



# Spatial modeling of landslide susceptibility: An open-source web-based approach using interactive R Shiny

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## Spatial Prediction of Landslide Hazard Using Logistic Regression and ROC Analysis

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## Spatially and temporally distributed modeling of landslide susceptibility

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## Integrating a fuzzy *k*-means classification and a Bayesian approach for spatial prediction of landslide hazard

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## Discerning landslide susceptibility using rough sets

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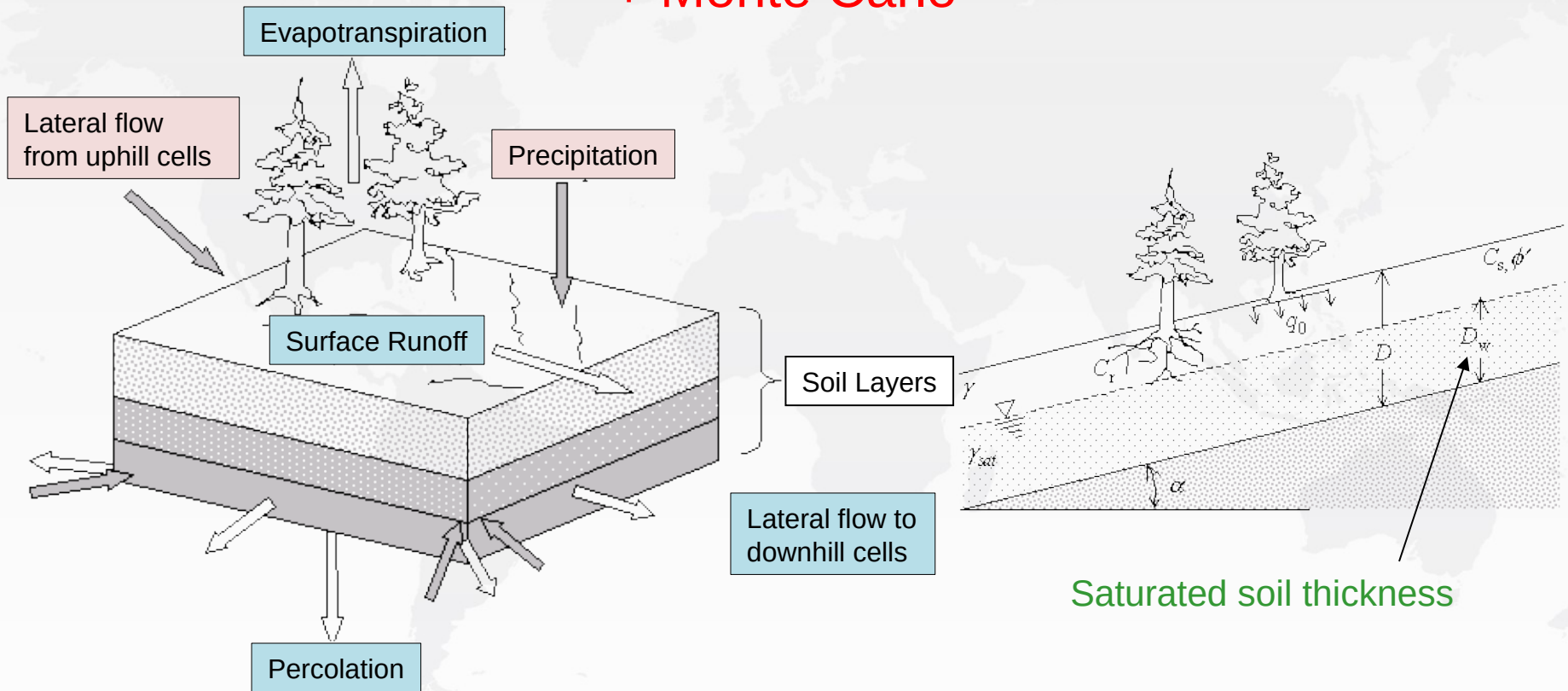
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# Spatio-Temporal Modeling

Soil Moisture Routing (SMR) model + Infinite Slope Equation  
+ Monte Carlo



$$D_i \frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = P(t)_i - ET(t)_i + \sum Q_{in.i} - \sum Q_{out.i} - L_i - R_i$$

Daily water balance

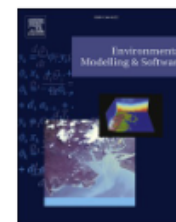
$$\sum \frac{\text{Resisting forces (shear strength)}}{\text{Driving forces (shear stress)}}$$



