# USGS Earthquake Geology Intermountain West (IMW)

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# USGS National Seismic Hazard Model 2023



Two-percent probability of exceedance in 50 years map of peak ground acceleration

- Factored into building codes and impacts billions of dollars in construction
- Impacts insurance rates
- Guide for emergency planning
- 2023 update process underway. Current focus (2020) on source fault model. More details tomorrow.

## USGS - Ongoing Research and Collaboration in IMW

- Wasatch Front (UGS, UVU)
- Teton Range (BoR, USFS, WGS, Univ. of ID, BGC)
- Las Vegas (NBMG, UNR, UNLV)
- NE California (PG&E, Univ. of Oregon)
- Walker Lane (NBMG, UNR)
- Borah Peak, Idaho (UVU, IGS, UGS)
- Ridgecrest (CGS, SoCal, UNR)



# USGS External Grants Program, FY2019 (last year)

- \$4.3M competitive research grants funded
- 212 Proposals received, 66 funded (31% success rate)
- IMW funded 9 proposals (\$519k)



# Intermountain West External Grants funding



# IMW External Grants 2020 (in progress)

- IMW received 17 proposals (down from 23 proposals in FY19).
- Total request \$750k. Best case scenario: \$433k will be funded.
- Average proposal in fund/fund if possible category: \$43.3k (FY20), down from ~\$57.7k in FY19.
- FY20 Federal budget passed (Dec 2019).

#### Funding by state

- NV: 1 grant funded; 3 in "hold" status
- UT: 0.5 grant funded
- ID: 1 grant in "hold" status
- AZ: 0.5 grant funded grant in "hold" status
- MT: 1 grant in "hold" status
- CO: 1 grant funded
- IMW general: 1 grant funded
- Meetings/Workshops: 1 grant funded

# External Grants – guidance going forward (FY21)

- Look for program announcement in March 2020.
- Proposal dues in ~May 2020.
- Panel meets in August please contact me (<u>reold@uses.gov</u>) if you'd be interested in serving and won't have conflict of interest (e.g., submitting a proposal this year or from an institution submitting proposals).
- USGS letters of commitment.
- Panels scrutinize history of publishing USGS-funded research.

# STATE OF SEISMIC HAZARD ASSESSMENT, ARIZONA

BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Jeri Y Ben-Horin <u>Arizona G</u>eological Survey



### Topics

- AZGS Broadband Seismic Network Operation-
  - Does AZ need monitoring?
  - EQ catalogue completeness, magnitude calculations and errors, location errors
  - ► Not a "Regional and Cooperating Network" funding problematic
- Arizona's active faults
- Quaternary faulting ongoing and planned projects
  - Mead Slope fault –Quaternary mapping and paleoseismic site potential
  - Lake Mary fault Quaternary mapping and paleoseismic site potential
  - Big Chino fault?- Planned: Update Q mapping, date landforms, paleoseismic sites?
- ► Outreach
  - ► AZ Shake Out
  - ► Arizona Council on Earthquake Safety resurrected

#### Does AZ need monitoring?





#### GOAL: IMPROVE AZ'S CATALOGUE

# ARIZONA HAS EARTHQUAKES

- ► Flagstaff M6.0+s
- Seismicity rates higher in the northern half of the state - NASB
- M7.6 Pitaycachi Earthquake
  - Long recurrence interval, large event
- M5.0+ every 8-10yrs on average
- Notable recent events: M4.0 Black Cyn City (2015), M4.7 north of Sedona (2014), M5.3 near Safford (2014), M5.2 Holbrook (2004)



### Arizona Broadband Seismic Network

### 15 Broadband Stations

7 Original Legacy TA 
6 New BB ☆
2 Additional TA ▲

- Not a "Regional or Cooperating Network"
  - Funding and collaboration problematic
- ABSN provides statewide monitoring
- Real-time data available with IRIS-DMC
- Data archived DMC
- Improved locations and improved catalogue completeness
- Still need to improve detection threshold
- Need to improve mag calculations







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3.2 AZGS

#### 11km difference – Nov.2015 M4.1

Need to improve event locations

Google earth

BCC2

41 AZGS

4.0 AZGS

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#### QUATERNARY FAULTS IN AZ

Over 100 active faults since 2.6Ma

Mead Slope

**Big Chino** 

Lake Mary

Hurricane

Sevier-Toroweap

Washington

Needles

Algodones

- Concentrated mostly along the CO Plateau margin
- Highest known slip rate is ~0.2mm/kyr
- ~15 active since 15ka
- ~12 faults have been excavated for analyses



#### Mead Slope fault, AZ









### Geologic Mapping

- Offset measurements depend on:
  - Preservation of landform
  - Interaction with multiple strands
  - Inconsistency in fault motion over time
    - Southern end fault shows down to the east sense
    - Northern end down to the west

https://uagis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/ index.html?id=3a52e869f32b41c2a0849b47d9c51645



### PRELIMINARY PALEOSEISMIC RESULTS

- 2-3 Events
- Near uppermost event horizon - Unit 4 ~ 23k yrs old (OSL)
- Lowest discernable event horizon aboe Unit 2 ~61k yrs old (OSL)



# MSF CONCLUSIONS

- Drone aerial imagery and ground-control points were used to generate highresolution DEMs and hillshades, limited only by computational capacity.
- ▶ The DEMs were essential in mapping and measuring offsets along the MSF.
- Slip Rates were consistently 0.20mm/yr or less when measured on landforms that varied in age from Qo to Qi4 (~2ma to 12ka).
- ▶ <sup>3</sup>He cosmogenic dating may improve slip rate estimates (May 2020)
- The last one-two ground-rupturing earthquakes were recorded in young tributary deposits, approx. age < 23K yrs old (OSL dates).</p>
- MSF appears to be mostly a left-lateral fault system that has had 10s of meters of normal faulting since Qo time.
- The Mead Slope fault is an active fault that is part of the NE-trending Lake Medd Fault System.
  - Are other faults in the system active?
  - Can this fault potentially link with the Black Hills fault?

## LAKE MARY FAULT ZONE

- 30-45km long set of normal faults
- Sharply defined scarp with at least 130m of vertical offset
- A surface rupture would cause widespread damage to the city of Flagstaff
- No previous studies, some incomplete bedrock mapping
- New mapping with an emphasis on offsets and potential paleoseismic sites
  - Will incorporate available LiDAR
  - Due to vegetation, drone imagery/DEM generation will be limited to wide-swath profiles





#### **Big Chino Fault Zone**

- ► 50km to 65km long
- Offsets of 25m on late Quaternary fans
- 7-8m offsets on younger landforms
- Youngest rupture ~ 10-15ka
- ► LiDAR now available



Big Chino fault, ~ 10km N of Chino, 25km N of Prescott 20m high scarps

2005

2000

# OUTREACH

- > AZ Shakes Shake Out on 10-15-2019
  - > 88,000 participants
- > Arizona Seismic Safety Council
  - Resurrected Mike Conway, AZGS
  - Goal: provide a platform for professional and community stakeholders to address earthquake science, hazards and risk that can impact the safety and resilience of AZ.

