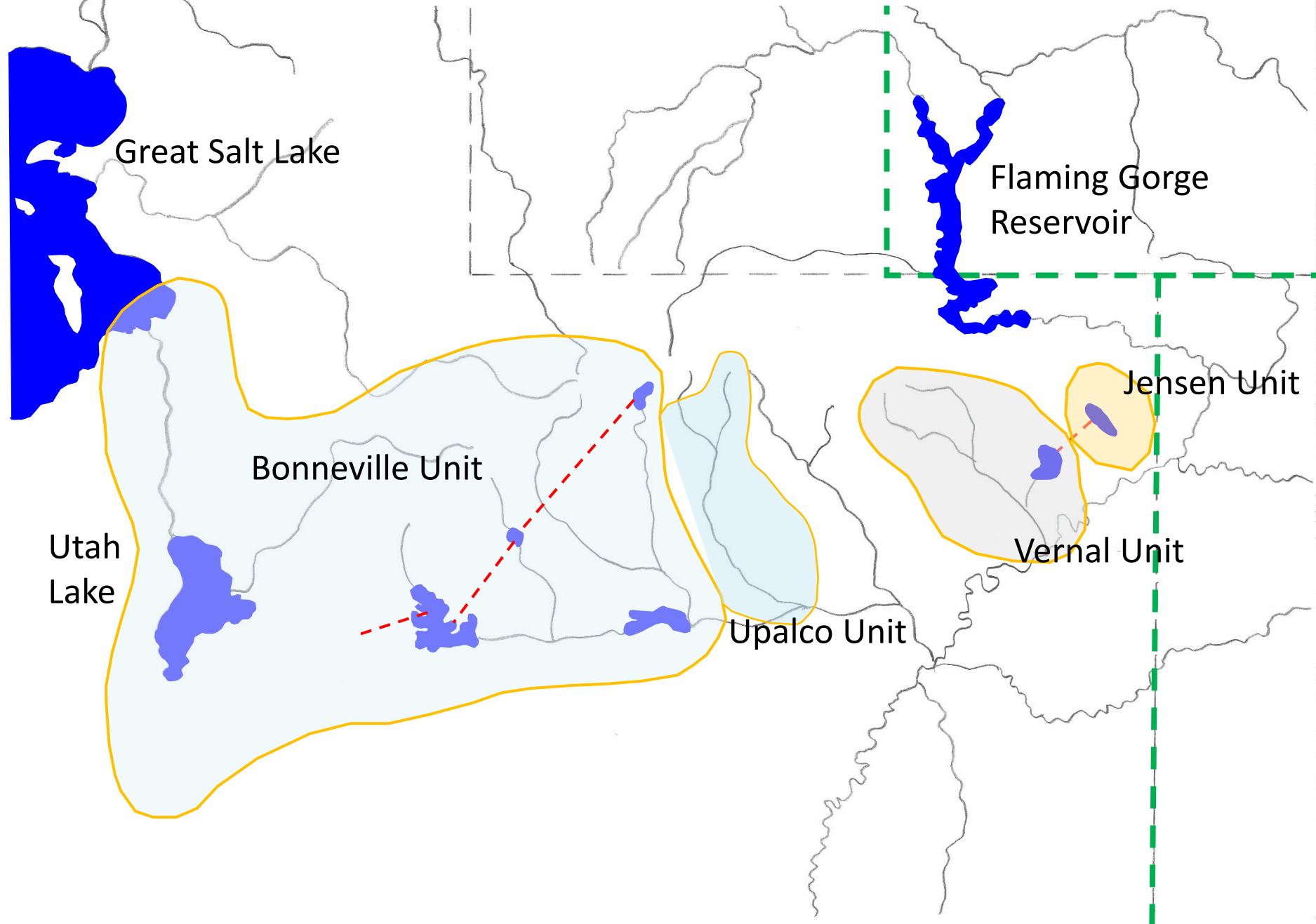


Why Does the Colorado River Matter to Utah?




- Colorado River represents approximately 1/3 of Utah's water supply
- Supplies water to over 1.5 million people including Salt Lake and Utah Counties
- 26 percent of Utah's agriculture is located in the Colorado River basin.
- Support two federally recognized Native American tribes
- 23 percent of the Upper Basin's apportionment -
- Future development



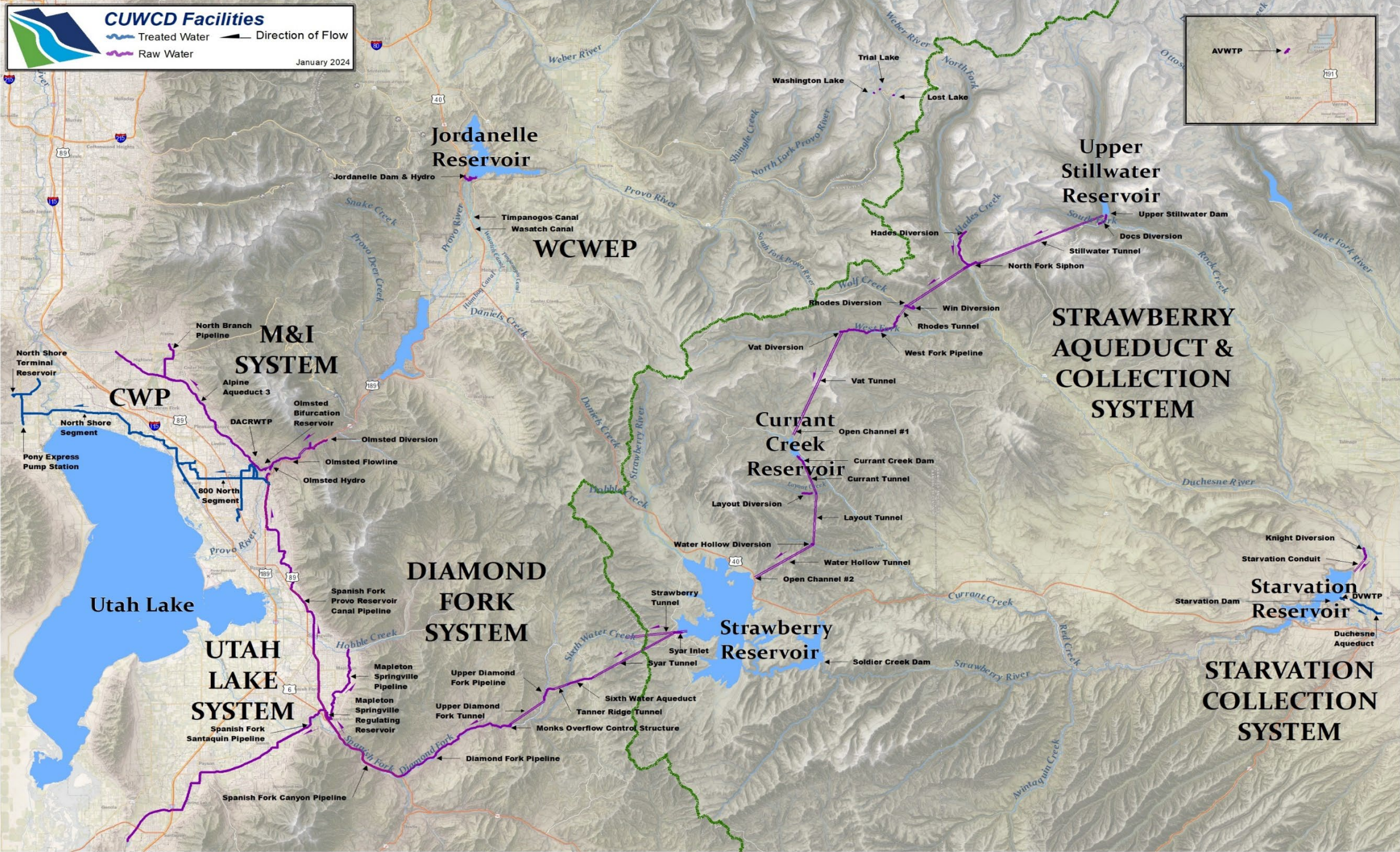
Central Utah Project



CUWCD Facilities

 Treated Water
  Direction of Flow
 Raw Water

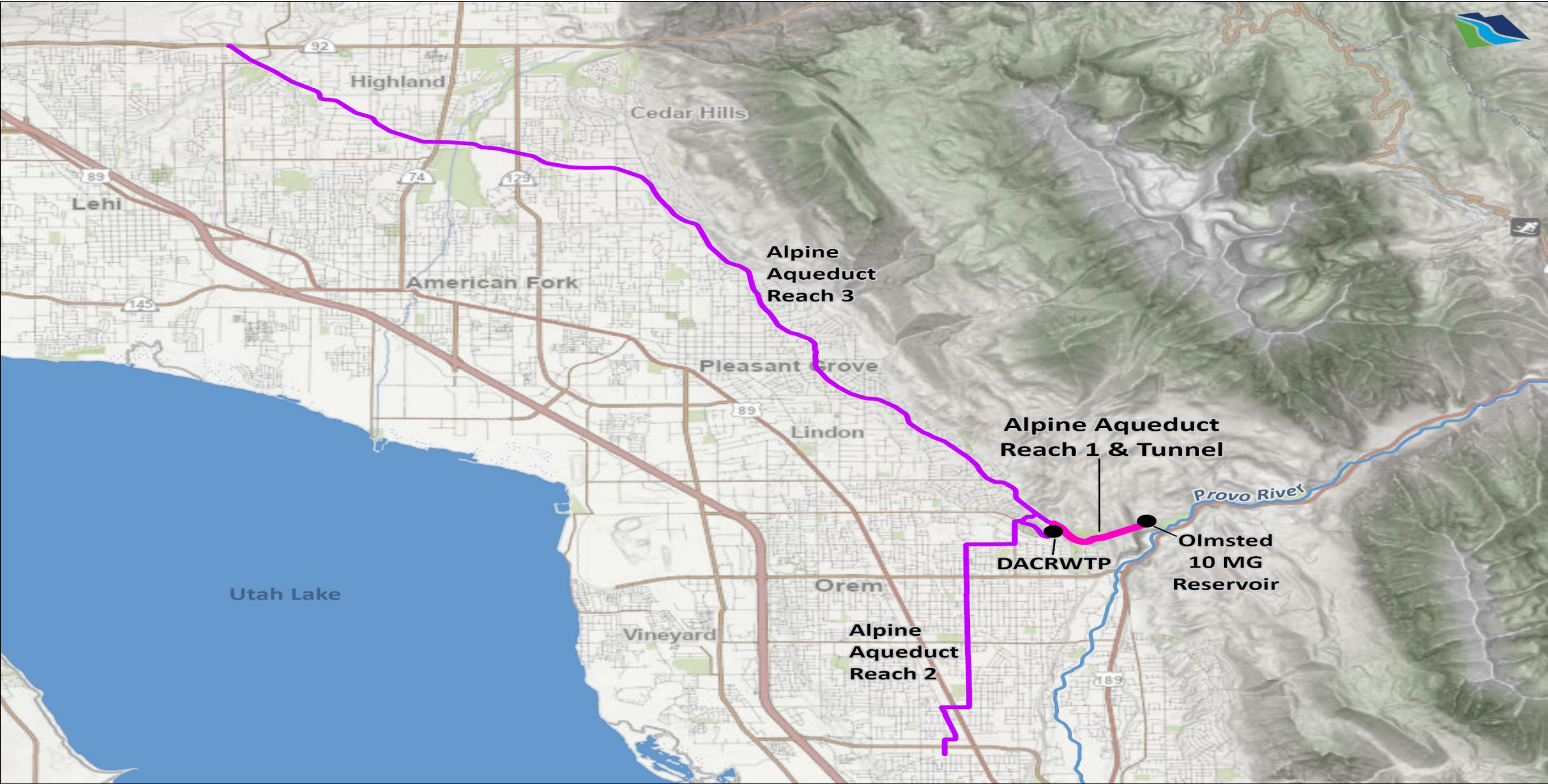
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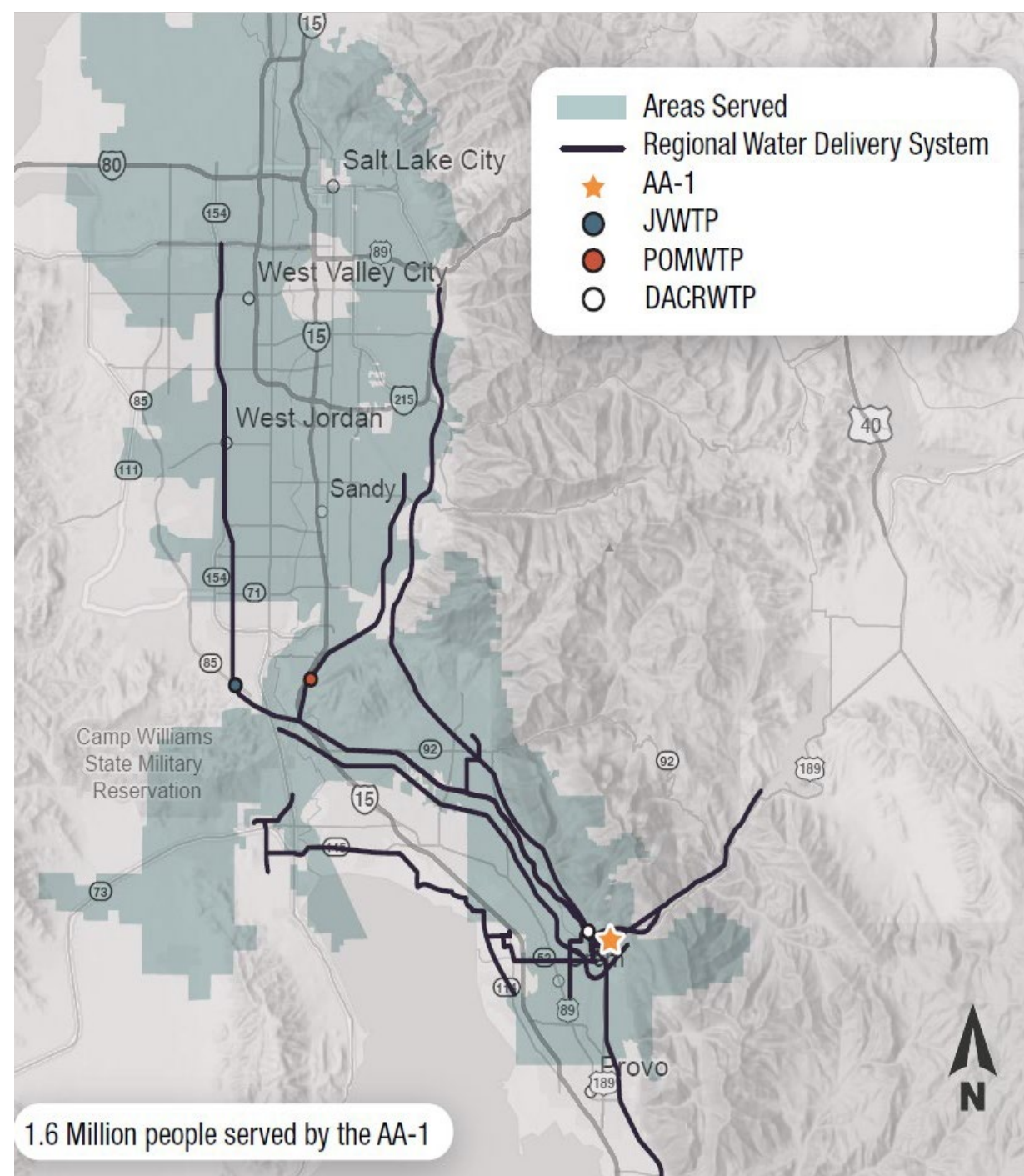