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## A free web-based approach for rainfall-induced landslide susceptibility modeling: Case study of Clearwater National Forest, Idaho, USA

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### ABSTRACT

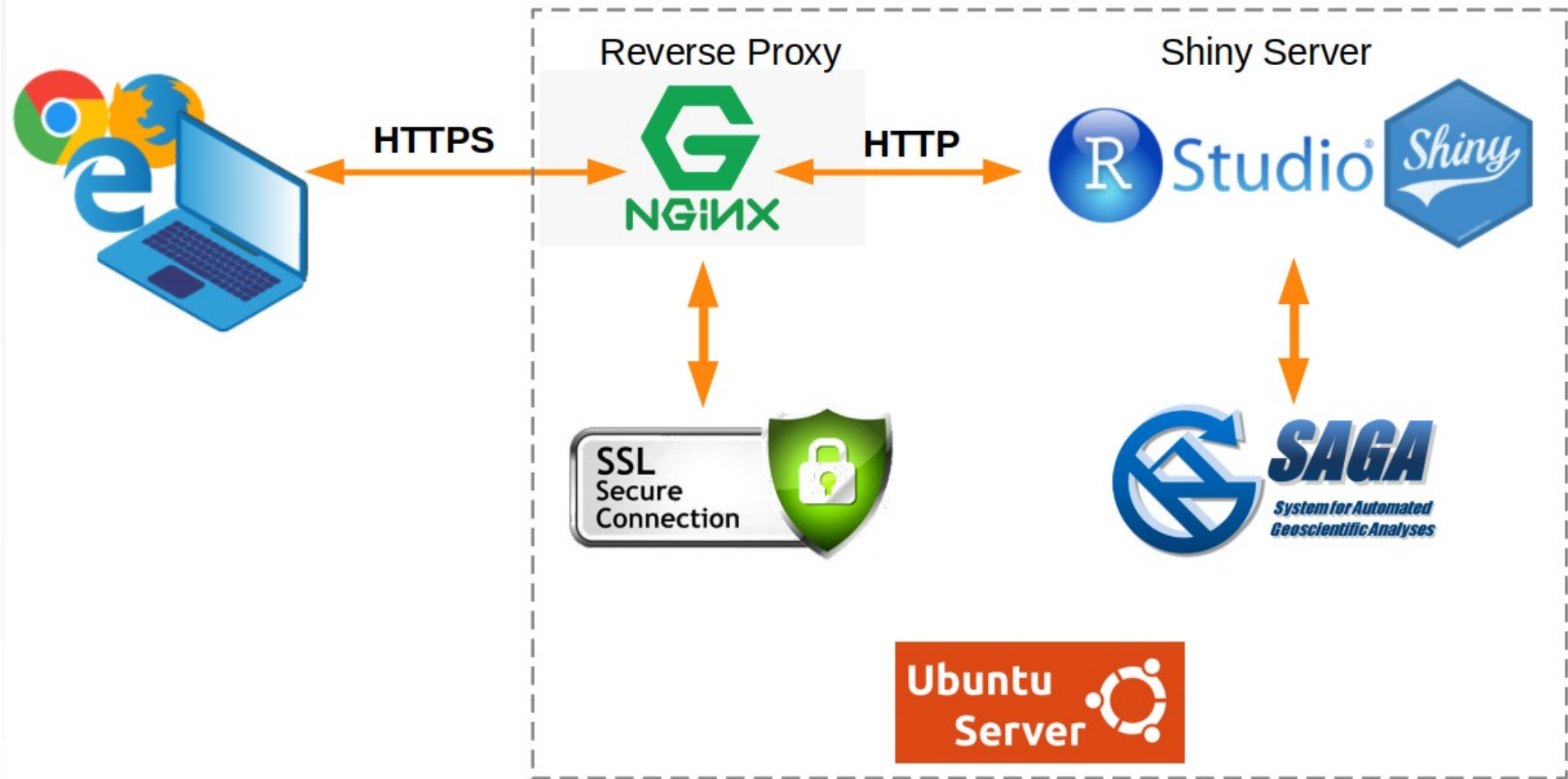
This study presents an interactive web-based approach for modeling rainfall-induced landslide susceptibility using Free Open Source Software (FOSS). The design is based on the R statistical framework and Shiny package coupled with the shallow slope stability model (SHALSTAB) from SAGA GIS. The easy-to-use real-time application extends the potential of current modeling efforts to non-expert R and GIS users and can also be used in an educational context for classroom teaching activity and enabling research-informed learning. The parsimonious approach (i.e. few parameter inputs) is accomplished in two sequential steps including modeling and validation by the use of site-specific datasets. The approach was tested in a case study on the Clearwater National Forest and the results from the validation showed an overall accuracy of 0.894, kappa of 0.789 and AUC from ROC curve was 0.715. The modeled landslide potential may be used as a decision-support tool for local planning.