# Thank you

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# **California Geological Survey**



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### Seismic Hazards Assessment and Zonation Program Gordon Seitz, San Mateo, CA



# Ridgecrest earthquakes caused up to \$5 billion in damage to China Lake naval base



A sign posted July 7 outside the main gate of the China Lake naval station in Ridgecrest, Calif., shows the base is closed. (Mario Tama / Getty Images)

# A-P Background: CGS Fault evaluations and zoning

Earthquake Fault Zones are regulatory zones, delineated by the State Geologist (California Geological Survey), that encompass hazardous faults, which are defined as those faults that are <u>sufficiently active</u> and <u>well-defined</u>.

<u>Sufficiently active</u> Fault that exhibits evidence of Holocene displacement (11,700 years).

Well-definedTrace detectable by trained geologist at or just<br/>below ground surface.

Combined Fault, Liquefaction and Seismic Landslide Zone Map GeoPDF



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Maps of Earthquake Fault Zones are now available in multiple formats. Most recently, these maps have been made available through a web application (https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/EQZApp/) that allows users to navigate to an individual parcel and determine whether or not it is affected by any of CGS's regulatory zones (fault rupture, soil liquefaction, or earthquake landslides). Institutional users, such as cities and counties, can access the zone maps on their systems through an interactive web map service:

(https://spatialservices.conservation.ca.gov/arcgis/rest/services/CGS\_Earthquake\_Hazard\_Zones)



#### **SPECIAL PUBLICATION 42**

#### EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONES

A GUIDE FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PROPERTY OWNERS / DEVELOPERS, AND GEOSCIENCE PRACTITIONERS FOR ASSESSING FAULT RUPTURE HAZARDS IN CALIFORNIA



Revised 2018

California Department of Conservation California Geological Survey 801 K Street, MS 12-31 Sacramento, CA 95814

Photo: Cottage destroyed by surface fault rupture on the Kekerengu Fault during the Mw 7.8 2016 Kaikoura earthquake, New Zeatand. Approximately 10 meters of right-lateral fault displacement occurred under this house, tearing it from its foundation. Photo credit: VML 190573, Julian Thomson, GNS Science / Earthquake Commission

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#### Cartoon of <u>Holocene-active</u>, <u>pre-Holocene</u>, and <u>age-undetermined</u> faults in a trench exposure within an Alquist - Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone



**Figure 5-1.** Fault classifications in a hypothetical trench log where *Holocene-active faults* break Holocene-age deposits and *pre-Holocene faults* break pre-Holocene age deposits, but not Holocene age deposits. The recency of movement for *age-undetermined faults* are unconstrained due to a lack of overlying deposits to determine the timing of the most recent fault displacement.

Table 5-1. Most Applicable Age Dating Methods for Fault Activity Investigations.

Method	Age Range / Uncertainty Range	Property Measured / Sample Materials	Application Criteria
Radiocarbon Dating	0 to 50,000 years 2 to 5%	<sup>14</sup> C Organic matter	<ul> <li>Most favored method due to its proven reliability to provide objective results.</li> <li>multiple sample analyses allow an increase in confidence and accuracy</li> <li>fast turn around</li> <li>single dates can be misleading due to the difficulty in evaluating the context uncertainty</li> </ul>
Luminescence	100 to 100,000 years Greater than 10%	Luminescence Quartz or Feldspar Crystals	Often suitable where sand-size material exists and when little C-14 dateable material can be found. Often requires research level effort to properly integrate all aspects of the method. Can provide reliable age estimate if done correctly. • strict sampling protocol • may complement <sup>14</sup> C well, as it can help assess context uncertainty
Cosmogenic nuclide	1,000 to 2,000,000 years Greater than 10%	<sup>10</sup> Be, <sup>26</sup> Al, <sup>36</sup> Cl Quartz Feldspars Carbonates	<ul> <li>Unique for its ability to date surfaces or burial events. Often requires research level effort to properly integrate all aspects of the method. Can provide reliable age estimate if done correctly.</li> <li>strongly influenced by sampling protocol</li> <li>accurate results are model dependent</li> </ul>
Soil Profile Development Index (SDI)	500 to 500,000 Greater than 30%	Numerous Alteration of parent material	Requires quantitative dating of similar soil profiles in the area as calibration. Significant expertise is required for SDI age estimates.

#### Context Uncertainty

Context uncertainty generally represents the largest uncertainty in dating fault activity, and consists of the generally poorly known relationship of the chronologic measurement of an individual sample to the faulting event of interest. For example, a <sup>14</sup>C date derived from a detrital charcoal sample may have a considerable inherited age because it was either reworked from an older sedimentary unit or because it was derived from older wood that does not represent the deposit age, such as the core of a long-lived tree. For all quantitative dating methods, the context uncertainty can be thought of as the unknown age difference between the event of interest and the dated samples.

#### Laboratory Uncertainty

There are inherent laboratory uncertainties associated with each quantitative dating method that need to be considered in any chronological assessment. These uncertainties are difficult to reduce, although, dating of additional samples can improve accuracy and confidence.

#### Chronologic Modeling Uncertainty

All chronological data must be interpreted to assess the age of faulting. In general, this requires some extrapolation or interpolation, or bracketing of the event of interest. How the data are related to the event of interest is a "chronologic model." The type of model used will influence the chronological result. For example, when evaluating a scatter of different sample ages from one geologic unit, a decision must be made as to how to use the results. One may have sample ages from two different sample types, or different dating methods, or there may be stratigraphically inconsistent results. A careful consideration of each chronological constraint must go into the development of the chronologic model.

### 2020 ongoing Fault Evaluations by CGS

- San Andreas Fault, peninsular- 22 mm/yr
- Rogers Creek Fault- 10 mm/yr
- Hayward Fault- 10 mm/yr
- Rose Canyon Fault- 1.5 mm/yr
- San Cayentano- 2-9 mm/yr
- Ridgecrest Earthquake Ruptures: China Lake right lateral Salt Wells Valley left lateral



Little Salmon Fault Paleoseimic Investigation 2019

Ladinsky, CGS San Mateo

NEHRP/USGS funded


### CGS-USGS Cooperative Seismic Studies

Guided Wave and Seismic Refraction and Reflection Study

Hollywood and Santa Monica Faults 2018-2019





### Hollywood Fault (Parking Lot) Guided Wave Investigation 2018



Fault Zone = Stations 47 -57 (meters 92-112) Main Fault = Centered at Sta 54 (meter 106)



Guided wave travels at 181 m/s to main Fault Zone. It is unclear if the higher PGV values between stations 5 and 11 are guided waves, as they travel at 255 m/s. If guided waves travel an indirect path to stations 5-11, it is possible that there is a second fault zone. The high PGV values near station 15 are probably not from guided waves, as they travel at 288 m/s. I will have to do more testing for the arrivals between stations 5 and 15.







CGS

### Hollywood Church Parking Lot Profile

Multi-Channel Analysis of Surface Waves Image







"The report will explain all of this" Rufus Catchings, USGS.