Alpine Aqueduct



Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1





- 1.6 Million People
- Three Water Treatment Plants





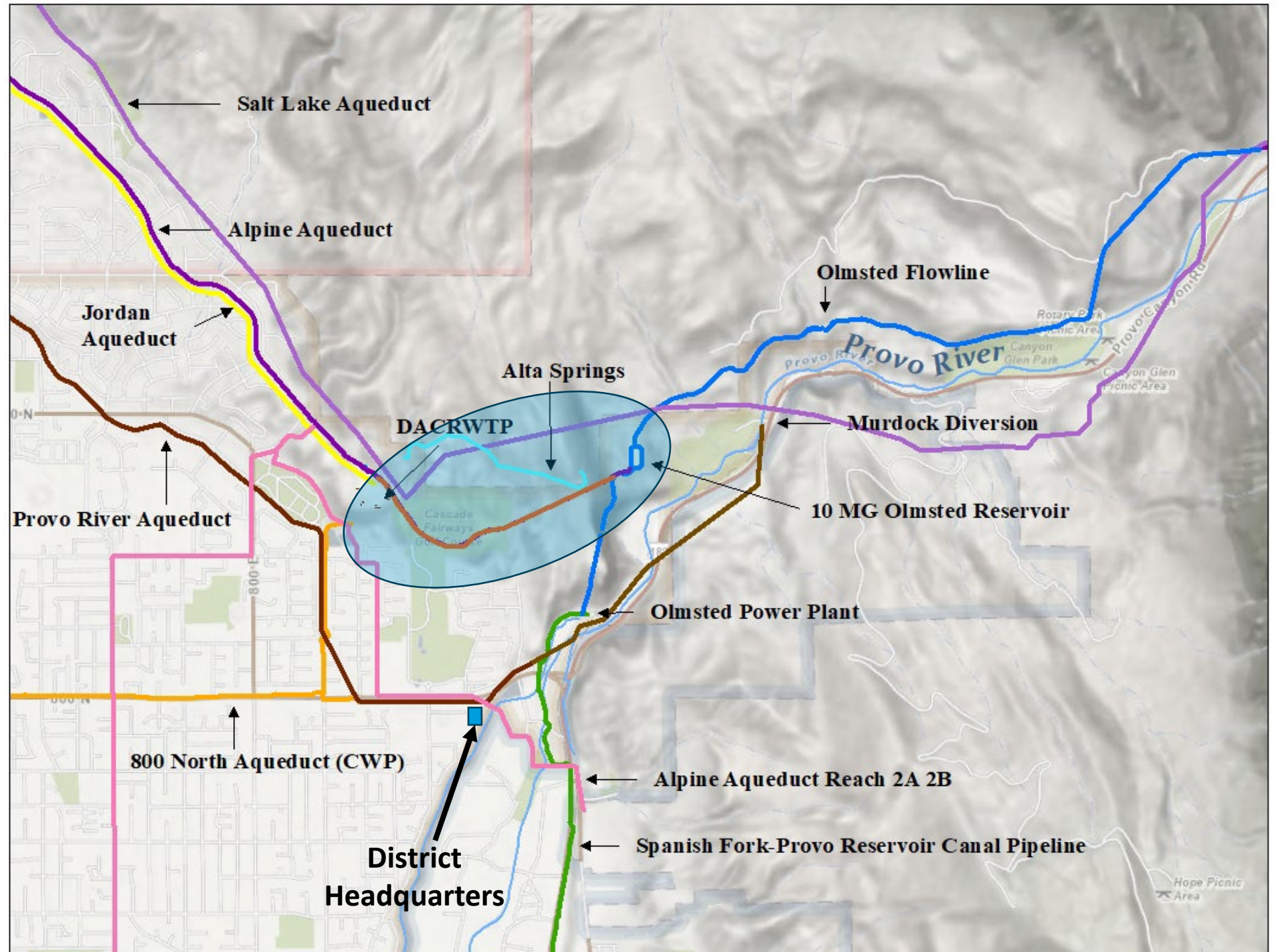
- Constructed 1979/80
- 90-inch welded steel pipe
- 450 cubic feet per second



AA1 Functional Classification

Pipe Function Class	Seismic Importance	Description
I	Very low to None	Pipelines that represent very low hazard to human life in the event of failure. Not needed for post earthquake system performance, response, or recovery. Widespread damage resulting in long restoration times (weeks or longer) will not materially harm the economic well being of the community.
II	Ordinary, normal	Normal and ordinary pipeline use, common pipelines in most water systems. All pipes not identified as Function I, III, or IV.
III	Critical	Critical pipelines serving large numbers of customers and present significant economic impact to the community or a substantial hazard to human life and property in the event of failure.
IV	Essential	Essential pipelines required for post-earthquake response and recovery and intended to remain functional and operational during and following a design earthquake.







Aqueduct System	Capacity (cfs)	Non-Seismic		Seismic (475-year)		Seismic (2,475-year)		Reliability Ranking
		Failure	Outage	Failure	Outage	Failure	Outage	
AA-1	450	High	2 weeks	High	6 months	High	9 months	6
Olmsted	450	Low	0	Medium	4 weeks	High	6 months	4
Jordan	270	Low	0	Medium	4 weeks	High	6 months	5
SLA	170	Medium	2 weeks	High	6 to 9 months	High	12+ months	7
ULS	120	Low	0	Medium	2 weeks	Medium	4 weeks	3
PRA	600	Low	0	Medium	2 weeks	Medium	3 weeks	2
Provo River	1200	Low	0	Low	0	Low	0	1