### 1. Introduction

Rainfall-induced shallow landslides are the most common gravitational mass movements caused under conditions of transient infiltration into initially unsaturated soils (Baum et al., 2010; Lehmann et al., 2013). The intense or prolonged rainfall is usually the main triggering mechanism that weakens the soil shear strength by increasing soil water content and pore water pressure. The assessment of rainfall-induced landslide susceptibility at local and regional scales which is necessary

knowledge derived from past failures can be used for predicting future failure conditions. However, scenarios that cause landslide failure are altered and changing due to climatic effects and need to be addressed by using physical laws (Hürlimann et al., 2022). At present, altered situations are addressed by widespread deployment of artificial intelligence techniques which accelerate discovery of physical laws and governing processes that influence instability factors. Despite all of that, the existing physically-based models are still an important asset for landslide modeling and understanding new conditions as a result of envi-

# System architecture of the web-based system



# Shallow slope stability model (SHALSTAB)

SHALSTAB is a **deterministic model** that calculates the critical **shallow groundwater recharge conditions** (mm/day) that can destabilize a slope.

The model couples **cohesionless infinite plane slope stability** model and **steady-state shallow subsurface flow** (i.e., hydrological model).

**Infinite slope model** is the ratio of resisting (shear strength) to driving forces (shear stress)

The **hydrological model calculates the spatial patterns of soil saturation** (i.e., wetness) using upslope contributing areas, soil transmissivity and local slope with a presumption that the flow infiltrates to a lower conductivity layer and follows topographically determined flow paths.

# Hydrological Model Wetness

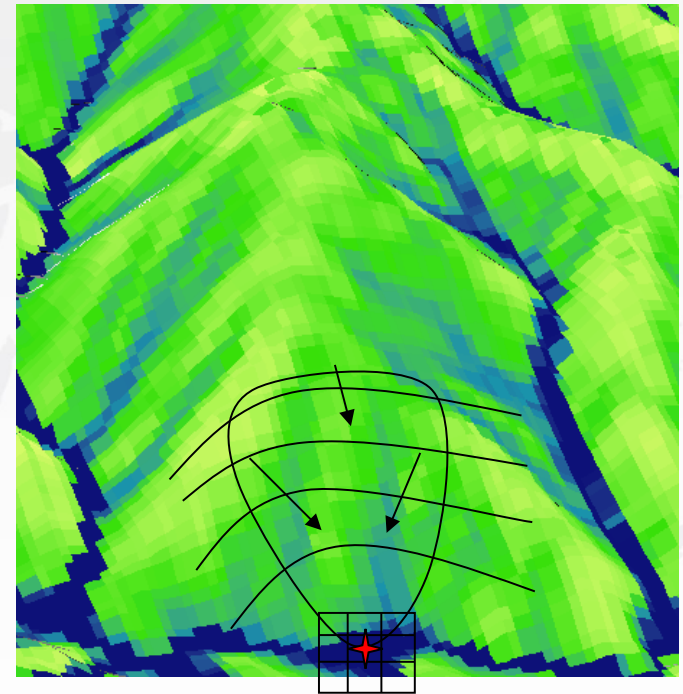
**Wetness Index** represents the spatial distribution of *water flow across a given area* in order *to predict zones of saturation*

$$CTI = \ln(A_s / \tan \beta)$$

where:

$A_s$  is the specific catchment area (is large typically in converging segments of landscapes)

$\beta$  is the local slope angle (is small at base of concave slopes where slope gradient is reduced)



(Speight, 1974; Bevan & Kirkby, 1979; Moore et al. 1991; 1993)