## Update and Issues Facing Earthquake Research in Colorado 2020

### Jim McCalpin and Matt Morgan



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### Seismometer Locations



### EQ Swarm on E Boundary of Rio Grande rift (2019-FEB-27 to 2020-JAN-21)

95 EQs M1.0-1.9; 7 EQs M2.0-2.9; 2 EQs M3.0-3.4 (#15, #23 in sequence)



### Cheraw Fault Trenching Phase II







### **Cheraw Fault**

16 km

Fugro/CGS/USGS

Trenches, 2016



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## **Cheraw Fault Trenching**





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### Cheraw Fault Findings 2016-2020

### 2016-18, NEW TRENCH on NE Section

- Fault ~80 km (vs 45 in 1994)
- Earliest Pleist "Nussbaum Alluvium" vertically offset >5 to 6 m, most likely ~9 m
- 'Nussbaum' here is 126 ka to >>160 ka (NOT earliest Pleist)
- Slip occurred after ~126 to 159 ka, min vert slip rate ~0.06 to 0.07 mm/yr
- 2019-20 (RETRENCH CRONE 1994)

Three surface faulting events since formation of a prominent buried soil on eolian silt.

- E1: ~8-7 ka or <7 ka (not well constrained)</li>
- E2: ~8.8 ka (well constrained)
- E3: ~10.8 ka (well constrained)
- at least 2 additional events since ~12.5 ka.
- The uppermost fluvial deposits in the truncated Pleistocene channel are offset ~3.7 m, which matches topographic scarp height. Preliminary age models for this horizon suggest an age of ~12.5 ka, with a resultant slip rate of ~0.3 mm/yr.

PROBLEM: SRL 45 km=M7.0=Davg 0.97m, Dmax 2.32m; SRL 80 km=M7.37=Davg 1.56m, Dmax 4.56. BUT in trenches Davg=0.75 m. Which equates to M6.5 (as Dmax) to M6.7 (as Davg). Those ruptures should have SRL of only 17.4-22km. Trench displ don't match fault length (LONG SKINNY FAULT)



Mark Zellman, BGC Engineering; Lidar CGS



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Oblique lidar slopeshade view of the UPF south of Cascade, looking NW up the valley of Fountain Creek.

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### Earthquake Brochure

### Pre-Instrument Earthquakes

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### What is the Colorado Earthquake Hazard Mitigation Council?

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### Colorado Earthqueile Hazard Mitigation Council



### EARTHOUAKES

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### Natural Earthquakes

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### Induced Earthquakes

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### Quaternary Fault Database Update

- USGS funded
- Last updated in 1998
- Update fault traces and trenches using 24k and 100k maps, LiDAR, consultant reports
- Traces submitted to USGS for review at end of January 2020



Image at right: 24k geologic map showing Rampart Range fault (green lines) compared to trace of fault from 250k map (red line). Green triangles are relocated trench locations; compare to prior location (red dot).



Fault traces of Villa Grove fault zone, San Luis Valley, CO from QF&FDB, on 1m bare-earth lidar DEM. Many scarps clearly visible on lidar DEM were overlooked. Scarp mapping based on stereo airphotos and (pre-GPS) field checking (1979-1980). Perhaps generalized for QF&FDB.

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Scarps mapped from 1m bareearth lidar DEM. HOWEVER, note yellow lines not overlain by red lines. These are fault traces inferred from vegetation lineaments caused by groundwater damming along faults. Insufficient relief to be mapped as scarps on lidar.

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- Search by Author, Title, Year
- Access through the CGS website

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### **Technical Issues** Q-Faults are not fully characterized

- Mapped in the 70s-90s, only a handful have reliable absolute ages, most ages assigned by soils and height in landscape
- COLORADO, 67 Class A faults/sections in QF&FDB; but only 9 in NSHM (13%)
- UTAH: 176 Class A fault/sections in QF&FDB; but only 25 in NSHM (14%)
- NEVADA: 624 Class A fault/sections in QF&FDB; and 125 in NSHM (20%)
- Paucity of trenches
- Poorly constrained ages of Q deposits; need more GOOD ages!
- Faults of priority: Williams Fork, Frontal, Ute Pass, Rampart Range, Golden
- Lidar is making identification of faults a bit easier (~70% of Colorado is covered by Lidar)
- Cross-border coordination, could help on Lidar collection, geo mapping, proposals for funding



### Non-Technical Issues

- Funding-Little internally; externally, money available for outreach but not science
- More pressing projects (Debris flows, landslides, hydrology, minerals)
- Lack of available technical staff; rely on experienced contractors



### Conclusions

- A small amount (<20k) of funding goes a long way in Colorado
- Installing additional seismometers
- Lidar and geochron are first steps to make faster progress, start small > larger, detailed projects
- More work needed on Williams Fork, Frontal, Ute Pass, Rampart Range, Golden faults; Cheraw study on-going
- More public outreach, make our science understandable and research funding easier to justify

Cross-border coordination very important



# Idaho Earthquakes and Seismic Hazards Activity

2020 Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group February 5, 2020 Zach Lifton Idaho Geological Survey

### Outline

- Lidar update
- Clearinghouse exercise
- NEHRP SE Idaho/N Utah project
- New NEHRP proposal for Halfway Gulch fault
- USGS Lost River fault trenching
- USBR Deadwood fault investigation
- Seismic monitoring issues
- National Seismic Hazard Map 2023 update

### LiDAR Data Availability

- Current coverage
- New datasets
- Forthcoming datasets





## Earthquake Clearinghouse

- Operations plan for post-earthquake reconnaissance
- Developed by IOEM, EERI, and IGS
- Physical and virtual clearinghouse
- Statewide earthquake exercise
- WSSPC provided support to run a real-time exercise of the plan
- Great participation and input from agencies and neighboring states

## 2019 NEHRP Project

- Collaborative with UGS
- Use new lidar to map surface fault traces
  - East Bear Lake fault (ID/UT)
  - West Bear Lake fault (ID/UT)
  - Oquirrh fault zone (UT)
  - South Oquirrh Mountain fault zone (UT)
  - Topliff Hill fault zone (UT)
- Identify sites for paleoseismic trenching







### Developing new NEHRP proposal:

- Halfway Gulch fault
- Displaces bedrock and relatively young deposits
- Previous work by Beukelman (1997) on nearby strand suggests 5 events in last 26 ka
- Potential permitting challenges




















# Montana Activities 2019

Mike Stickney Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

### **Faults near Butte**



## **Rampart and Continental faults**



# New LiDAR vs Old Google Earth



# **Geologic Setting**

- Mapping in Butte North quadrangle revealed a potential fault scarp in the area
- Potential northern extent of Continental Fault
- Trench site at northern end of Elk Park



# **Geologic Setting**

- Large area of lateral spread or landslide causing hummocky topography
- Seismically triggered?
- Whatever this unit is, it appears to be cut by a fault scarp



## Sub-horizontal slickensides in clay unit



- Unit 1 Highly deformed sands and clays with top to east sense of shear
- Offset by small fault
- Unit 2 Gravels (potential debris flow)
- Offset by fault and generally folded