2017 Slide

1988 Failure

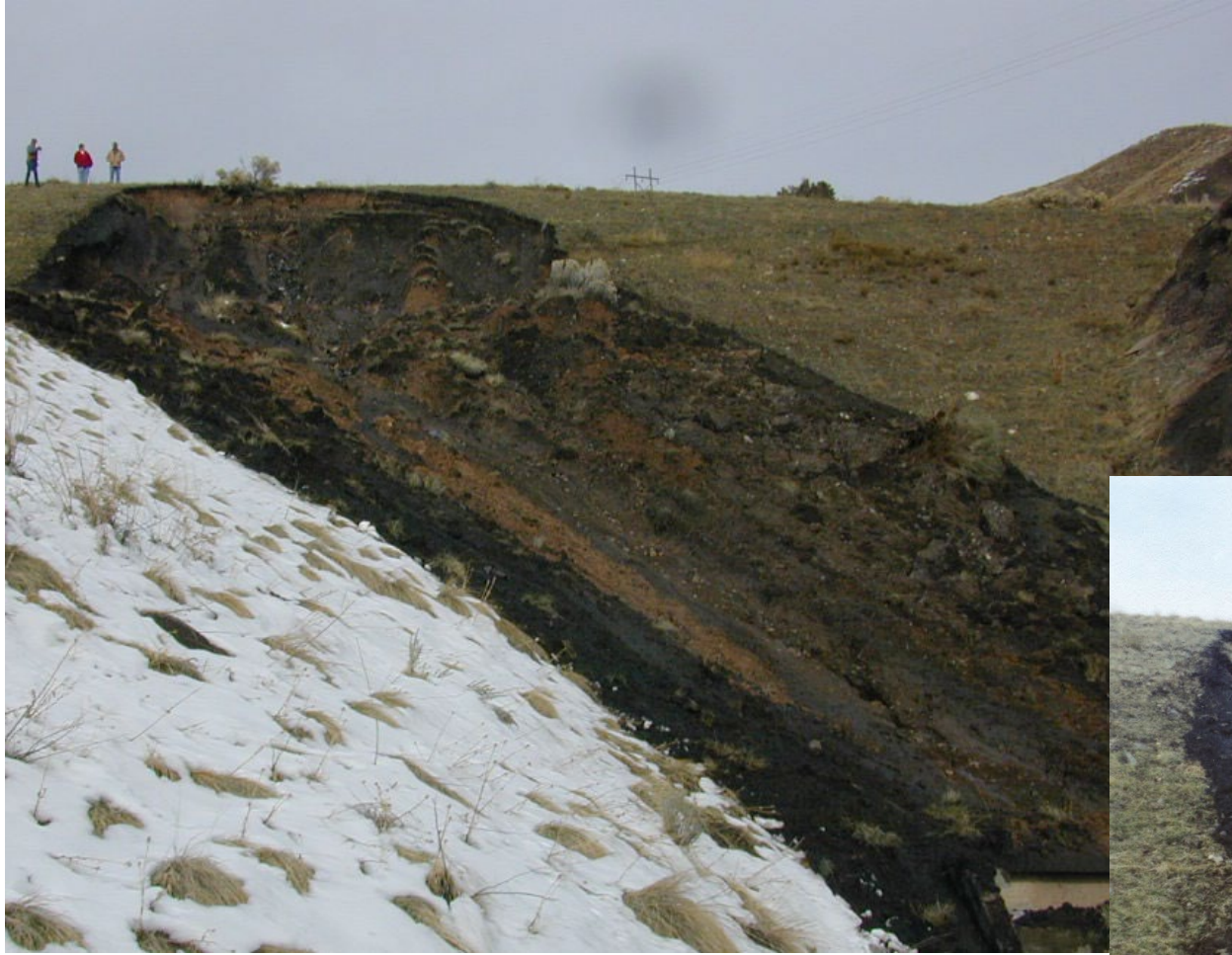
1986 Failure

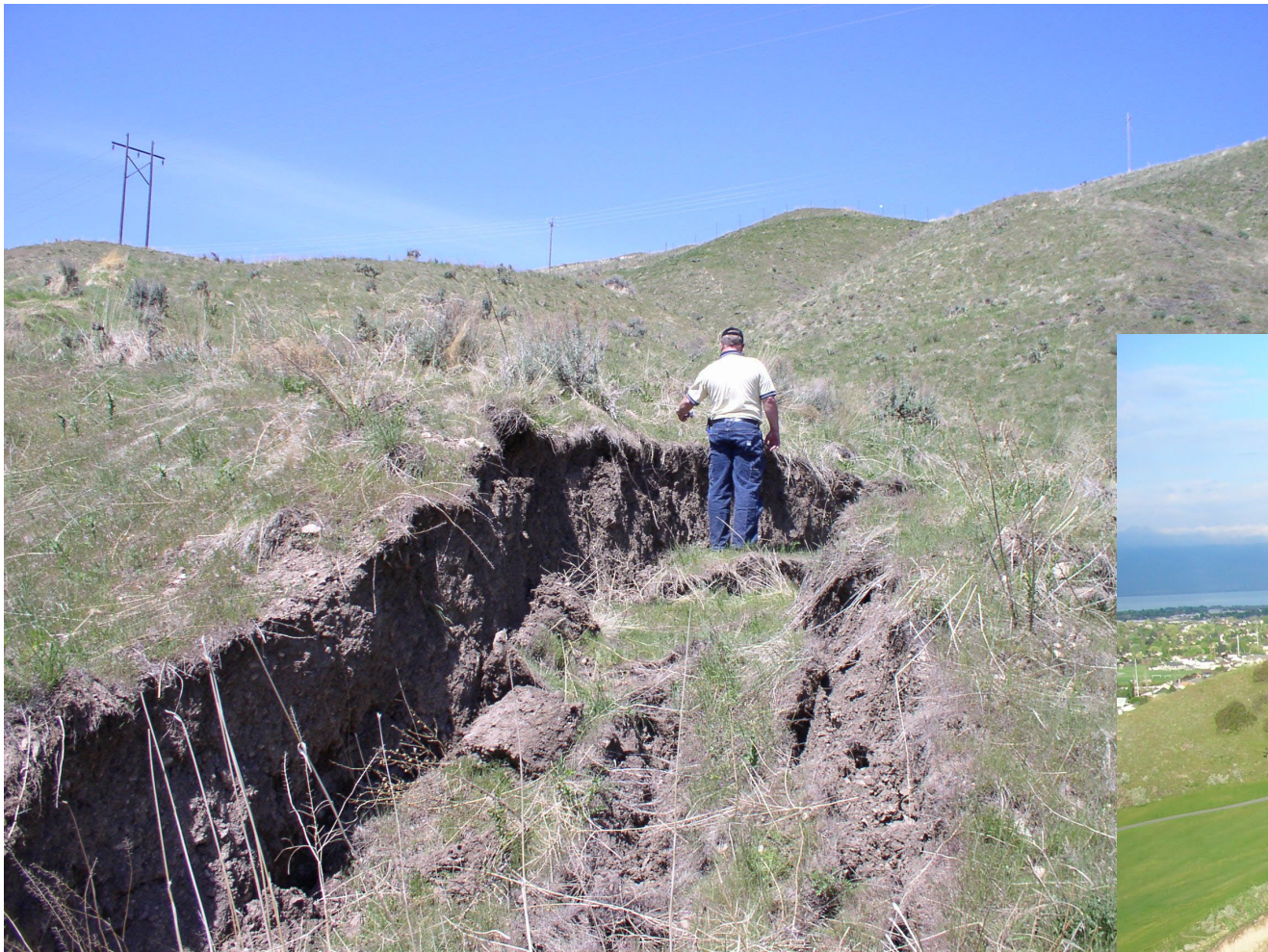
2000 Failure

**1985 and
1988 failure**







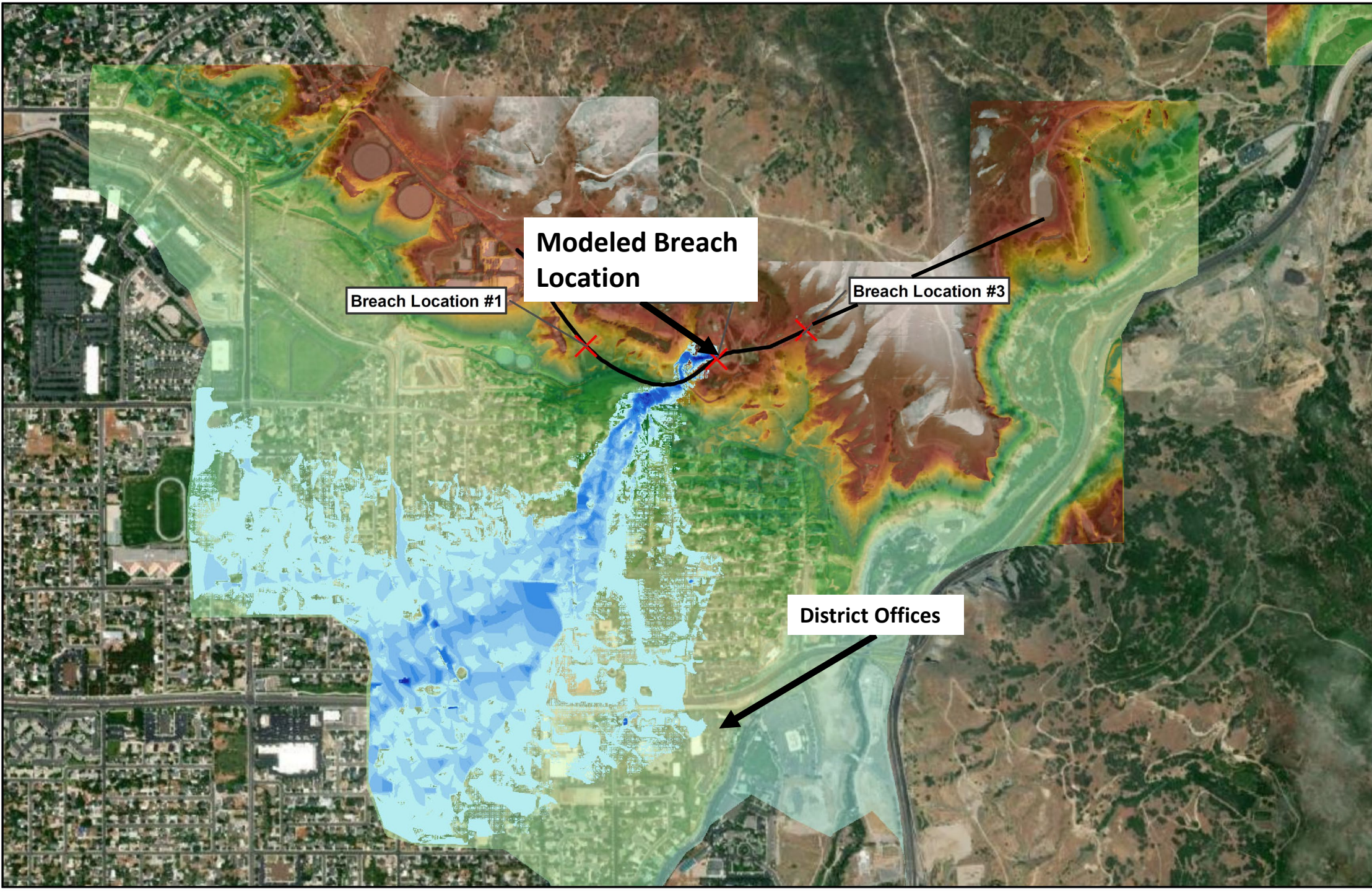


Spring 2017 Landslide









Modeled Breach Location

Breach Location #1

Breach Location #3

District Offices

Improve Resiliency

Identify/Map Geohazards

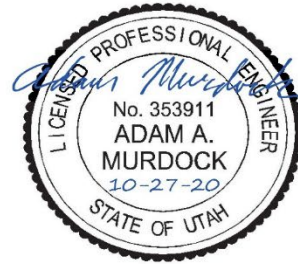
Solutions

Jacobs

Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Resiliency Assessment Project

Final Project Report

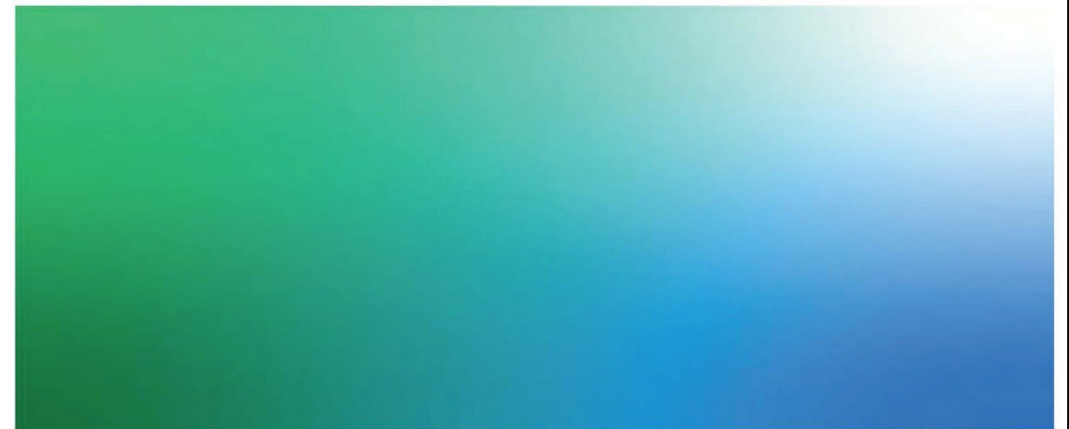
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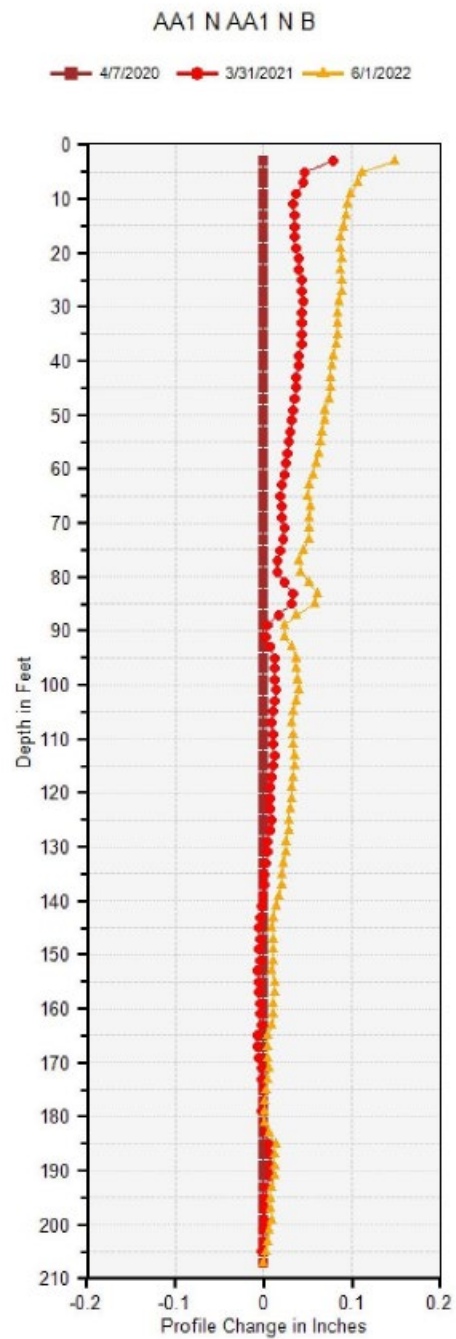
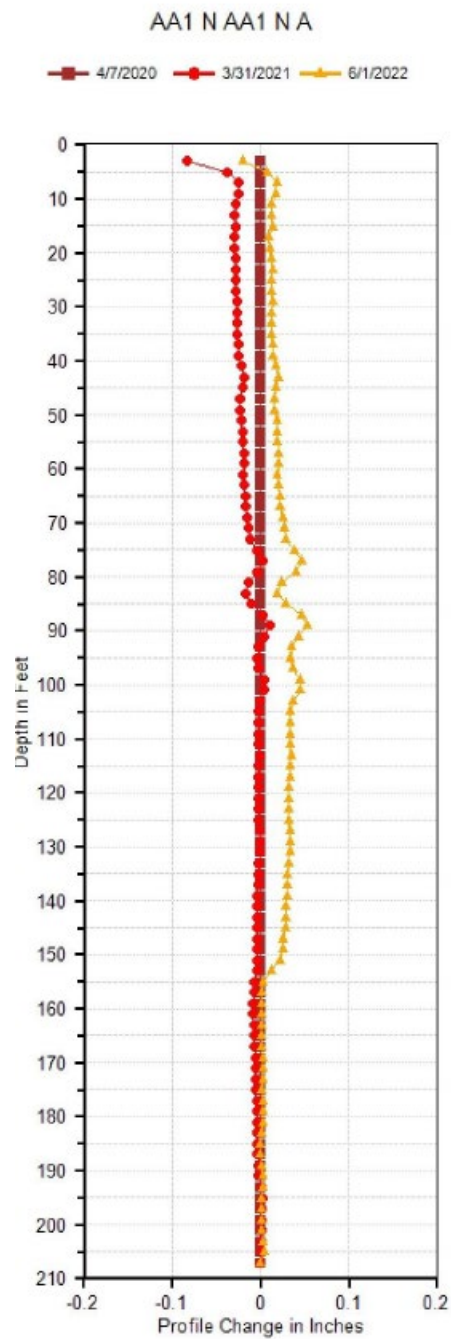


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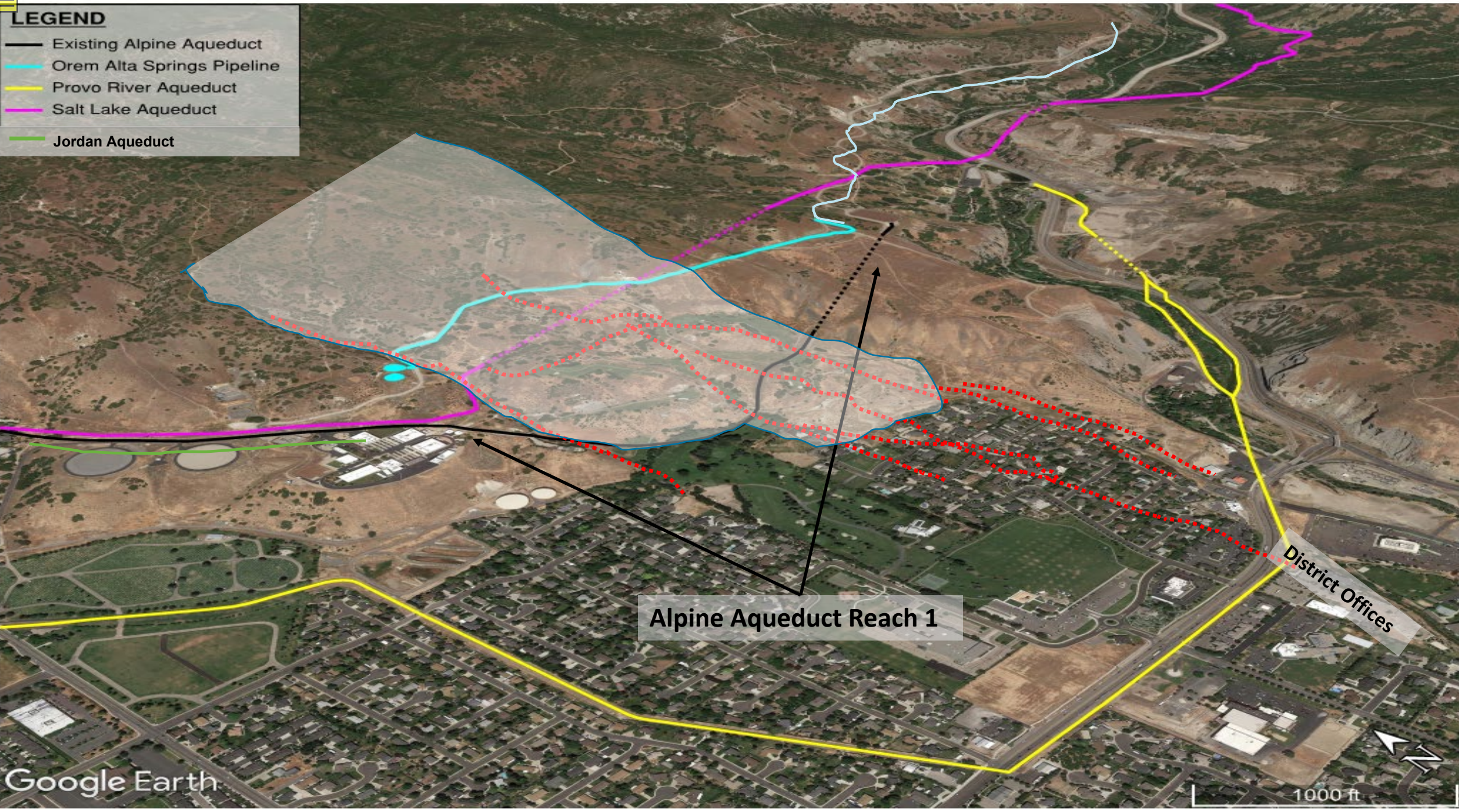