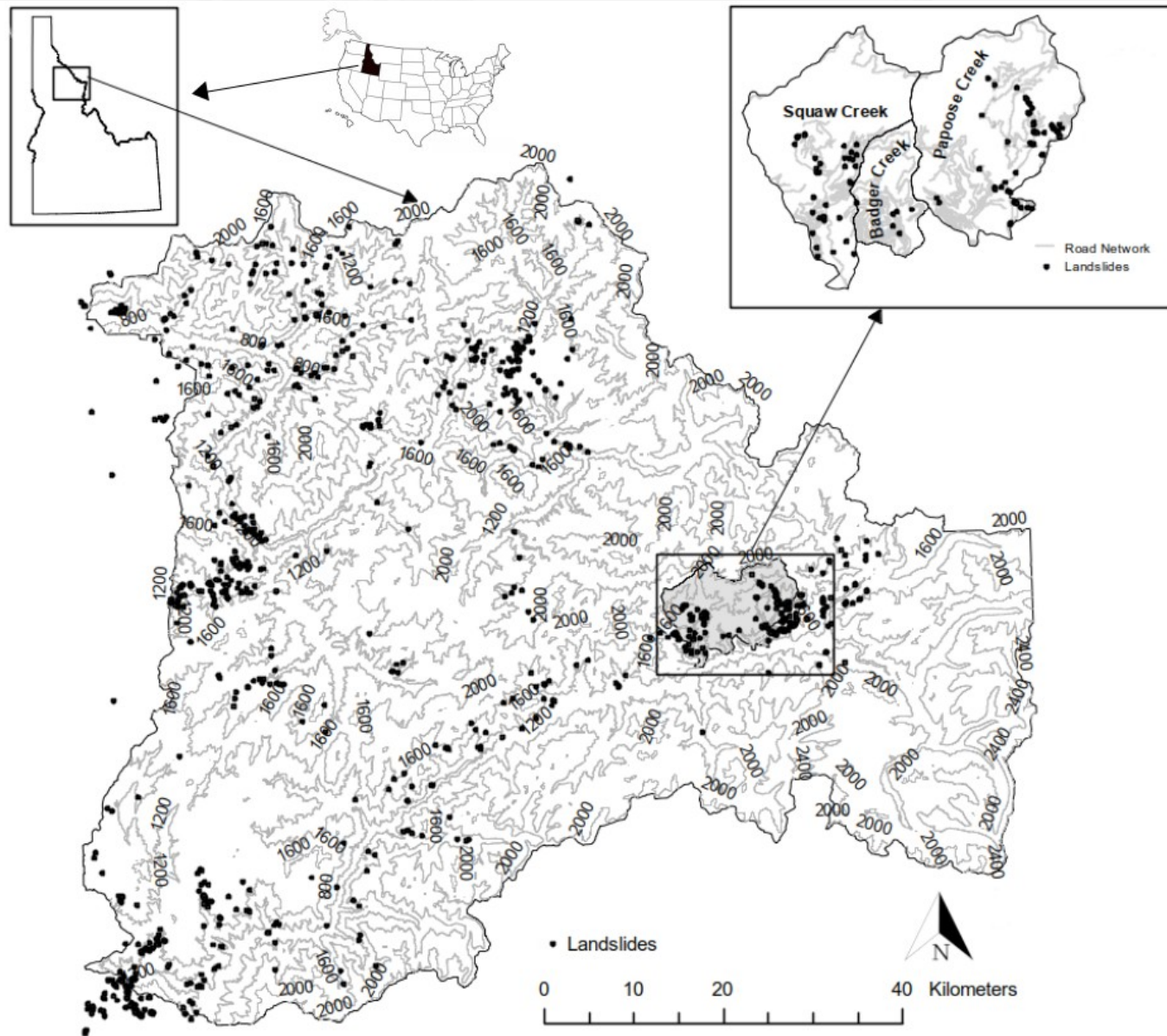
# SHALSTAB

The *critical steady-state rainfall (Q)* that is predicted to cause instability at each grid cell is solved by the following equation:

$$Q_c = T \sin \theta / (a / b) [\rho_s / \rho_w (1 - \tan \theta / \tan \varphi)]$$

where topographic terms from the DEM include drainage area that contributes subsurface flow **a**, the outflow boundary length (i.e. cell width) **b**, and the local slope of the ground surface or angle which is assumed to be parallel to the failure plan **θ**. The rest of the parameters include the saturated *bulk density of the soil* **ρ<sub>s</sub>**, the *water bulk density* is **ρ<sub>w</sub>**, the *angle of internal friction* **φ**, and the *soil transmissivity* **T**, which is given by the product of the soil thickness and water level above the failure plane.