- Unit 3 Sands to sandy clay
- Bottom half is offset and deformed
- Upper half is not deformed
- Unit 4 Sands to clays
- Undeformed at west end





- Unit 1 is very deformed and incised by Unit 2, which is also deformed
- Unit 3 is tilted
- Unit 4 pinches out on potential paleo-fold scarp





- Erosion of Unit 1 by Unit
  2
- Potential piping of sandy material of Unit 2 at edge of channel
- Fluvial deposits overlying unit 3 (potential channel)





- Unit 4 fans and thickens to the west (right)
- Units 3 and 4 appear to be folded





- Units 1-4a are offset by small faults
- Overlying units are not





## **Summary and Interpretations**

#### Chronology

- Deposition of Unit 1
  - Deformation of Unit 1 via landslide or lateral spread
- Deposition of Unit 2 and erosion of Unit 1
  - Continued deformation (slow or reactivated landslide?)
- Deposition of Unit 3
  - Faulting, folding at east end of trench
  - Migration of deposition to area of modern pond (west of trench)
- Deposition of Unit 4
  - Faulting, folding at west end of trench
- Deposition of modern sediment and formation of modern soil

# Chronology

- At least two fracturing events (earthquakes):
  - During deposition of Unit 3
  - During deposition of Unit 4
  - Top ash (sample A1, unit 3) is Glacier Peak 11,200 CBP



## Summary and Interpretations

# What's driving deformation?

- No clear offset at the surface
- Probably a fault propagation fold
- Suggests fault is young and not well developed
- Continental fault breaking through to the north?



#### 59,687 Earthquakes since 1982



## MBMG Located 3,208 Earthquakes in 2019



#### 745 Earthquakes; Sep. 29, 2018 – Oct. 14, 2019



#### Manhattan Seismicity Sept 29, 2018 - Oct 14, 2019



#### M 4.2 - 4km NW of Manhattan, Montana 2019-08-16 00:02:37 (UTC) 45.884°N 111.377°W 8.3 km depth Moment Tensor View all moment-tensor products (1 total) Contributed by US <sup>2</sup> last updated 2019-09-20 20:52:09 (UTC) The data below are the most preferred data available ✓ The data below have been reviewed by a scientist (27, 88, -28) Regional Moment Tensor (Mwr) P 2.185e+15 N-m Moment Magnitude 4.16 Mwr Depth 11.0 km (118, 62, -178) 82% Percent DC Half Duration US Catalog

MB First Motion Mechanism P FIRST-MOTION FOCAL MECHANISM (double-couple source assumed)

Event Date & Time : 08/16/2019 00:02:38 GMT = Thu Aug 15 18:02:38 MDT 2019 : 45.8617 N, 111.3577 W Location : (45 deg. 51.70 min. N, 111.deg. 21.46 min. W) : 9.3 km. deep ( 5.8 miles) Depth Magnitude : 4.7 ML # P First motions : 21 Strike uncertainty : 5 deg. Dip uncertainty : 23 deg. Rake uncertainty : 10 deg.



#### USGS ShakeMap

Gallatin River Ranch strong motion seismograph recorded 11.87% g in the east-west direction.











Smith 2020, Figure 19



Smith 2020, Figure 27



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# Paleoseismic and Seismic Studies in New Mexico

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Daniel J. Koning and Mairi Litherland

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### OUTLINE

### New Mexico Earthquake Research in 2019 Paleoseismic

- Master thesis on Quaternary fault slip rates in southern Rio Grande rift
- Pajarito fault multi-team effort spearheaded by Lettis Consultants International, Inc.

#### Modern seismicity

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RESOURCES

- WIPP site and Permian basin
- Areas that need attention
# OUTLINE

# New Mexico Earthquake Research in 2020

# LiDAR acquisition

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# Master thesis work by Ron Sholdt (NMSU)

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Use detailed mapping of faulted geomorphic surfaces to obtain a midlate Quaternary slip rate for three major faults: Caballo, San Andres, and Alamogordo. Compare with long-term (25 Ma) slip rate determined from balanced cross-section across the southern rift.



# Pajarito fault

- Master fault system for the Española basin
- Links with Embudo fault system via stepovers and ramp structures
  Southern end
- extends into northern Santo Domingo Basin



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**On-going research effort on Pajarito fault** 

Paleoseismic study funded by Los Alamos National Labs and spearheaded by Rob Givler of Lettis Consultants International, Inc.

Geologic mapping along northern Pajarito fault: Dan Koning and Shari Kelley

Team of expert paleoseismologists:Rob GivlerJohn BaldwinWilliam LettisTom RockwellSusan OligMichael Machette

Collaboration with LANL geologists: Emily Shulz-Fellenz Erika Sanson Brandon Crawford

Soil PDI in trenches done by Eric McDonald

#### **Close-up view of the Pajarito Fault System**

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## Future efforts on Pajarito fault

- More trenches to south
- To south, however, 45% of long-term throw accommodated by monoclinal folding.



# Modern seismicity (courtesy of Mairi Litherland)

- Most of NM Bureau of Geology's efforts focused on monitoring seismicity near a low-level radioactive waste repository called WIPP, located in southeast N.M.
- Coincidently, this area coincides with elevated seismicity (up to ~M3) in the Permian basin, near and south of Texas border.
  - Two new seismic stations were donated by Cimarex. USGS also has put in 2 temporary seismic stations.

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т С We are working with Oil Conservation Division to further improve monitoring capability by: (1) adding new stations, and (2) reporting events in real time.



# Modern seismicity (courtesy of Mairi Litherland)

PROBLEM: Seismic stations near the Socorro magma body (60 miles south of Albuquerque) are getting old and failing. No money to replace or upgrade them.

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# LiDAR acquisition

- Statewide coverage should be available this year.
- Much thanks to the LiDAR subcommittee of the state's Geospatial Advisory Committee (Mike Timmons of NMBGMR represented geologic interests)
- Group has been in dialogue with USDA, FEMA, NRCS & others—when money was available, the group lobbied for project areas that achieved maximum benefit to interested parties.
- State coverage achieved in piecemeal fashion.



# Post-earthquake clearinghouse

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- NM Bureau of Geology may apply for FEMA funding to set one up a physical and virtual clearinghouse.
- Depends on staff availability.
- Would use Idaho's plan as a template.