Smaller Landslides within a **Large Landslide**



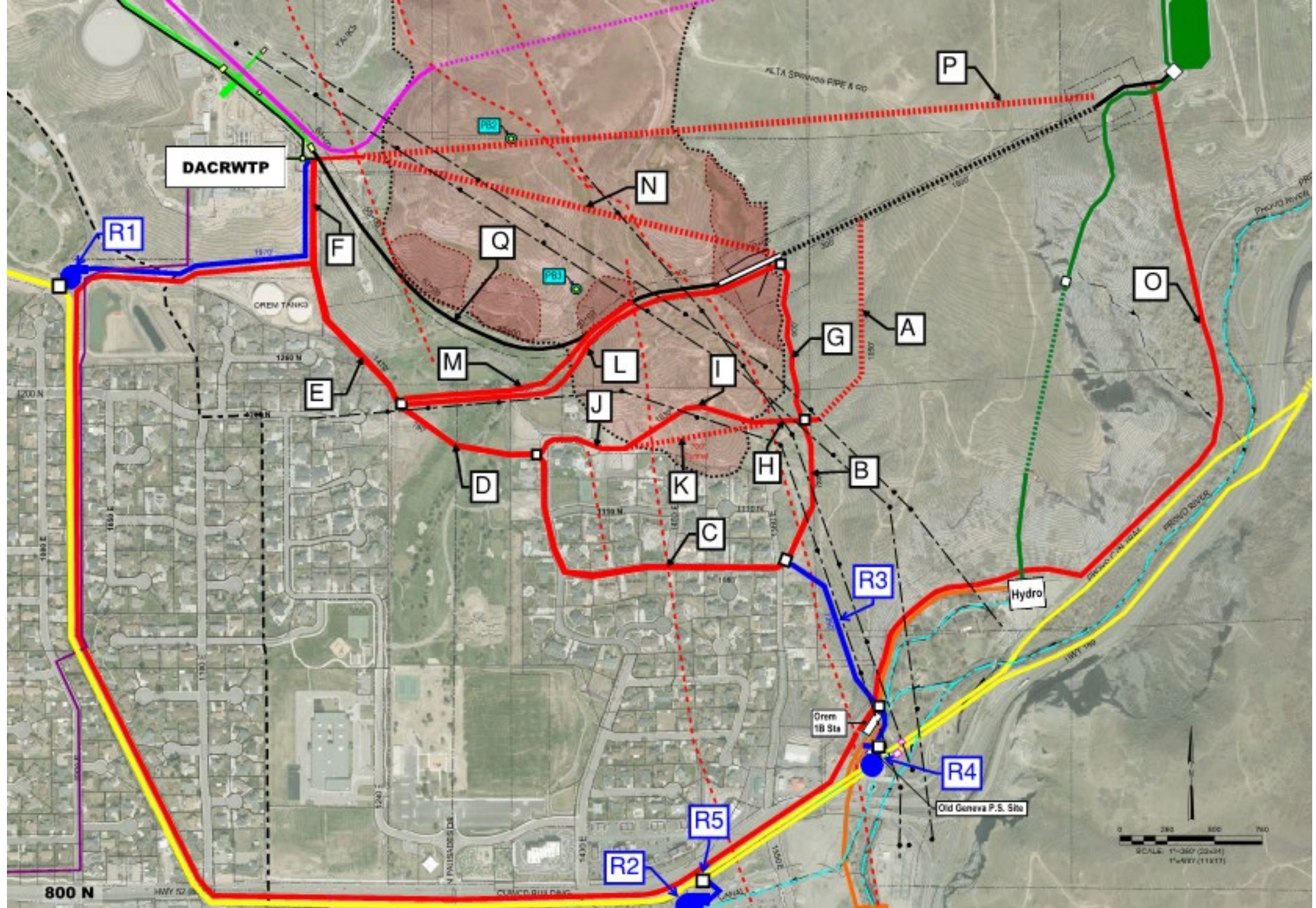
LEGEND

- Existing Alpine Aqueduct
- Orem Alta Springs Pipeline
- Provo River Aqueduct
- Salt Lake Aqueduct
- Jordan Aqueduct

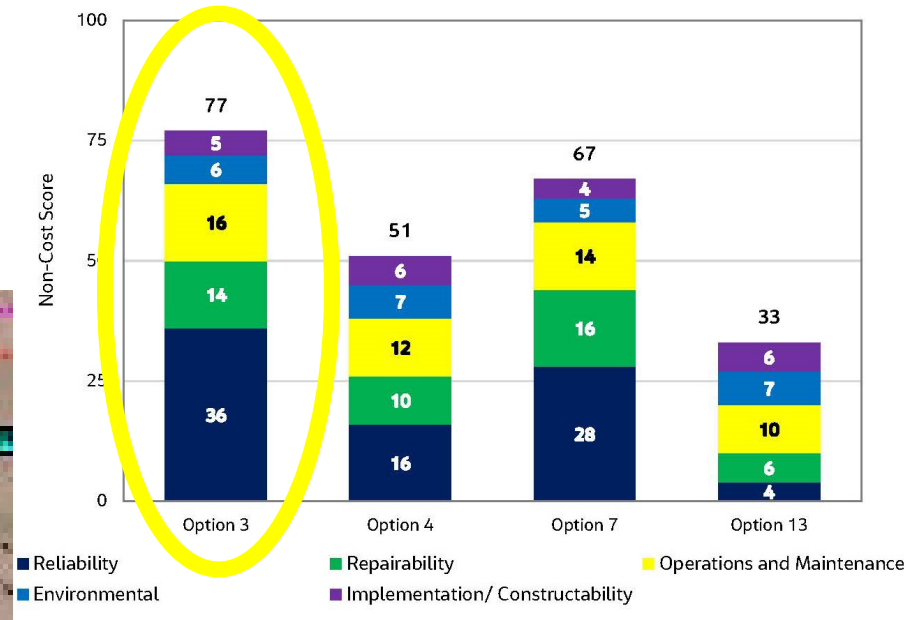
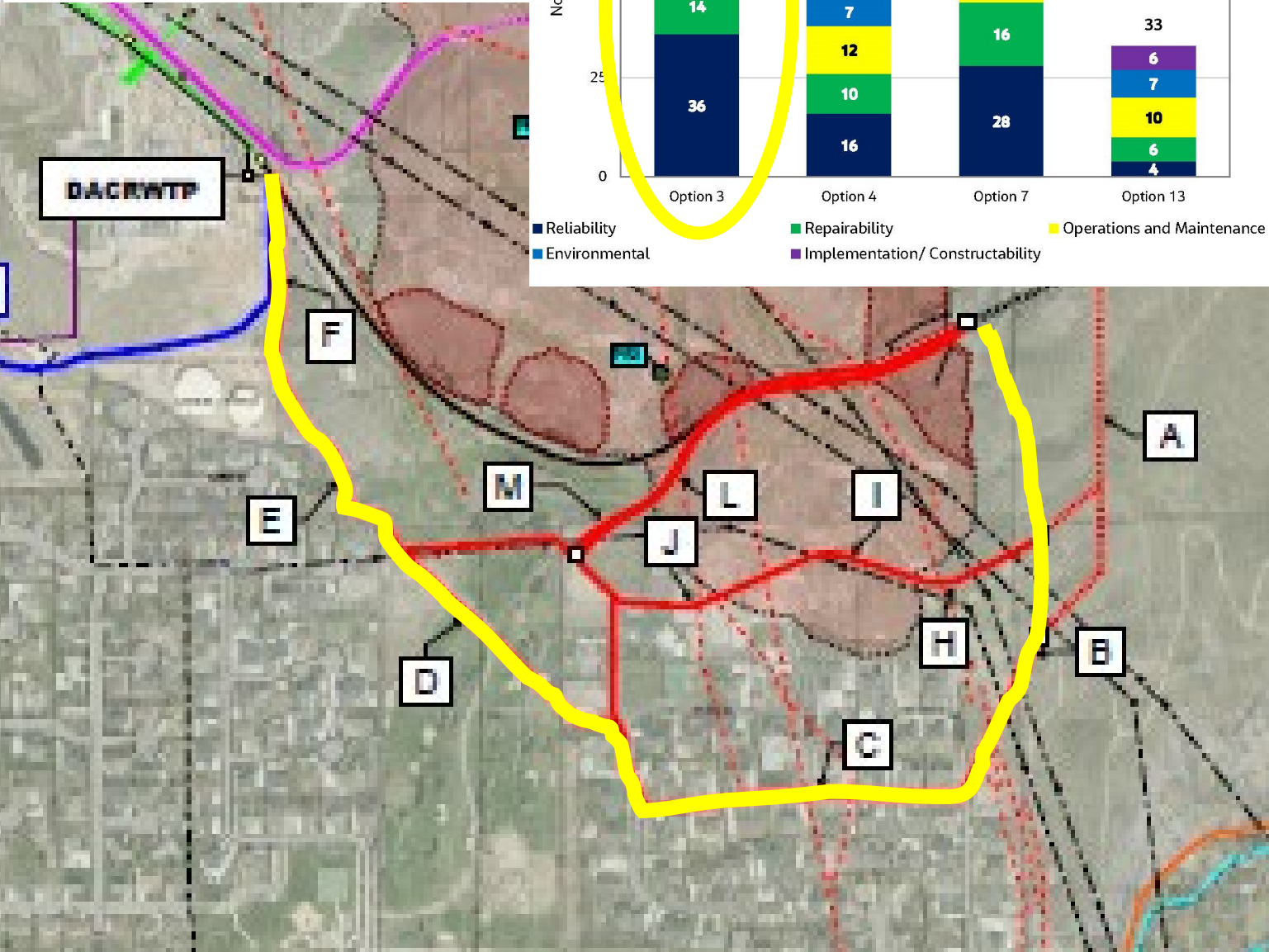


Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1

District Offices



Criteria	Items Considered	Weight
Reliability	Non-Seismic Events	40%
	Seismic Events	
	Consequences of Failure/Flooding Risk	
	Potential for Interconnection	
Repairability	Accessibility	20%
	Repair Materials and Methods	
	Time to Repair	
Operations and Maintenance	Access	20%
	Maintenance	
	Security	
Environmental	Wetlands/Rivers/Groundwater	10%
	Species/Land Disruption	
	Community Impacts	
	Visual/Safety	
Implementation/Constructability	Construction Risk	10%
	Property/Right-of-Way	
	Schedule	



National Environmental Policy Act

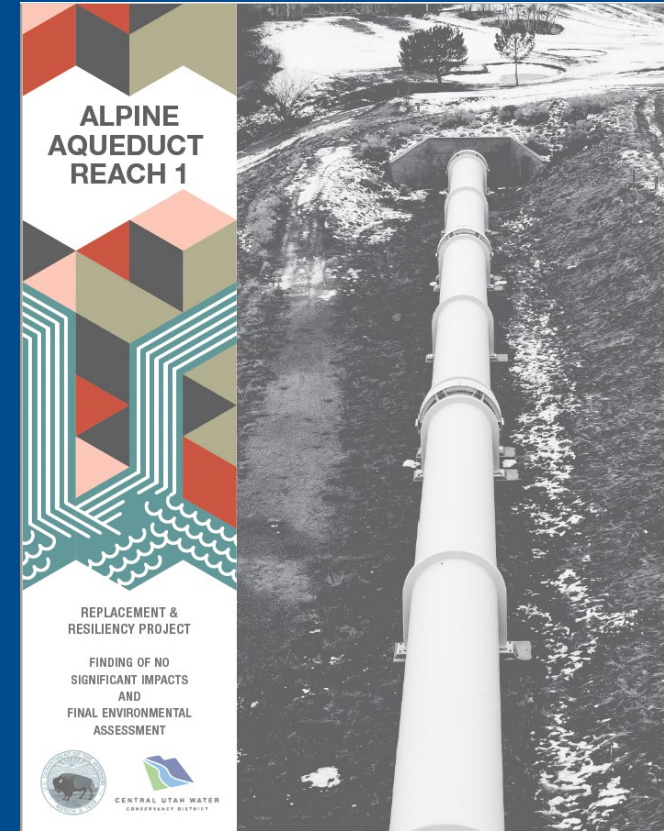
Required by federal agencies

Evaluate the environmental impacts

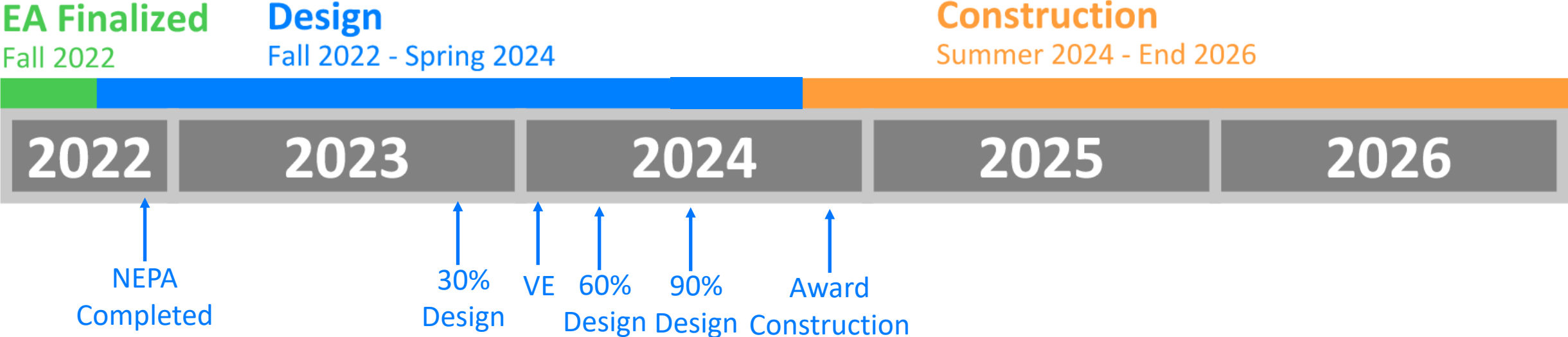
Interdisciplinary approach

Detailed document assessing the
environmental impacts

Public review



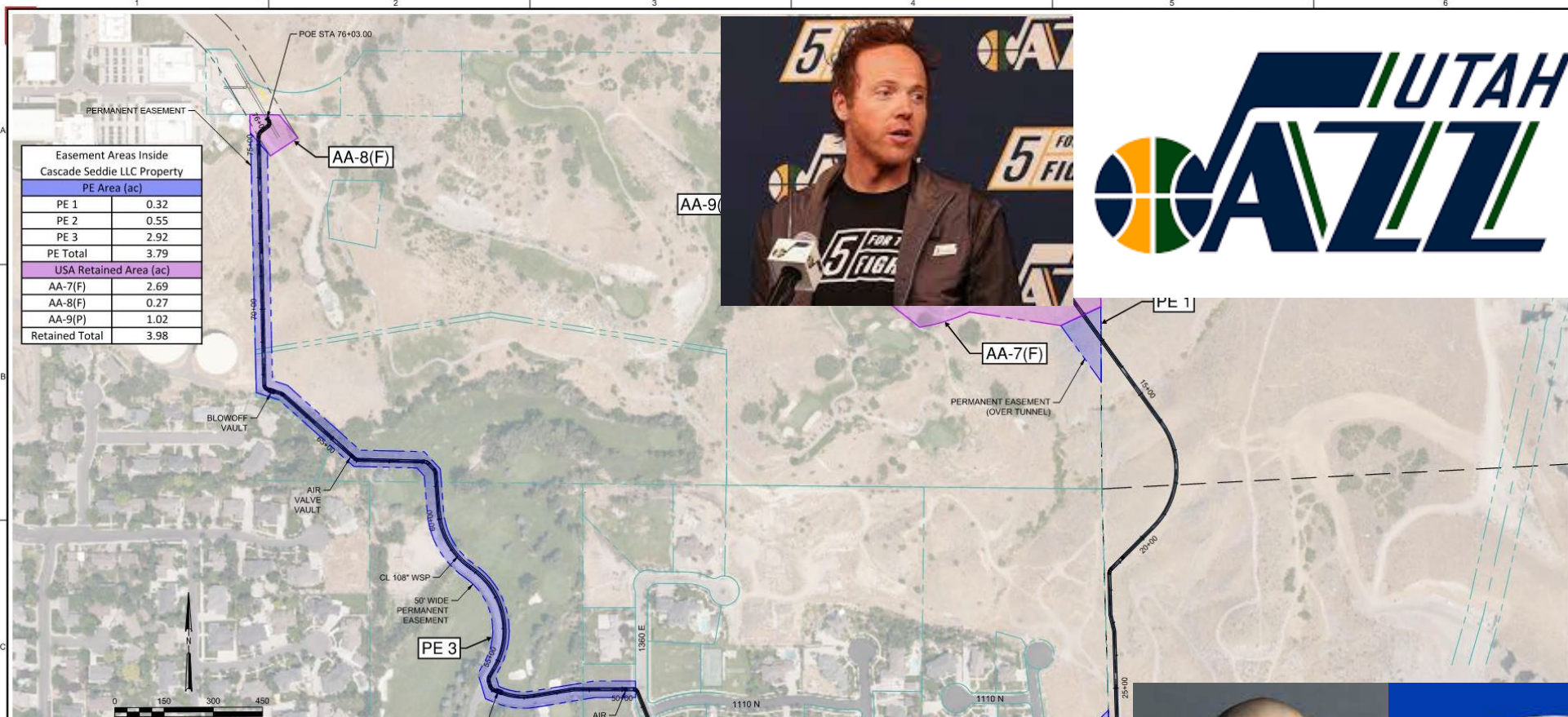
AA1 Schedule and Funding



Aqueduct Resiliency Grant - \$22 million

BRIC Grant - \$46.6 million?