Earthquake Program at NBMG Rich D. Koehler



2020 Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group Meeting Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology February 5, 2020

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#### Nevada Geodetic Laboratory

#### The Nevada Seismological Laboratory







#### Earthquake hazards projects 2019-20

- Nevada's Quaternary fault database
- Development of Nevada specific post-earthquake technical clearinghouse and operations plan – Earthquake Direct State Assistance Program DHS&EM
- Paleoseismic studies along active faults
- NBMG StateMAP projects
- Las Vegas Valley fault study
- Ridgecrest Reconnaissance



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#### Nevada's Quaternary fault database





# **Completed NEHRP projects 2019**

Warm Springs Valley fault

Petersen Mountain fault







40°N

#### Warm Springs Valley fault





#### Warm Springs Valley fault irgent vegetation lineament and scarp V Vigentian making the ground variant tain location of fault Salarin many W increase in vegetation on the surface of the first wall in location of Reall Sandy alkavium Sample Isoation for OSL dating rg the free face of the fact Collaviat weekan ri of the liter liter of the Ja-Bulk umple for radiocation Asing WSV019 2.0±1.3 kz Allevian ing right lateral strike sily 55 5E WSV\_C14#11 3.7-3.8 cal BP WSV014 WSV005 WSV\_014#10 6 3-6 4 cal BP Y 10.6±1.1 ka 3.7±0.3 ka 3a F2

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soil horizons above dark brown sands

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#### Petersen Mountain fault



#### Petersen Mountain fault







#### Las Vegas Valley Fault Study



Updated Las Vegas Valley fault mapping Lee Liberty (NEHRP support) to conduct seismic reflection survey of faults Seth and Lee in Vegas selecting survey locations this Friday (2/7).

 5-year study (2016-2021) to characterize the seismic hazards of the Las Vegas Valley, Clark County Building Department

Evaluation of differential compaction potential across LV scarps Status: Wanda Taylor / Shaimaa Abd El Haleem PhD in progress

Las Vegas fault system scarp profiling using 1965 SFM topography Status: 100+ scarp profiles complete

 Lidar mapping, slip rate and fault recurrence of the Frenchman Mountain fault Status: complete pending final OSL dates

 Paleoseismic trenching of the Eglington warp Status: trenching complete, FTR submitted, pending OSL dates

New Quaternary geologic map compilation of the LV Basin

Status: in progress, complete mid-2020

#### **2018 STATEMAP Deliverables**



2018 STATEMAP– Funded July 2nd, 2018 (\$164,518)

Submitted to USGS October, 2019



Nevada Bureau of Mine and Geology

# Geologic Mapping Program StateMAP

Granite Peak quadrangle





# Geologic Mapping Program StateMAP

# Washoe City quadrangle



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# **Geologic Mapping Program StateMAP**

#### Independence Valley NW quadrangle



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#### Communication with USGS on NSHM updates







#### Communication with USGS on NSHM updates







#### Other studies





# San Emidio fault zone







#### San Emidio fault zone



#### Trenches and C14 dates indicate Post late Pleistocene faulting







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### **Bonham Ranch fault zone**





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#### **Bonham Ranch fault zone**





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# Thanks!



# **Issues Facing Wyoming**



Seth Wittke Wyoming Geological Survey BRPEWG - 2020



## Quaternary-aged Fault Database

- WSGS does not currently have it's own fault database
  - We have enough new data to start developing one
- WSGS Geological Hazards Map
  - Multiple hazards
  - Currently using USGS
    fault data



# LiDAR

- Until 2019 coverage was sparse
  - FEMA funded 6 counties (Drk Green)
  - 2020 will add 6 more (striped)
- Will cover 95% of faults
- Changes everything



## Access

- For the most part access is good
  - A few locations have proven difficult



# Public Knowledge/Perception

#### Driven by a number of factors

- Low population
  - Creates numerous difficulties
- Lack of historic events
  - Makes this a low priority
- Combined, it has proven difficult to get local/state buy-in or interest

# Random Thoughts

- Consistency across state lines
  - Data and data format
    - GeMS?
  - Methods
  - Mapping
  - Good working relationships
- Also being consistent with non-state
  entities
- Effective communication with the public
  - How do we make the information understandable?

# Update

#### Teton Fault Map!



# Ski Lake

#### • Summer 2019

- Phillips Valley fault
- Two trenches
- Glacial till/moraine





 Continued work of numerous groups

# **Greys** River fault

- Unmapped northern extent recognized in 2016
  - Fault trace previously ended at a map boundary
  - Have extended the trace ~10km to the Little Greys River



# **Greys River fault**

- UAV campaign to help constrain the fault trace
  - Worked with WyGISC
  - Mixed results in steep heavily forested areas
  - Still provided valuable data



# Summary

- Issues in Wyoming
  - Lack of in-house (or updated) q-faults database
  - LiDAR coverage
  - Land access
  - Buy-in
- New work
  - Teton fault map
  - Greys River
  - LiDAR acquisition









#### Questions?

# BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP Utah Update

Emily Kleber, Greg McDonald, Adam Hiscock, Steve Bowman

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 Utah Geological Survey Geologic Hazards Program



#### UGS Hazards Program

- 1 Program manager Steve Bowman
- 6 geologists Jessica Castleton, Ben Erickson, Rich Giraud, Adam Hiscock, Emily Kleber, Tyler Knudsen
- 1 Joint position Geologic Mapping Program Geologic Hazards Program – Adam Mckean
- 1 GIS manager Gordon Douglass
- 2 student intern positions –nd Brigham Whitney (UVU) and Liz Williams (Weber State)
- Additional project support by Bill Lund (Emeritus) and Mike Hylland (UGS Deputy Director)



# Ongoing NEHRP Collaborative Proposals and Work

- Cache Valley Fault Mapping East Cache and West Cache Fault Zones (FTR due June 2019)
  - Collaborating with Susanne Janecke and Bob Oakes of Utah State University
- Collaborative proposal with the Idaho Geological Survey mapping the Bear Lake Faults, Oquirrh faults and Topliff hills faults (FTR due September 2019)
  - Collaborating with Mike Bunds and Nate Toke of Utah Valley University
- Collaborative proposal with Arizona Geological Survey Washington, Hurricane, Sevier, and Toroweap faults (FTR Due March 2021)
- Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group Meeting and updates to the Utah Quaternary fault database (FTR due March 2021)



### Lidar

- Multi-agency partnerships are key to lidar acquisition success in Utah.
- Data is extensively reviewed in house.











#### Wasatch fault





### Results of Fault Mapping





Wasatch Fault Zone Segment





Dip Direction	Q-faults database (km)	NEHRP Mapping (km)
North	9	25
NE	7	48
E	82	171
SE	6	35
S	10	40
SW	24	162
W	496	592
NW	68	112





#### Find Fault, Place, or Parce Q 32

#### **UTAH QUATERNARY FAULT & FOLD MAP**

This map is a compilation of existing information on faults and fault-related folds considered to be potential earthquake sources. The faults and folds on this map are considered to have been sources of large earthquakes (about magnitude 6.5 or greater) during the Quaternary Period (past 2.6 million years); these geologic structures are the most likely sources of large earthquakes in the

#### **Related Information**

Utah Quaternary Fault and Fold Dataset - fully attributed GIS feature class (Utah AGRC)

United States (USGS)

University of Utah Seismograph Stations - Utah arthquake monitoring

database updated May 2019

Powered by Esri



#### Future home of Q-faults



#### UTAH GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

This web mapping application provides access to all post-2008 UGS geologic hazard maps in Utah so users can determine the mapped hazards and their relative severity over specific areas. Statewide mapping of Quaternary faults, earthquake epicenters, and a legacy compilation of landslides are available. Limited, comprehensive geologic hazard mapping is available for the remaining hazards listed in the Legend as indicated by red outlines on the map. Hazard map layers, along with available lidar elevation data and , can be enabled in the Legend by clicking on the eye symbol. Map layer units. describing the hazard relative severity are also shown