Final Completion Spring/Summer 2027



Easement Areas Inside Cascade Seddie LLC Property	
PE Area (ac)	
PE 1	0.32
PE 2	0.55
PE 3	2.92
PE Total	3.79
USA Retained Area (ac)	
AA-7(F)	2.69
AA-8(F)	0.27
AA-9(P)	1.02
Retained Total	3.98



NO.	DATE	REVISION	BY	APVD
1				
2				
3				

VERIFY SCALE
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 IF NOT ONE INCH ON THIS SHEET, ADJUST SCALES ACCORDINGLY.

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Aging Aqueducts and “The Big One”

UTAH THE WEST ENVIRONMENT

Aging aqueducts and earthquakes: Why millions in Utah could lack water

Report says major delivery systems couldn't survive 'Big One'
By Amy Joi O'Donoghue | Jan 12, 2022, 10:04am MDT

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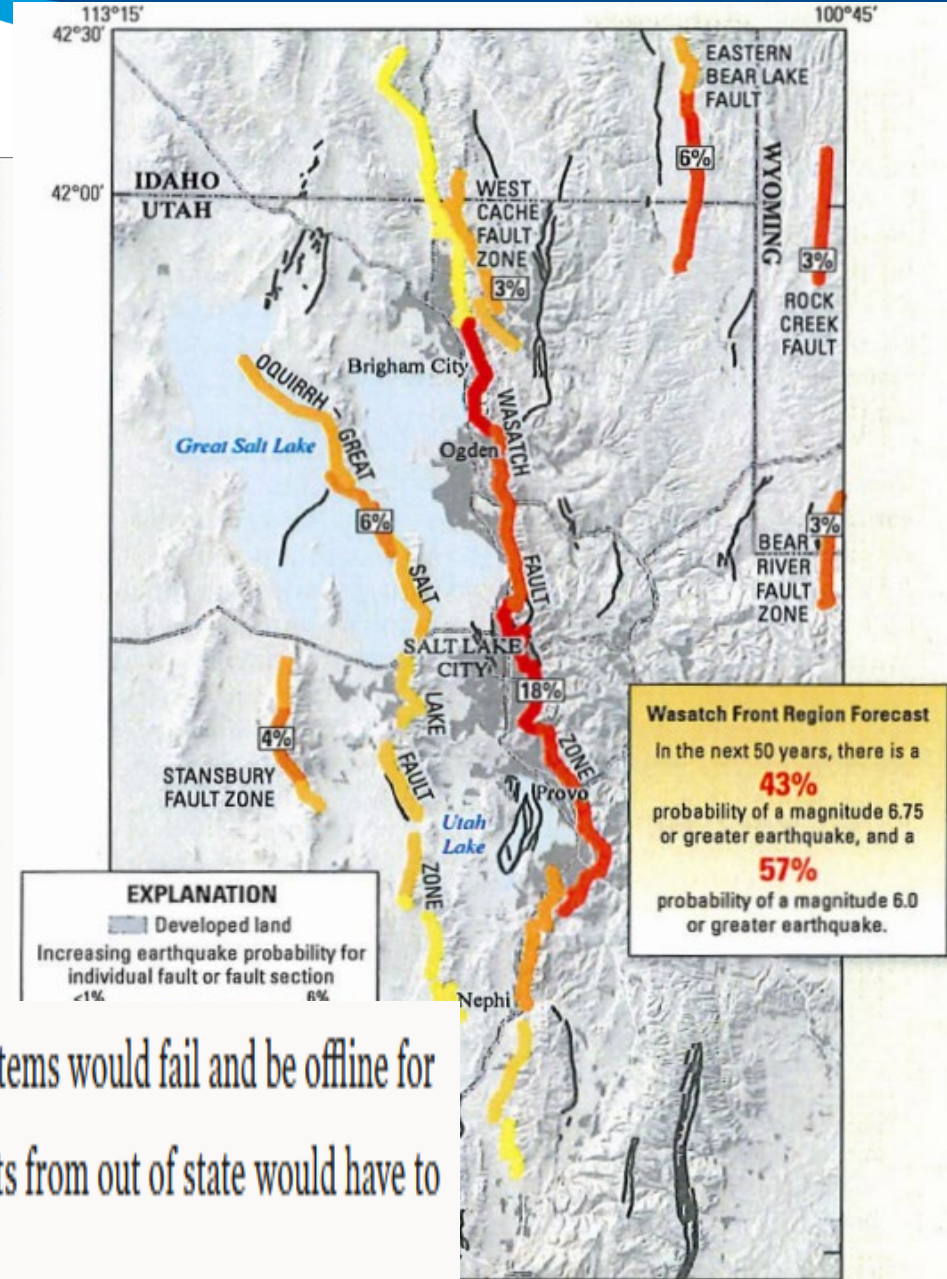
A section of the Alpine Aqueduct runs above ground where it crosses a fault in the hills above Orem on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022. | Spenser Heaps, Deseret News | [Purchase Photo](#)



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‘Unacceptable risk’

In the event of the “Big One,” these aging water delivery systems would fail and be offline for several months, maybe as long as six months, as custom parts from out of state would have to be shipped to Utah.



Utah Seismic Safety Commission

What we can do to save lives and the economy

The USSC recommends the following prioritized actions:

1. KEEP WATER FLOWING

Invest in seismic improvements for the four major water aqueducts that serve over two million residents. These aqueducts were built generations ago and pass through landslide and/or hazardous fault areas. Should any one of these pipelines rupture in an earthquake, many hundreds of thousands of Utahns would be left without water for six months or even longer. The potential effects on Utah's economy are incalculable. The total cost of improving these four pipelines is approximately \$192 million. This is less than the cost of expanding three miles of U.S. 89 in Layton into a freeway or of building three freeway interchanges on Bangert Highway.²

2. KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

Significantly limit the danger to tens of thousands of Utah children who attend school in seismically unsound buildings. Build on prior legislative funding for school inventory work by providing financial assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) to conduct feasibility studies for retrofitting or replacing URM buildings. Allocate \$3.5 million for this purpose to the applicable LEAs over the next three years.

3. KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES AND MARKETS INFORMED

Increase public awareness of the high risk from Utah's 140,000 unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings. These buildings, built before 1976, are scattered across the state and include single-family homes, multifamily structures, and offices. The vast majority of deaths and injuries will happen in these buildings, yet public awareness of the risk is low. Improved public awareness will increase market function and efficiency and apply market pressure to upgrade more of these buildings. A good public awareness campaign would cost \$200,000 over two years.

4. KEEP OUR BUILDINGS STANDING

Ensure adequate building code enforcement. Rigorous structural plan reviews by independent and qualified experts, particularly for larger, complex buildings, can improve seismic safety of structural systems and possibly prevent very expensive—and potentially deadly—issues in an earthquake. Inspections can catch calamitous mistakes and ensure building owners are getting a code compliant building. Specifically, the USSC recommends that every building classified as International Building Code Risk Category III or IV (e.g., a hospital, school, or police station) or larger than 200,000 square feet be required to undergo a plan review conducted by a Utah-licensed Professional Structural Engineer.

5. KEEP UTAH READY TO RESPOND

Invest in a feasibility study for an Earthquake Early Warning System. Allocation of funds will support the development of a feasibility study by the USSC on the possible implementation of an Earthquake Early Warning system in Utah. The early warning system can save lives and the economy by providing tens of seconds of warning time to shut off various industrial, utility, and transportation systems before ground shaking begins. Utahns would have enough time to prepare for ground shaking and seek shelter. The feasibility study would be a one time cost of \$150,000 with the funds administered through the Utah Geological Survey.

FEMA has called the Wasatch Fault “one of the most catastrophic natural threat scenarios in the U.S.”¹ With a significant risk of a major earthquake in the coming decades and projected impacts that would severely damage the Utah economy, Utah could face a disaster similar in magnitude to some of the most devastating hurricanes and earthquakes in U.S. history.

Upgrade Water Infrastructure

Water infrastructure resilience is one of Utah's most critical needs in the face of an expected large earthquake.⁶ **In the event of a major earthquake on the Wasatch fault, water and sewer service across the Wasatch Front is projected to be disrupted for more than a million people for many months.** Unlike freeway infrastructure, which is rebuilt far more often (at a much higher cost), much of Utah's major water infrastructure is over 50 years old. The Wasatch Front's most important aqueducts are located across and along major hazardous faults, landslide areas, high ground shaking areas, and liquefaction areas, putting them at high risk for significant damage.

Wasatch Front

Provo Segment of Wasatch Fault

- Five (5) surface rupturing events in the last 7,000 yrs.
- Slip-per-event average between 1.4-4.5 m
- Three paleoseismic sites with recorded coseismic offsets. These data were considered to estimate displacements at AA-1.

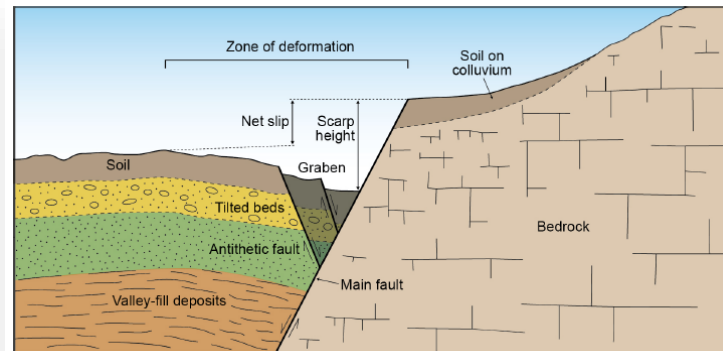
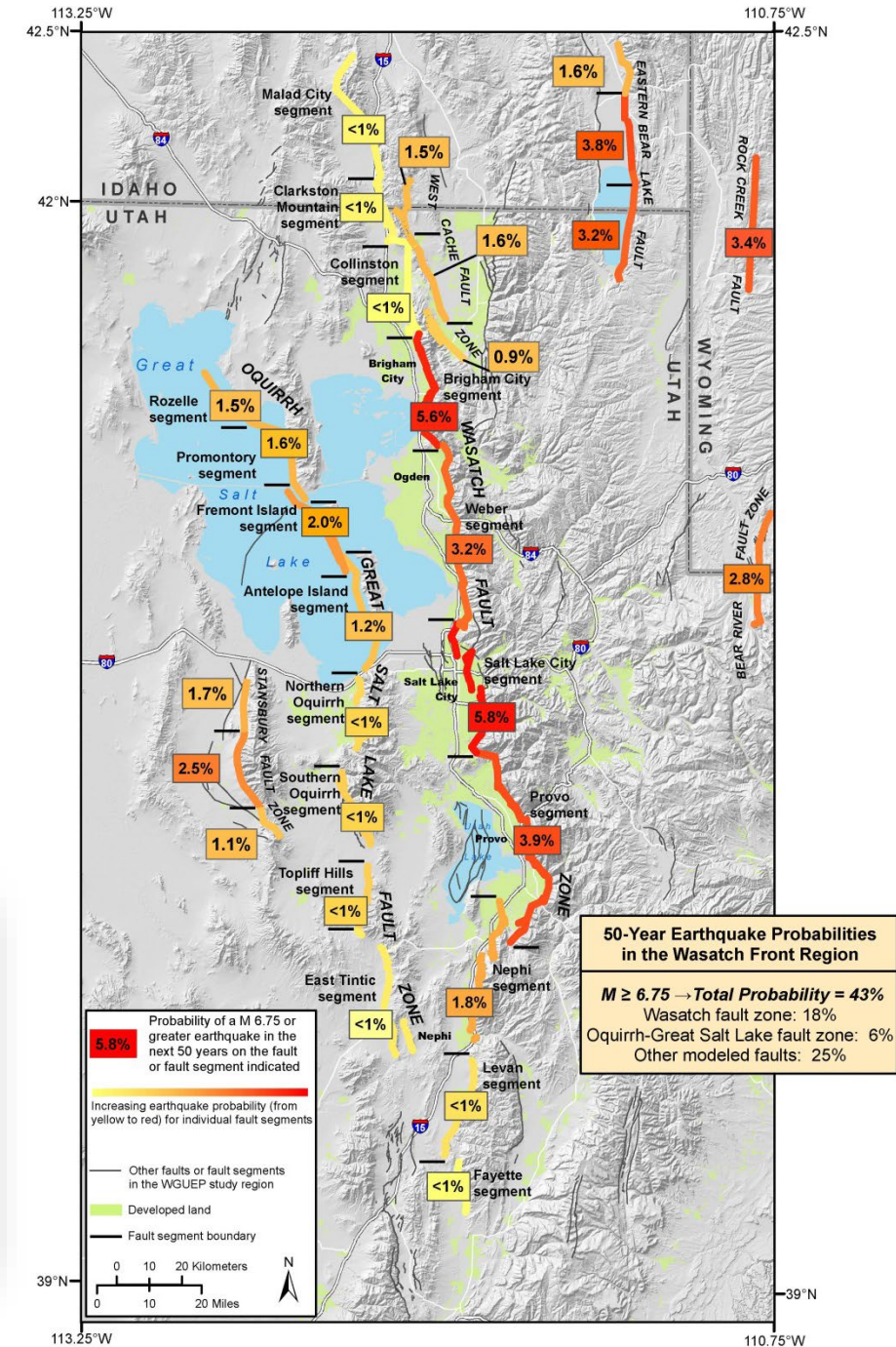
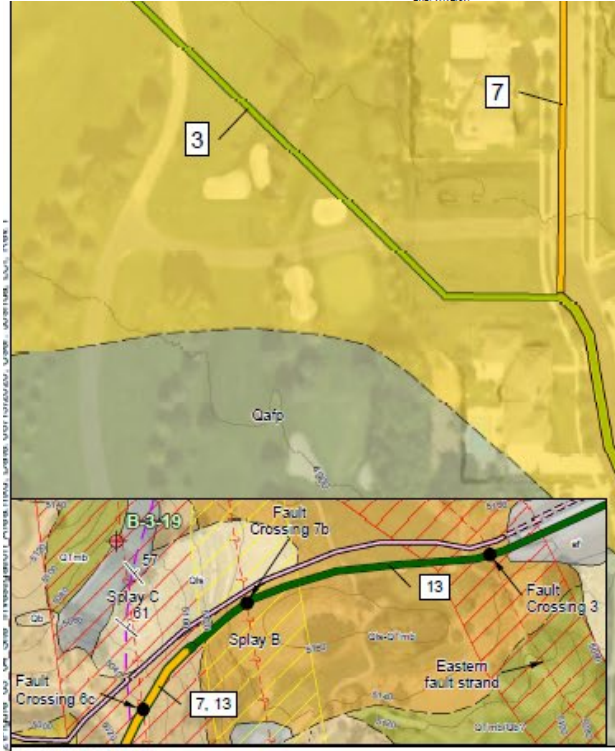
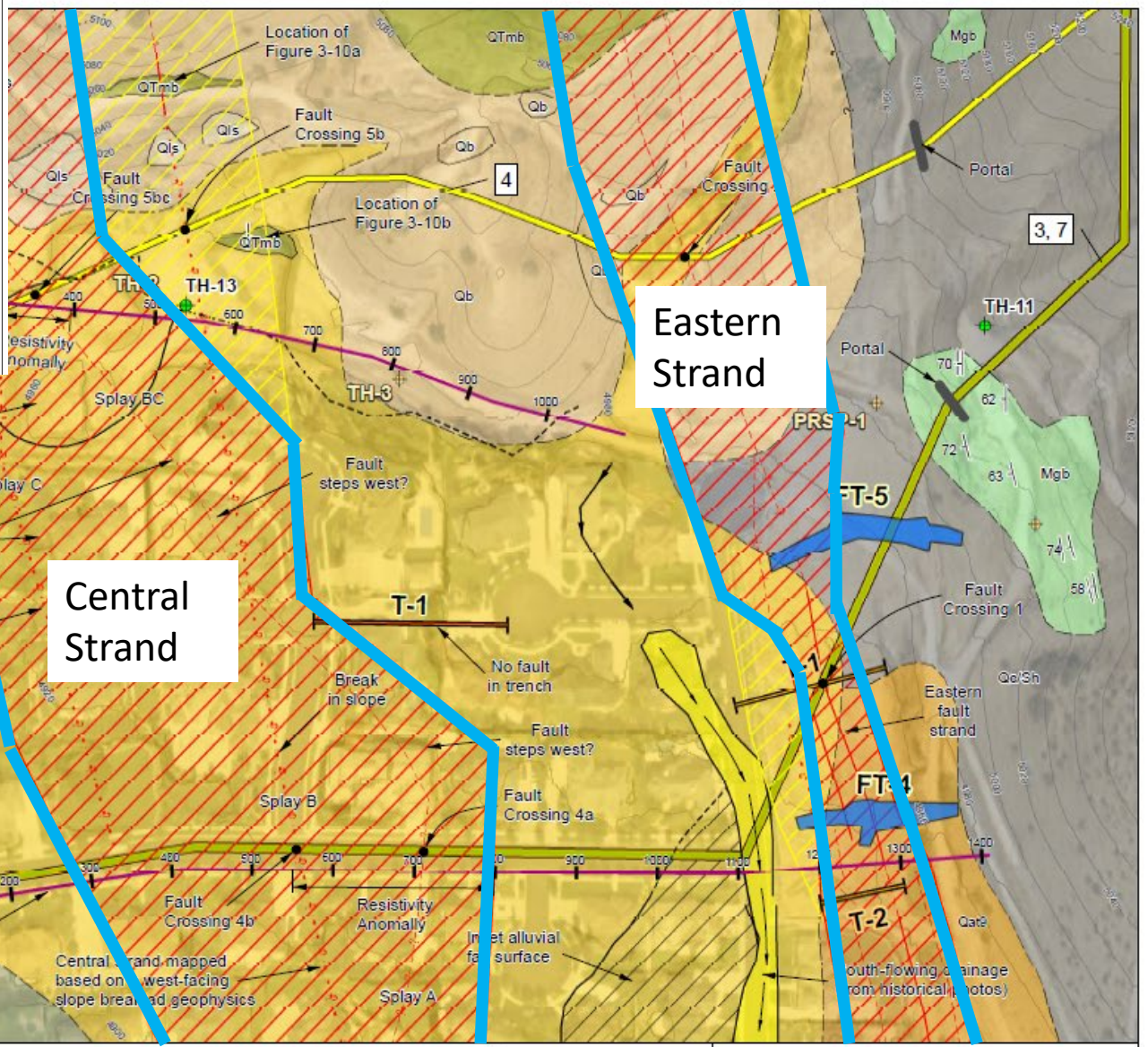
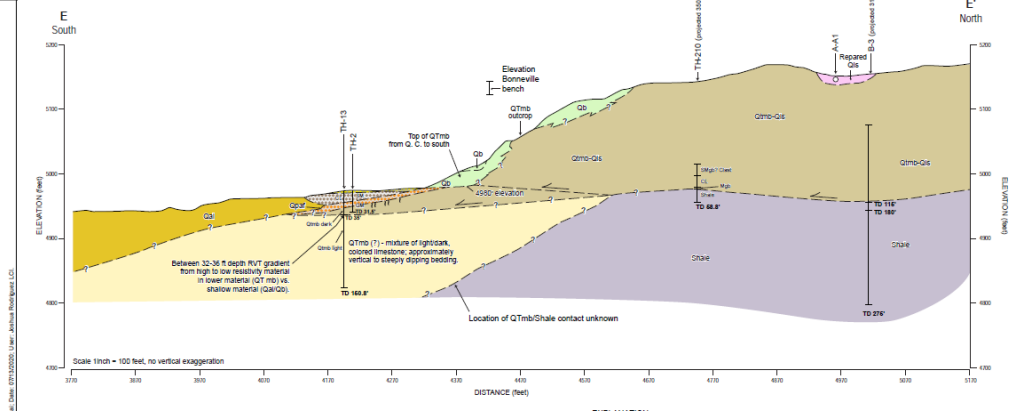


Figure 13. Schematic cross section through a normal fault zone.



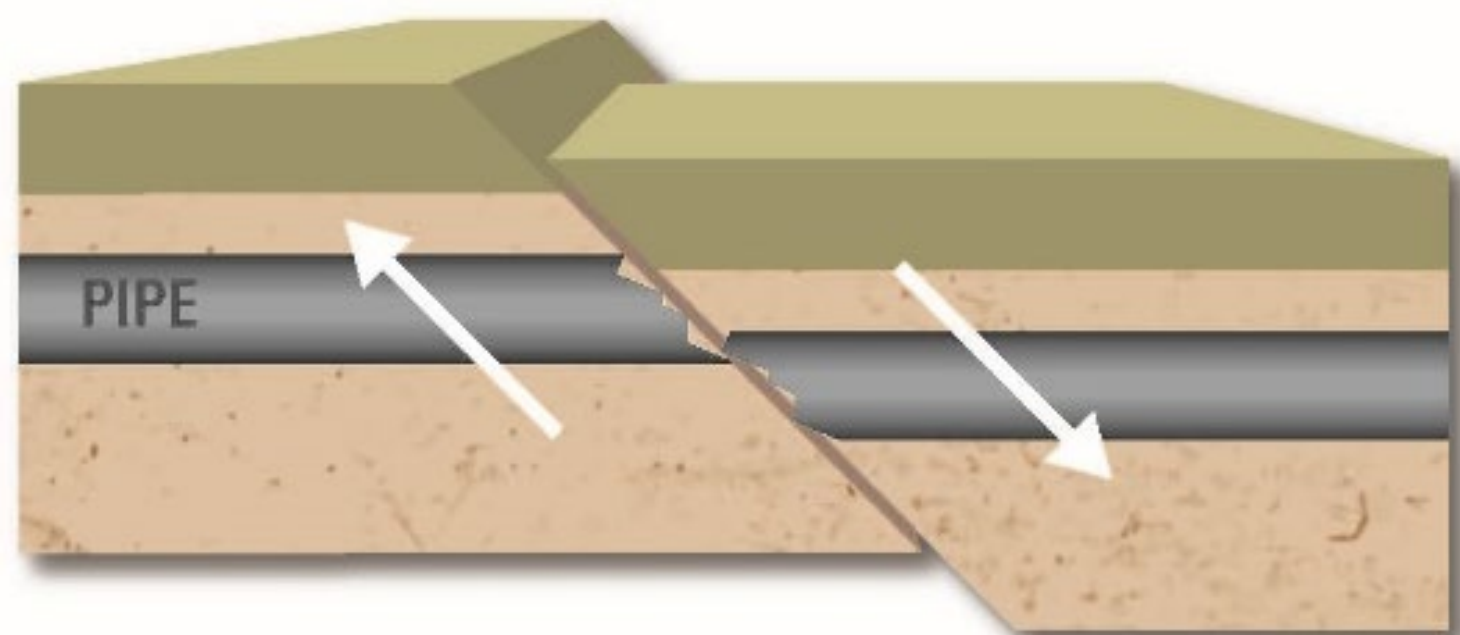
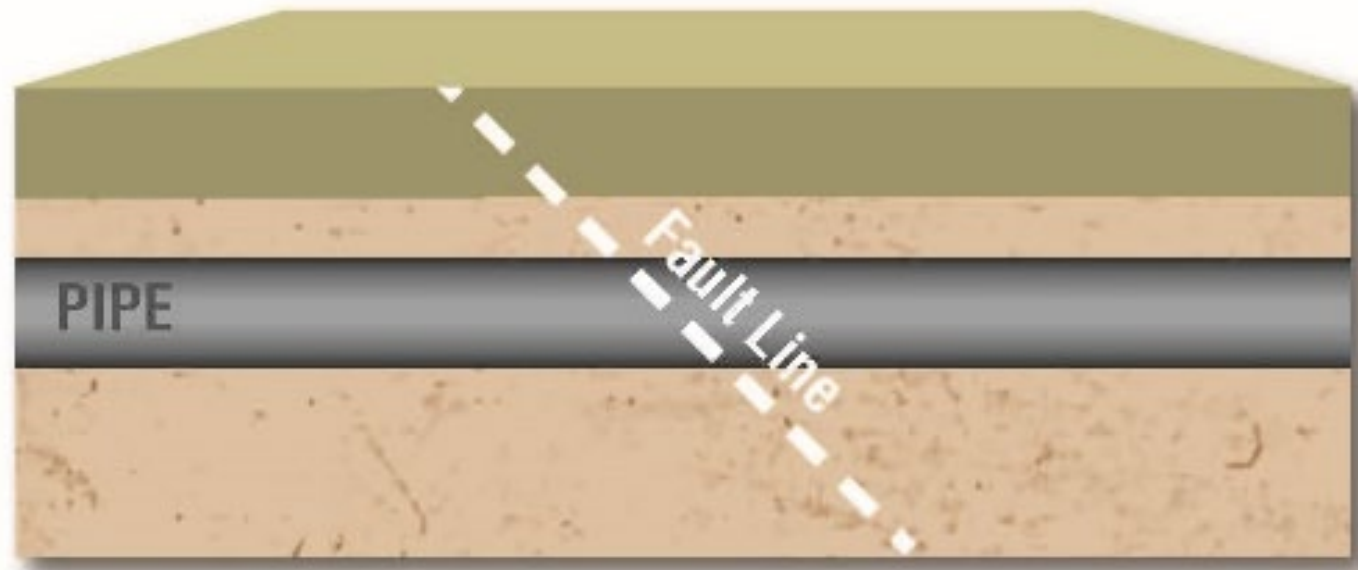