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#### Levan/Fayette Trenching

- Skinner Peaks South
  - 12 RC, 7 OSL
  - MRE 1.6 ± 0.1 ka; PE >14.7 ± 2.5 ka
  - Recurrence 4.6 to 7.3 ky
  - Slip Rate 0.17-0.33 mm/yr





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- Hells Kitchen South
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  - MRE 5.4 ± 0.1 ka; PE 11.2 ± 1.4 ka
  - Recurrence 4.6 to 7.3 ky
  - Slip Rate 0.17-0.33 mm/yr





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  - 12 RC, 7 OSL
  - MRE 1.6 ± 0.1 ka; PE >16.3 ± 2.4 ka
  - Recurrence 14.7 ± 2.5 ky
  - Slip Rate 0.20-0.28 mm/yr
- Hells Kitchen South
  - 5 RC, 5 OSL
  - MRE 5.4 ± 0.1 ka; PE 11.2 ± 1.4 ka
  - Recurrence 4.6 to 7.3 ky
  - Slip Rate 0.17-0.33 mm/yr

Preparation in progress of publication for the Paleoseismology of Utah Series



#### Other trenching updates

- Airport East trenching (2011) in preparation for a UGS Paleoseismology of Utah Series.
- Future NEHRP proposals
  - Cache Valley Faults
  - Northern Wasatch Fault
  - Perishable paleoseismic sites





#### **Utah Earthquake Program**

an integrated Utah state agency and professional organization partnership to reduce earthquake risk





### 2019 Shakeout Exercise

80 Salt Lake City (201) West Valley City Murray 215 Park City 248 West Jordan 32 Twin Peak Sandy (154) Heber City 15 Mt Timpanogos Cedar Fort Orem Fairfield Provo Crah Lake Springvil Spanish Fork Payson Santaquin 15

















# Upcoming Events for UGS Earthquake Hazards

- May 4 5, 2020 Rocky Mountain GSA
- June 2020 FEMA Exercise for the Exercise
- February 1-5, 2021 Basin and Range Earthquake Summit (BRES) / Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazards Summit IV (BRPSHSIV)
- June 2021 FEMA Wasatch Exercise
- June 22 July 1, 2022 National Earthquake Conference in SLC



Basin and Range Earthquake Summit (BRES) / Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazard Summit IV (BRPSHSIV)

- Save the Date! February 1-5, 2021
- CUSEC Clearinghouse workshop
- Earthquake Geology of the Basin and Range
- Seismology of the Basin and Range
- Emergency Management
- Short course(s?)
  - OxCal modeling and paleoseismology methods
  - Applications of High Resolution Topographic data OpenTopography?



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### Initial Paleoseismic Investigation of the Phillips Valley Fault, Teton County, Wyoming

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Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group Meeting Salt Lake City, Utah S February 5, 2020


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# **The Phillips Valley Fault**

- East-dipping normal fault
- ~10 km long arcuate scarp •
- Scarp heights ~4-6 m in late Pleistocene glacial & deglacial deposits & landforms
- TETONRANGE Intersects the Teton fault at Phillips Canyon

**Teton Pass** 

Phillips Canyon

Wilson

Mw 6.9 Idaho Wyoming BRP Utah From DuRoss et al., 2019 Google Earth

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eye alt 18.12 km

Moose

**BGC ENGINEERING INC.** 

Jackson

















## **Ski Lake Paleoseismic Study Site**











## **Trench A**



### **Trench A**

#### Explanation



## **Trench B**



## **Trench B**



### **Trench B**





# **Teton Fault Paleoseismic Data**



Modified from DuRoss et al., 2019

# Parting Thoughts and Comments

Teton fault Zellman et al., 2019

USGS NSHM Petersen et al. 2014

Wilson section

- Radiocarbon (n=11) and OSL (n=20) samples have been submitted for lab analysis.
- PVF event timing is not yet available.
- USGS NSHM Teton fault source recommendations:
  - The Teton fault should be extended ~10km to include the Wilson section
  - The PVF should be included as an extension of the Teton fault *or* an independent source depending on further analysis.

# **THANK YOU**

# Questions?

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# Ridgecrest earthquakes caused up to \$5 billion in damage to China Lake naval base



A sign posted July 7 outside the main gate of the China Lake naval station in Ridgecrest, Calif., shows the base is closed. (Mario Tama / Getty Images)







1987: "About half a day after the Ms = 6.2 [Elmore Ranch left-lateral] event, an Ms = 6.6 [Superstition Hills right-lateral] earthquake nucleated near the intersection of the cross-faults with the SHF, and rupture propagated southeast along the SHF." –Hudnut, et al., 1989







2019 events are in a position of increased Coulomb **Failure Stress** from historic events and regional shearing

http://temblor.net/earthqua ke-insights/m-7-1-socalearthquake-triggersaftershocks-up-to-100-miaway-whats-next-9055/

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**Brian Olson** @mrbrianolson · 16h Excellent views of the NW-trending fault rupture from my seat in a US Navy Night Hawk helicopter **W** Measured up to 6' of right-lateral offset on the China Lake NWAS base. https://twitter.com/neotectonic UAS photo

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#### Observations:

#### **Controlling Factors:**

Cracking is asymmetrical often limited to the hanging wall or down-dropped block

#### Rupture Zone is narrow: generally, less than 5 m

Cracking Zone can be very wide 100s of m

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- Pervasive cracking fabric, with regular spaced cracks
- Displacements on individual cracks often not measurable
  cracking pattern often indicates sense of lateral displacement
- Surficial Geology

Fault orientation

- We used Vs30 seismic velocity estimates (Allen and Wald, 1998) as a proxy for surficial geology
- Lower velocity surficial sediments are correlated with wider cracking zones

Extensional areas show extensive zones of cracking



This strain map shows the curl of the 2D horizontal vector field, which is a convenient way of depicting the intensity and orientation of surface motion as it is invariant of the chosen orientation. Warm, yellow to red colors denote right-lateral motion, while cold blue colors show left-lateral. The displacement maps are determined from sub-pixel correlation of pre and post SPOT-6 images (1.5 m resolution) that are acquired on 09/15/2018 and 07/24/2019. The strain maps contain horizontal stripes which are satellite image artifacts related to problems of the sensor. Faults less than ~20 cm of displacement cannot be resolved by the pixel tracking technique due to noise in the optical images.