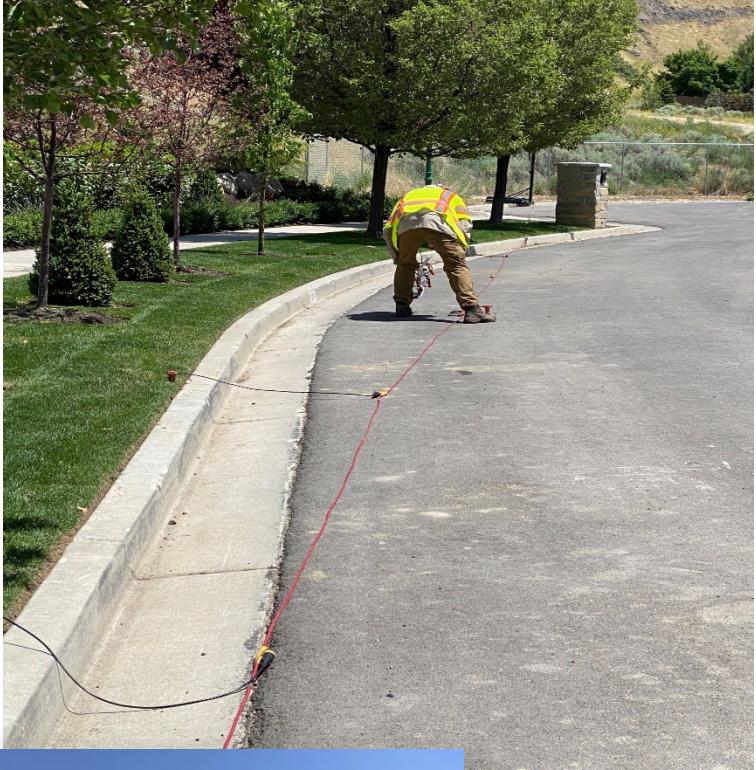
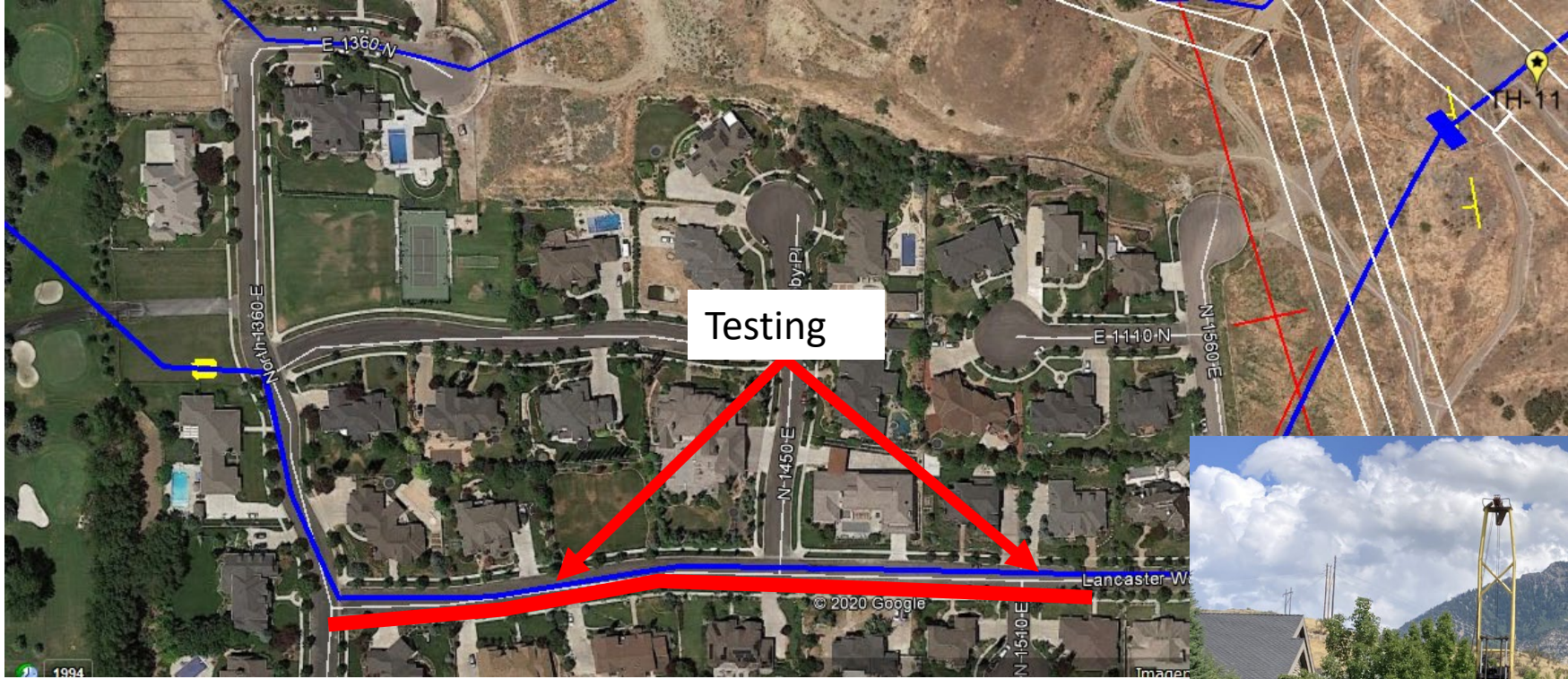
EXPLANATION Sage (2020) geophysical profiles Contours (20ft) Borings RB&G (2020) boreholes Historic Drill Hole		Trenches Golder (2013) EarthTec (2000a) EarthTec (2000b) Alternative Alignments 3 7		Faults LCI (this study), solid where certain, dashed where approximate, queried where uncertain Primary Fault Location Uncertainty Zone Secondary Fault Location Uncertainty Zone		LCI Geology Units Qls Qafp Qa Qb Qmb/Qb? Mgb Qc/Sh		 Note: See Figure 3-3 for inset location. Map projection and scale: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N, 1:1,800			
Phase 2 Site Investigation Area Geophysical Profiles and Existing Data						CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT		Lettis Consultants International, Inc.		Figure 3-4	

LCI—Summary of vertical, horizontal and total fault displacement estimates

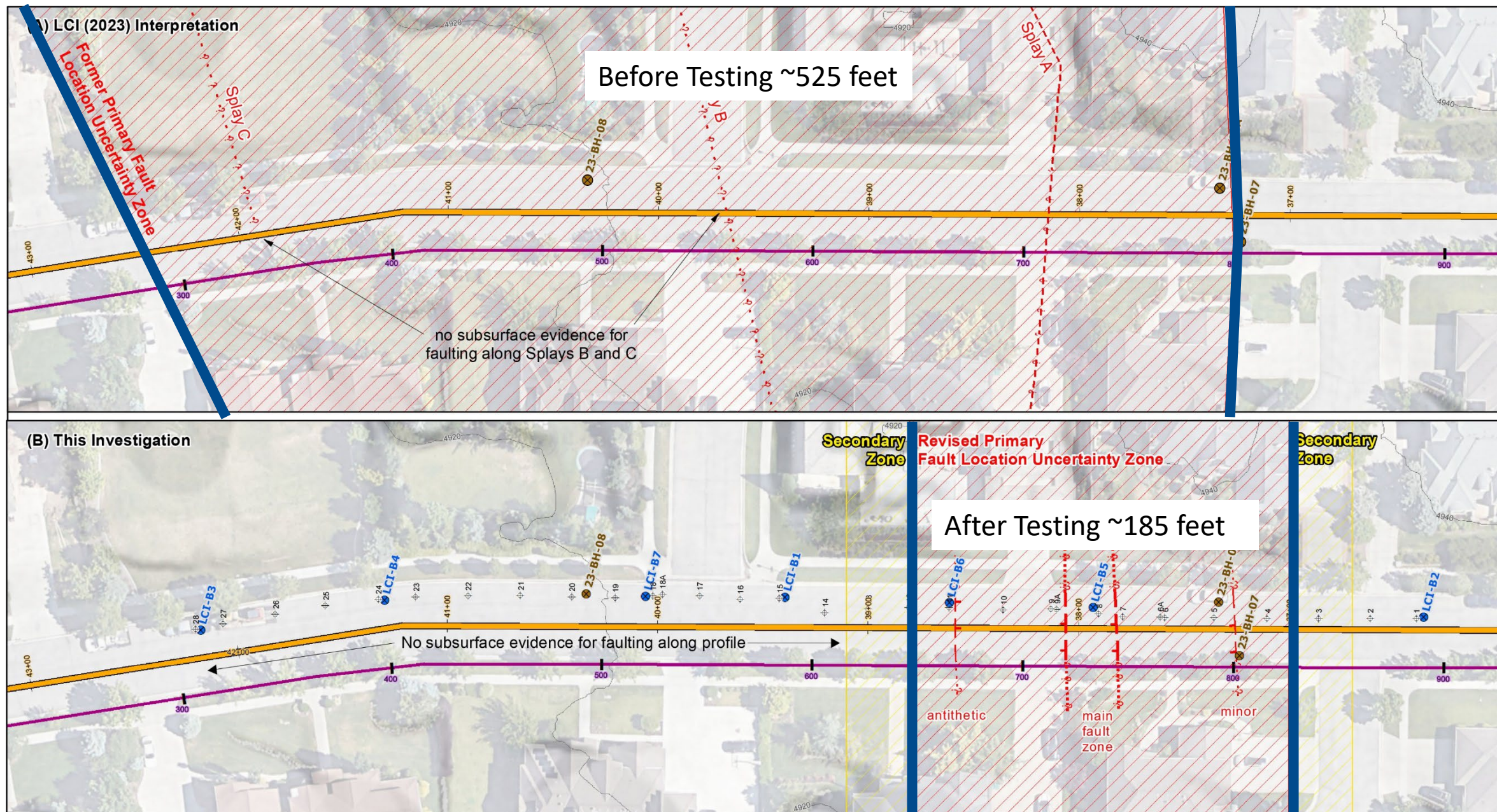
Exceedance	Percentile	Assumed Fault Dip (°)	Method 2		
			Vertical Displacem	Horizontal Displacemen	Total Displaceme
0.5	50 th	60	7.9	4.6	9.1
0.16	84th	60	10.6	6.1	12.2
0.1	90 th	60	11.5	6.6	13.3





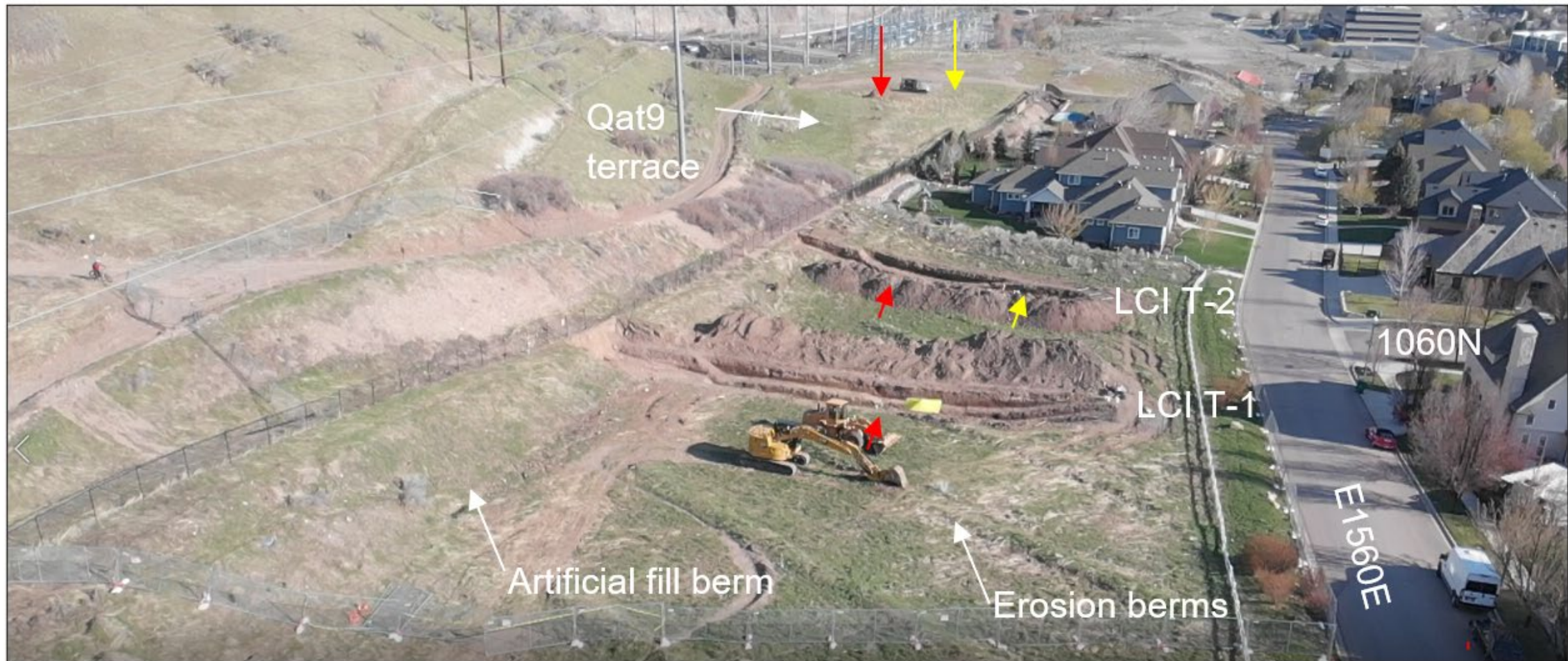


Central Strand Success





Trenches







Holocene alluvial /
debris flow deposits

Primary fault

Bonneville
deposits

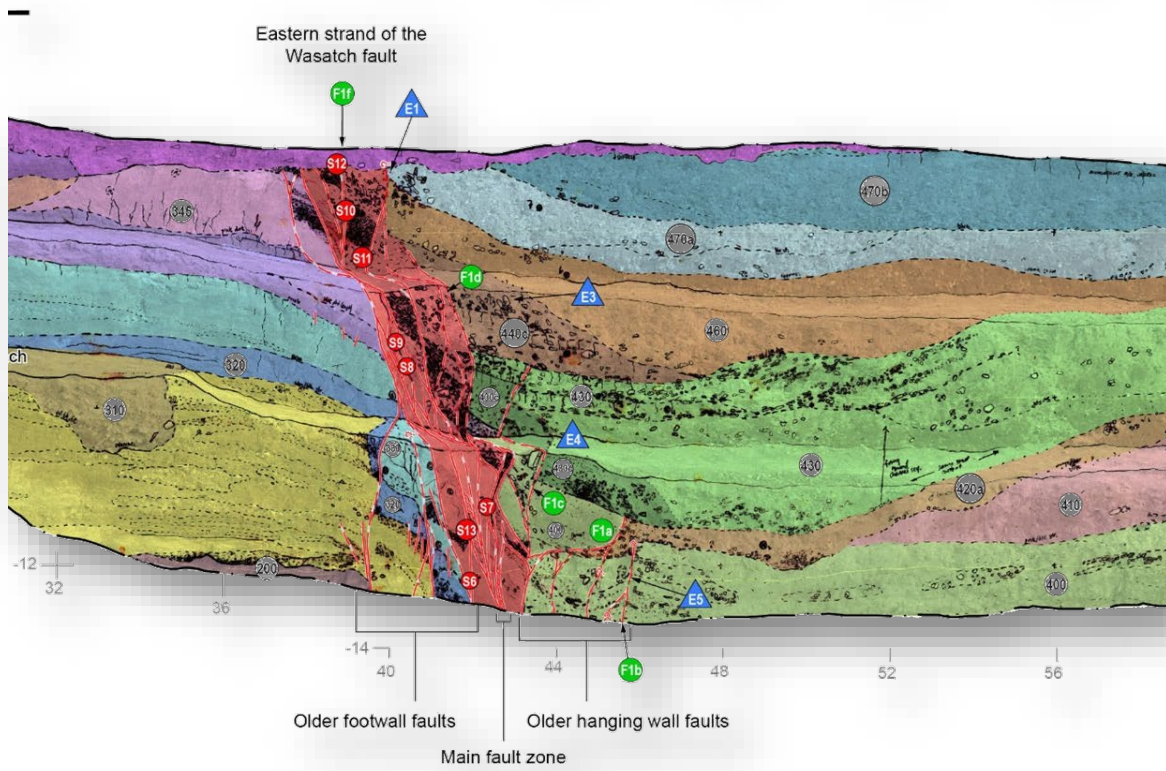
Artificial fill











Fault crossing— Stacked Steel Pipe

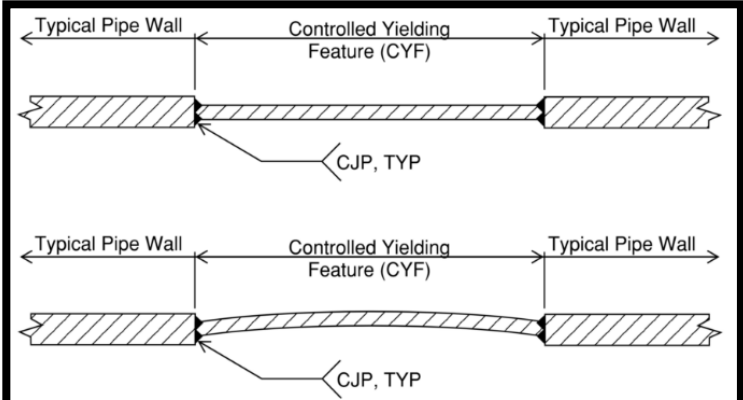
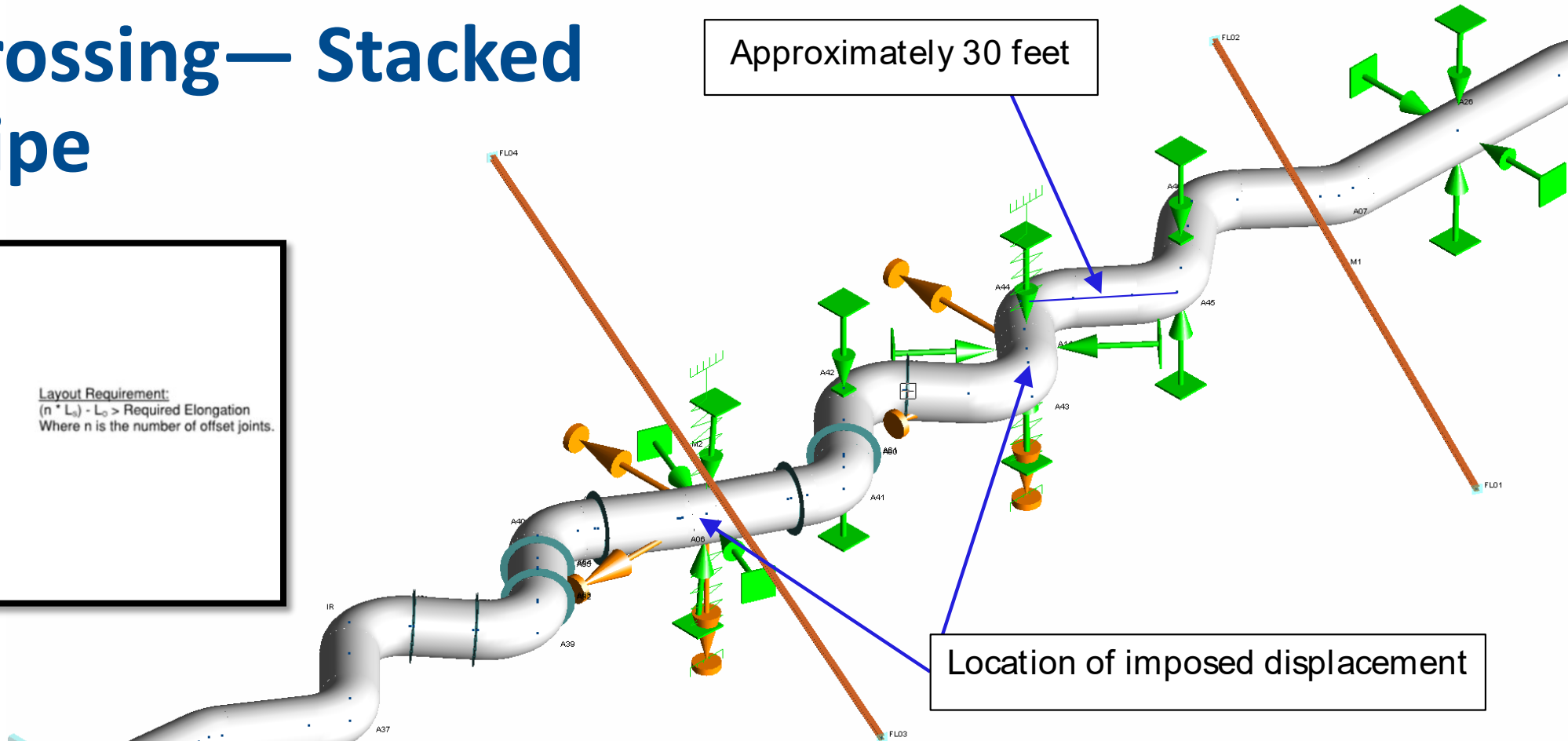
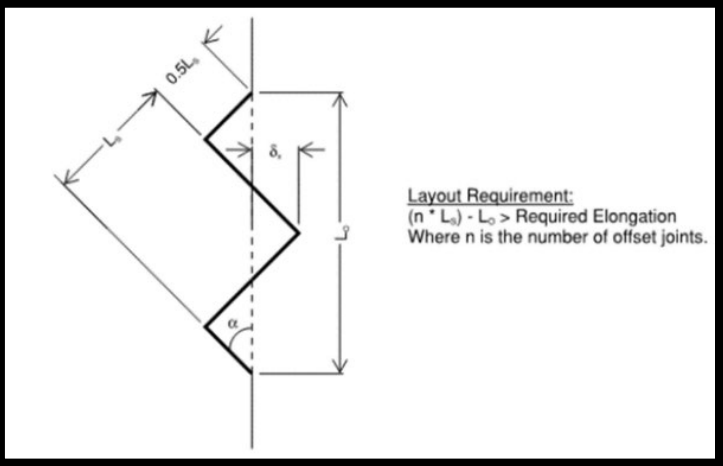
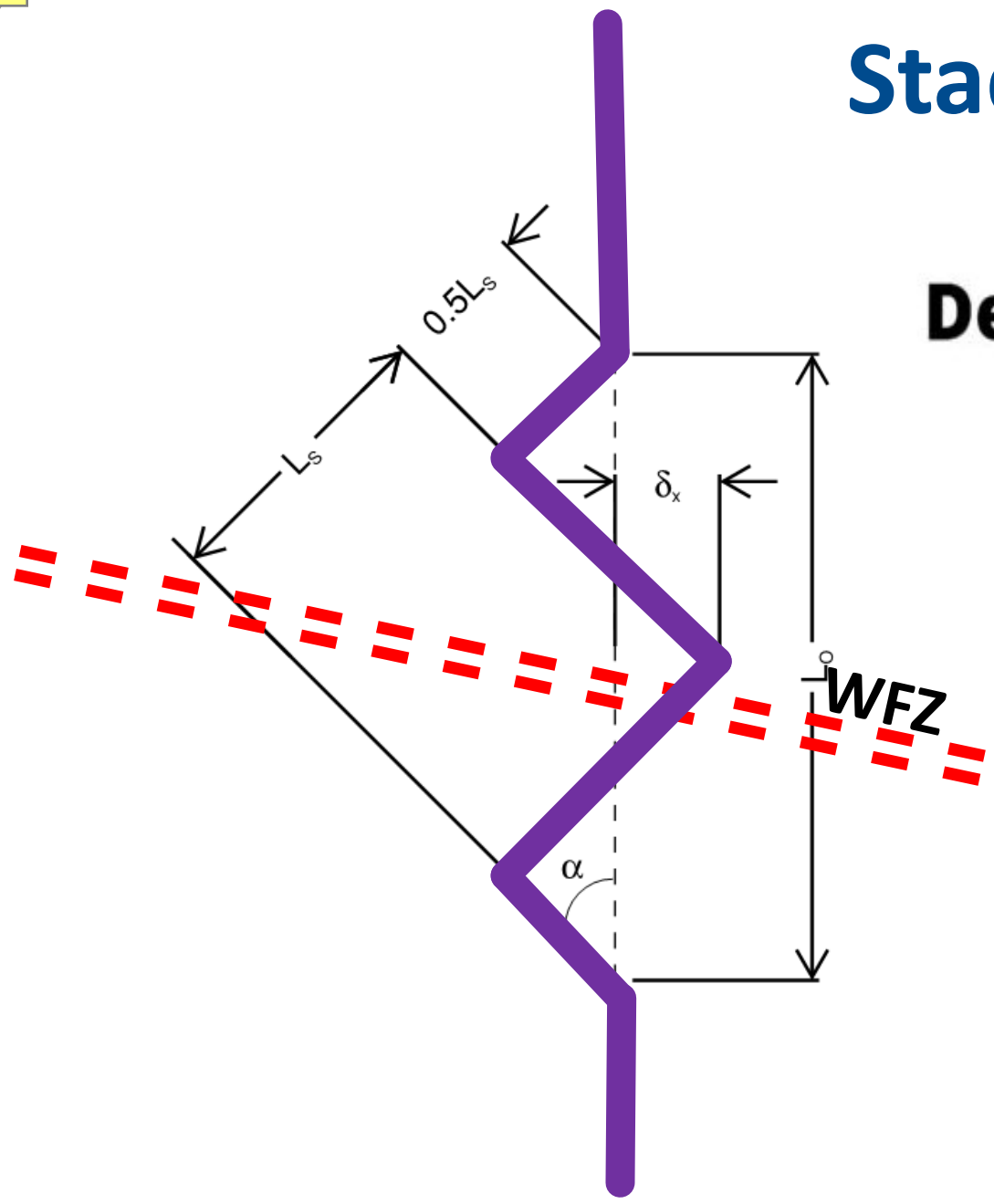


Figure 4-3. Conceptual Controlled Yielding Features



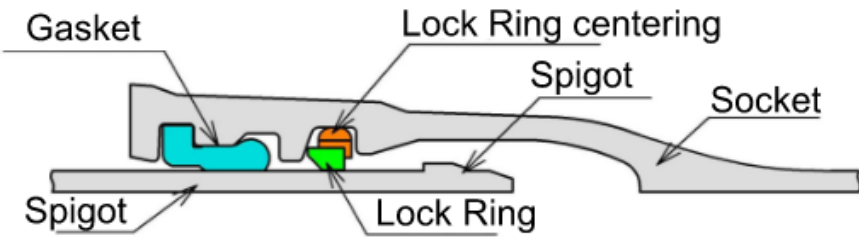
Stacked Pipe



Denali Fault Crossing (Before & After)



Fault crossing—Kubota HRDI

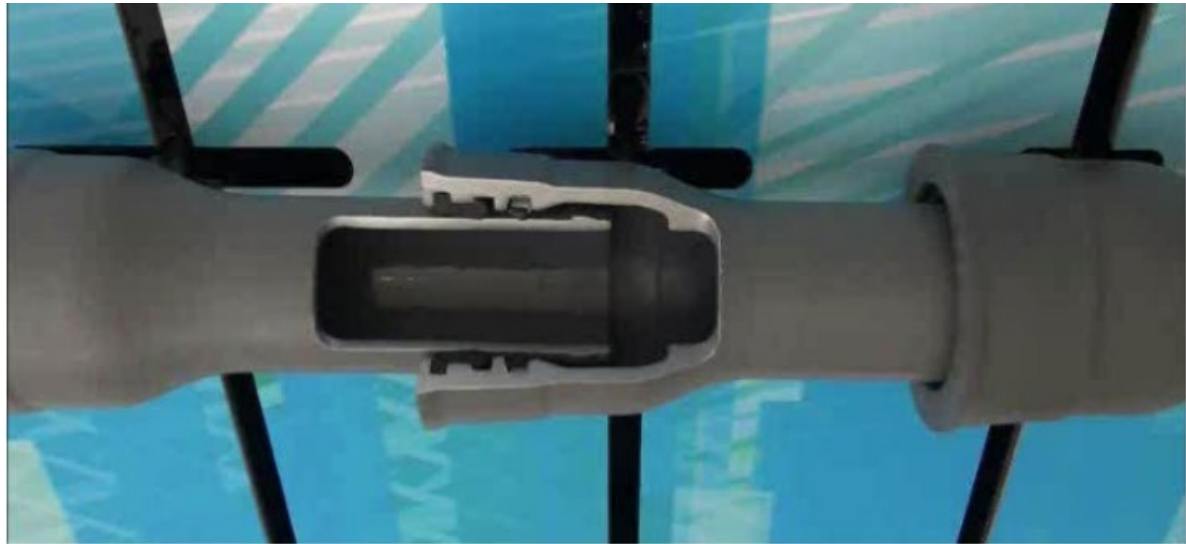


Expansion/Contraction

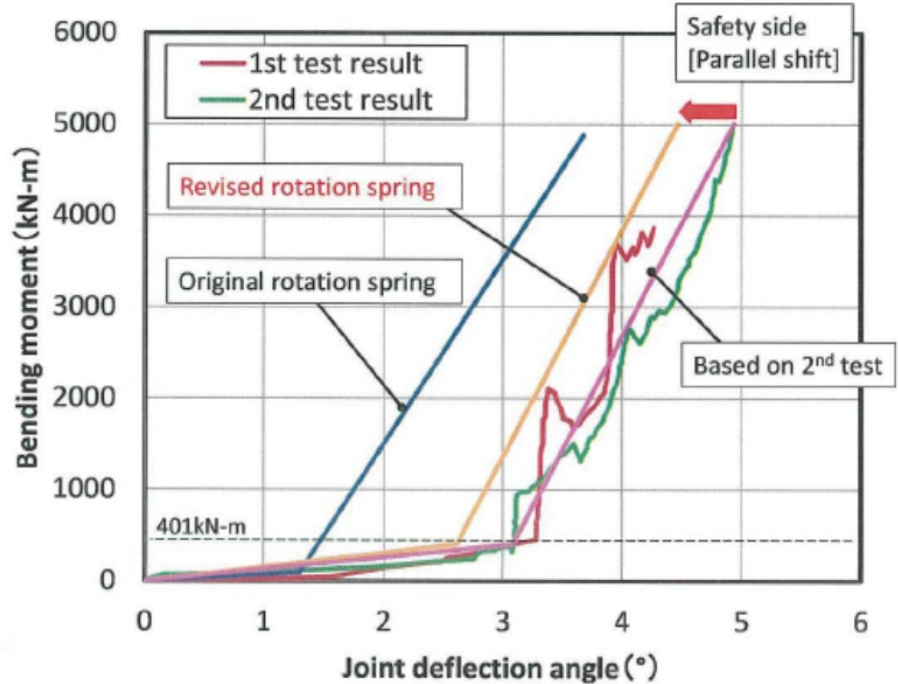
Pull out resistance



Large Deflection Angle



Test Results [Rotation Spring]



Earthquake Resistant Moveable Pipe Joints









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