### Strain Map: MILLINER 2019



Site 1 with R. Gold, C. DuRoss, B. Philibosian Character: left stepping en echelon breaks 50-100m in length				
Strike	Slip	Rupture Zone Width	Cracking Zone Width	Qal Vs30*
322	0.3m right lateral-normal	50m	500m West of RZ	300- 360m/s

#### Site 2 with M.DeFrisco, B.Hadden, R. Gold, C. DuRoss, B. Philibosian

Character: left stepping en echelon breaks 100-200m in length

Strike	Slip	Rupture Zone Width	Cracking Zone Width	Qal, Qeol Vs30*
332	1.0m right lateral-normal	40m	600m West of RZ	360- 490m/s







Site 3	with J.Thompson Jobe
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Character: left stepping en echelon breaks 100-300m in length with

25 m wide fault graben

Strike	Slip	Rupture Zone Width	Cracking Zone Width	Qyal Vs30*
332	1.2m right lateral-normal	40m	400m West of RZ	360- 490m/s









Strike	Slip	Rupture Zone	Cracking Zone	rock
		Width	Width	Vs30*
318	3-4m	5m	20m	>760m/s





Site 4 with S. Bennett, B. Philibosian, K.Scharer, temp > 115°

Character: continuous rupture, mostly single trace with +70% of total slip
- Fault orientation
  - Extensional areas show extensive zones of cracking
  - Cracking is asymmetrical often limited to the hanging wall or down-dropped block
- Surficial Geology
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- Optical strain maps can provide a rapid view of the rupture, without the issues of decorrelations associated with Insar in high strain areas
- · Remote sensing methods provide unprecedented overall view of the deformation that is very difficult to get from field mapping
- Remote sensing methods require ground truthing to identify thresholds of how strain is accomodated
- · Field observations provide information of how the surface deformation was accommodated; cracking, cracking patterns, or folding
- Multi-method approach improves surface rupture characterizaton
- Improved understanding of surface ruptures helps anticipate future ruptures and hence can lead to better mitigation and zoning efforts



# The 2019 Mw 6.4 and Mw 7.1 Ridgecrest, California earthquakes and implications for the Walker Lane

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Preliminary Report on Engineering and Geological Effects of the July 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquake Sequence



http://www.geerassociation.org/

### Tectonic setting



 Southern Walker Lane/Eastern CA shear zone accomodates 20-25% of the plate motion.
 Individual fault slip rates <5 mm/yr on major faults.</li>



#### The 2019 Mw 6.4 and Mw 7.1 Ridgecrest, California earthquakes



#### M6.4 event

- July 4, 2019
- NE oriented left-lateral strike-slip fault.
- Hypocentral depth of ~11 km
- Rupture length or ~15 km.
- Unilaterally ruptured to the southwest.
- Max lateral displacements >1 m.



#### The 2019 Mw 6.4 and Mw 7.1 Ridgecrest, California earthquakes



#### M7.1 event

- July 5, 2019, 8:19 PM
- NW oriented right-lateral strike-slip fault.
- Hypocentral depth of ~8 km
- Rupture length of >50 km km.
- Bilaterally ruptured to the NW and SE.
- Max lateral displacements >4.5 m.
- Rupture distributed over 2.5 km





Jascha Polet, CalPoly

## Why do rapid reconnaissance?









#### M6.4 around 5 AM, July 5<sup>th</sup>

No sleep, M5+ aftershock













## Mw6.4 surface rupture







## M7.1 Earthquake









## Highway 178



















### Mw7.1 surface rupture

#### High resolution drone imagery and orthophotographs





### Mw7.1 surface rupture













### Nine Mile Ranch Earthquake sequence Dec. 28, 2016

#### 3 Mw 5.4-5.6 events



-119'00' -118"54" -118°48' -118'42' -118'36'

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-119'06'

### Implications for the Walker Lane







**Central Walker Lane** 

### Northern Walker Lane













## Surface rupture mapping and characterization in the 2019 Ridgecrest earthquake sequence: USGS perspective

Ryan Gold & Christopher DuRoss





## 2019 Ridgecrest EQ Sequence



Barnhart et al., 2019, GRL



## **Field Based Measurements**

#### Data:

•9500 observations submitted to CGS/USGS. See credits on last slide.
•Post review, M7.1 = 576 measurements and M6.4, 96 measurements identified for slip distribution analysis.

Measurements: •Lateral & vertical displacement (cm), w/uncertainty Fault zone width (m) •Scarp facing direction



USGS scientist (DuRoss) measures vertical separation

(Ponti et al., in review, SRL; DuRoss et al., in review, BSSA)

## Field Based Measurements - Problems

 Digital vs fieldnotebook Too many fields in ArcCollector Variable measurement style Measurement units, Measurement methods (indiv vs sum) •Team size (smaller = better) Signal vs. noise (slip observations vs crack measurement, field track lines, general rupture obs, helicopter pts, etc) Transcription errors, limited documentation no reported uncertainties



## Earthquake response - structure

## USGS

-Event response coordinator (Hough) -Geologic coordinators (Gold & Kendrick) -NEHRP coordinator (Scharer) -Seismic deployment (Cochran) -Geodesy deployment (Brooks) -Landslides & liquefaction (Jibson) -Media (Davis) -Talking points & situation reports (Page) -Aftershock forecasting (Michael)

CGS -Geologic coordinators (Dawson & Hernandez) -and certainly more activities

## Partnership was/is strong!

## Data Collection (digital and/vs analog)


### Data Collection (digital and/vs analog)

### **Digital Data Collection**

**Field Notebook** 

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H\_Uncert\_cm:float V\_Separation\_cm:float V\_Uncert\_cm:float

Scarp\_Face\_Dir: drop down with following options: N, NE... FZ\_width\_m: float Notes: text (300 characters) Other\_NotesGPSPhotos: text (100 characters)



7/12/19, Field Notes

### Challenges

 Coordination/Communication Site acccess (NAWS) Many needs, limited resources Situational awareness Data collection standards Progress Reports (management) Long (18+ hr) days Many participants Data Access/Ownership



# Updates to Basin and Range geology input data for 2023 USGS National Seismic Hazard Model

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### Motivation

- USGS plans to release an update to U.S. National Seismic Hazard Model (NSHM) in 2023
- Geologic inputs have not been updated for NSHM since 2014, despite a map release in 2018
- Poorly organized geologic data for inputs to deformation model



Petersen et al., 2019

## Goals

- Provide NSHM group with most up-to-date knowledge of earthquake geology across the U.S.
- Organize geologic data into a useable, shareable format
- Create a database of what is known along active faults nationwide



Petersen et al., 2019

## Our objectives

- Bring the rest of the country up to California (UCERF3) standard
- 2. Add recent studies to dataset
- 3. Densify fault network & reassess fault geometries



### UCERF3 & WGUEP 2016 headers

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### NSHM 2014

Example: East Cache fault zone

No metadata fields for NSHM "hazfaults" included in source parameter page

> Some geologic info embedded in comments (not for all faults and inconsistent inclusion of data & refs)

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#### 2014 National Seismic Hazard Maps - Source Parameters

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### **Our timeline**



- Time is tight, but we will do what we can
- This will hopefully become a regularly updated database, so what is not included this time will be considered in future iterations

# What data do we need to achieve these goals?

- Geologic slip rates
- Paleoearthquake data
- Slip per event estimates
- Fault geometries

#### ....and metadata!

## How can you contribute/get involved?

- Microsoft form is accessible online for all agencies
- Flexibility in how to get your data to me
  - form is not the only vehicle!

### General fault info

#### "Paleo-Sites" data contributions

Please use this form to send data to Alex Hatem, who is leading the compilation and review these submissions for use in the National Seismic Hazard Map geologic source parameters. By filling out this form, you understand that data will be used at the discretion of database compilers and final modeling decisions, and agree to communicate with Alex Hatem (Mendenhall post-doc in Golden USGS office/GHSC) if questions with your data arise. You can reach Alex by email at ahatem@usgs.gov or by phone at 303-273-8474.

THE DEADLINE TO CONTRIBUTE NEW DATA USING THIS FORM IS MAY 29, 2020.

BE SURE TO CLICK SUBMIT AT THE END OF LAST PAGE FOR ALEX TO RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSES!

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#### Is this fault already included as an EQ source in Hazfaults?

View a rendering of Hastaults here: https://aco.is/1mnCW4 Generate Harlauits XML file here:" https://earthouake.usds.gov/arcpit/rest/services/haz/hazfaults2014/MacServer/generate/inf

Yes 340 Not sure

#### If not, is this fault in the Qfaults database? View a rendering of Qlauits here: https://arcy.is/ImmCHH Download Qfaults KM2 Rie here: https://earthouske.uspx.cov/bazards/afaults/ O Yes Not sure

This fault is a harfault

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Does this fault require updated geometry in the fault source database compared to the Hazfaults 2018 source data?

If so, please make such changes within the workflow outlined by Peter Powers (ampowers@usas.aav).

#### Yes No

Not sure

Site name, if applicable

Enter your answer

Site latitude and longitude (decimal degrees preferred), if applicable

Enter your answer

## Geologic data fields within form

- Slip rates
  - Time interval, dating method, uncertainty in measurements, how many EQ intervals included in each rate, ratings, etc...
- Paleoearthquakes
  - Oxcal input files, number of events, depositional hiatuses, ratings, etc...
- Slip per event
  - Show your work!

### **Citation information**

- Willing to accept anything for internal review, but unpublished/unreviewed work may not be included in the final database
- Our preference is peerreviewed *products*
- Because USGS is a public entity, all data should be available to the public



If no, how are these data preserved (i.e., abstract, field trip guide, etc)? What is the \*full\* citation for the work?

If possible, please email me a digital/scanned copy of the "gray" literature where I can find the data you entered in this form (<u>ahatem@usgs.gov</u>)

Enter your answer

Section 5

### **Overall interpretation**

 Attempt to capture the nuance in geologic data that may not be wellexpressed otherwise in the form questions/publication on this site

Secti	ion 6	
	Optionalyour opinion!	
	Final thoughts on your data	

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What do you honestly think of the data you are about to submit? How should the model use these data as input? (for example: do you think they deserve low, equal, high weight?) Are there caveats that I should consider but have not yet been made clear in this form?

Enter your answer

# Importance of database science

- Apparent sampling bias of slip rates in California as sampled by Dawson and Weldon, 2013 for UCERF3
  - Does this bias matter for hazard calculations?
  - How does hazard change when using similarly aged
  - $\rightarrow$  Conduct sensitivity analyses



### Importance of site-specific data

• Capture changes in geologic behavior along faults measured as points on a line

→Example for why this matters: Potential to highlight non-geometric segmentation (could be expressed as slip rate gradients along strike)

### Example of how we are starting...

## State of Nevada

**Blue lines:** NSHM modelled faults **Black lines: USGS** QFaults White circles: "site\_investigations"/QFFD refs <u>Yellow squares:</u> USGS ID'ed sites to be reviewed Pink lines: Faults of concern as listed in

previous Nevada Working Group reports



Contributions are welcome from now until May 29, 2020!

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# Ryan with specific IMW examples of high priority updates

#### **Quaternary fault and fold database** "Qfaults"



#### **2014 NSHM source faults "Hazfaults"**

https://earthquake.usgs.gov/cfusion/hazfaults\_2014\_search/query\_main\_





### **IMW Region**

•spans 12 states •Overlap with other USGS regions: PacNW/Cascadia, N. California, and S. California •Most populous metro areas 4.9M Phoenix, AZ 2.7M El Paso-Juarez, AZ/Mexico 2.2M Las Vegas, NV 1.2 M Salt Lake City, UT 1.0M Tuscon, AZ 0.9M Albuquerque, NM 0.7M Boise, ID 0.4M Reno, NV 0.1M Missoula, MT



### IMW Region -Qfaults

•1610 faults in IMW (2158 total for United States)
•62k Qfault lines in IMW (>108k total for United States)



#### Seismic source faults (NSHM 2014) •334 faults in IMW (645 total for United States)...many missing

sources compared to Qfaults

### New<br/>Slip ratesReno/Carson City/Tahoe(<1M pop.)</th>



#### **Priorities**

- Revisit distributed dextral shear (C-Zone? More faults?)
- 2. Address Dog Valley/Polaris X-fault geometry
- 3. Add additional faults (Olinghouse, Wassuk strike-slip, Grizzly Valley, etc.)
- 4. Update slip-rates based on recent studies (N. Valley faults, Honey Lake fault, Mohawk Valley fault, etc.)

#### Las Vegas, NV (2.2M pop.) + W. Arizona



#### **Priorities**

- Eglington fault revise slip rate lower based on recent studies
- Eglington fault -Consider logic-tree approach to deal with seismogenic potential of this fault
   Consider adding
  - additional Las Vegas Valley faults
- 4. Mead Slope fault Add?

# Valentini et al., 2020, BSSA Liberty, 2019, UQFPW Richfield sphir, Esri, Garmin, HERE, UN

### Salt Lake City, UT (2.2M pop.)

**Priorities** 1. Wasatch fault – update geometry based on (a) lidar mapping from Utah Geological Survey and (b) seismic-reflection imaging in downtown area

- 2. Integrate UCERF3-style modeling
- Consider Joe's Valley fault
   WGUEP 2016 Report
- 5. Faults in SW Utah (add as sources?)

Piety et al., 2019, UQFPWG

#### Missoula, MT / Jackson, WY



#### **Priorities**

Bitterroot fault – Add as source (100 km long normal fault, 0.1-0.3 mm/yr vertical slip rate) 2. Teton fault – Update (extend) southern extent. Update sliprate based on recent work

3. Stagner Creek and S.
Granite Mtn. fault (WY) – (Re)evaluate whether should be included as source

#### NE California & N. Nevada



#### **Priorities**

 N. Nevada – Add additional Quaternary undifferentiated faults as sources with nominal slip-rate?
 NE California – Add additional sources?



#### Arizona

#### **Priorities**

- 1. Incorporate new data from Sevier fault as available
- 2. Add Meade Slope fault to NSHM sources and incorporate paleoseismology/slip rates as available



#### New Mexico

# Priorities1. Faults surrounding<br/>Los Alamos Lab

## Potential discussion topics

- How can we make this work easiest for you?
- Feedback on approach/database construction
- High priority faults/studies to focus on
- How to treat uncertainty in geologic inputs?
- How to assign geologic slip rates where they don't (yet) exist?
  →i.e., fault polygons/broad zones of "distributed" deformation