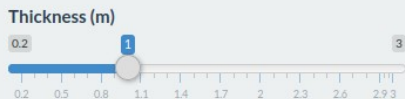
# Clearwater National Forest



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Choose a layer:

Classified Critical Recharge (CR)

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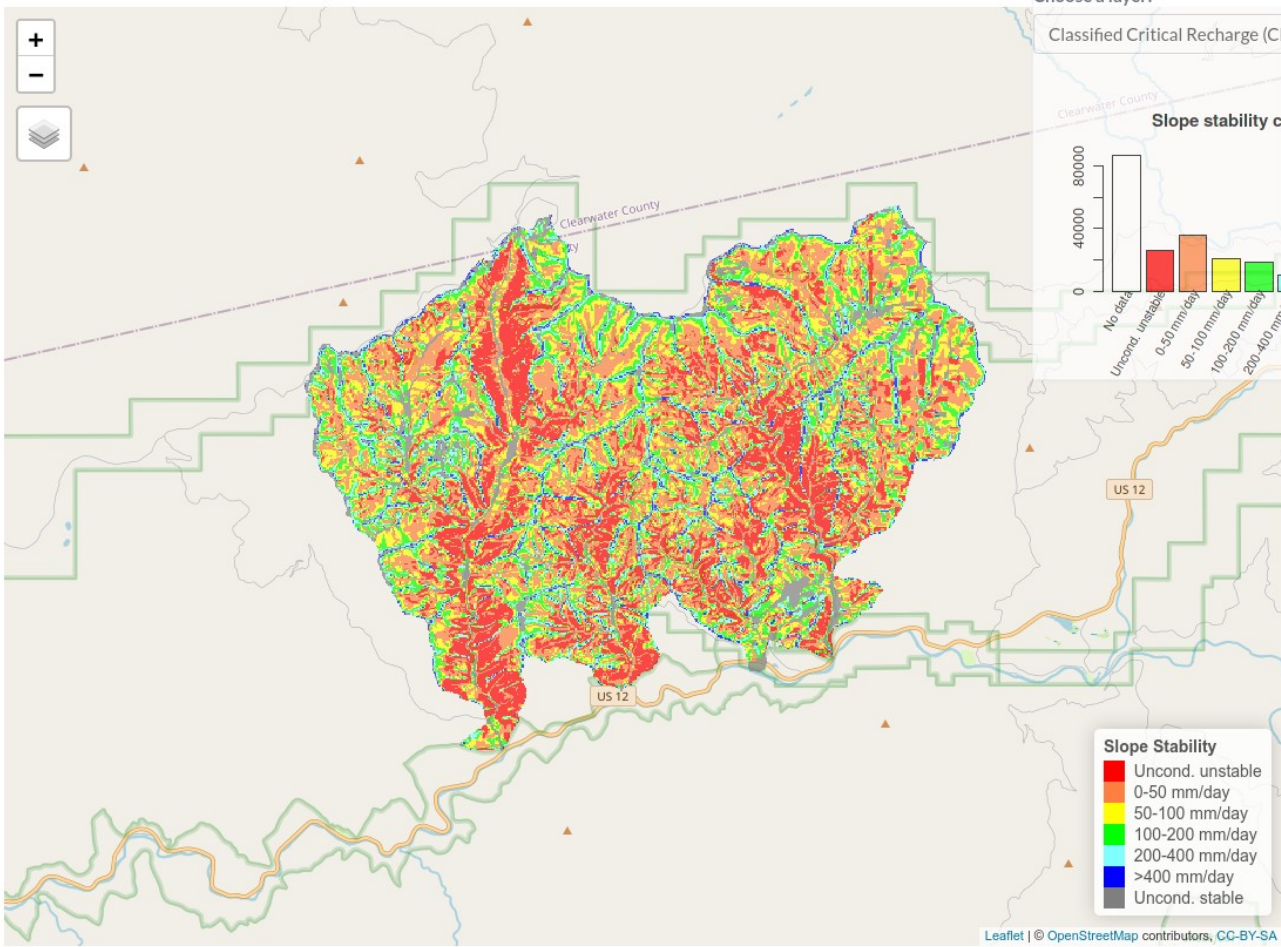
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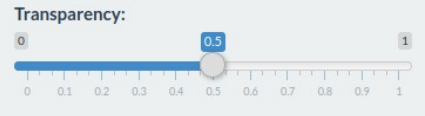
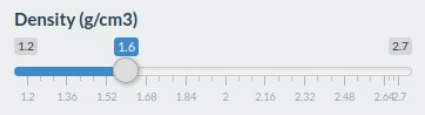




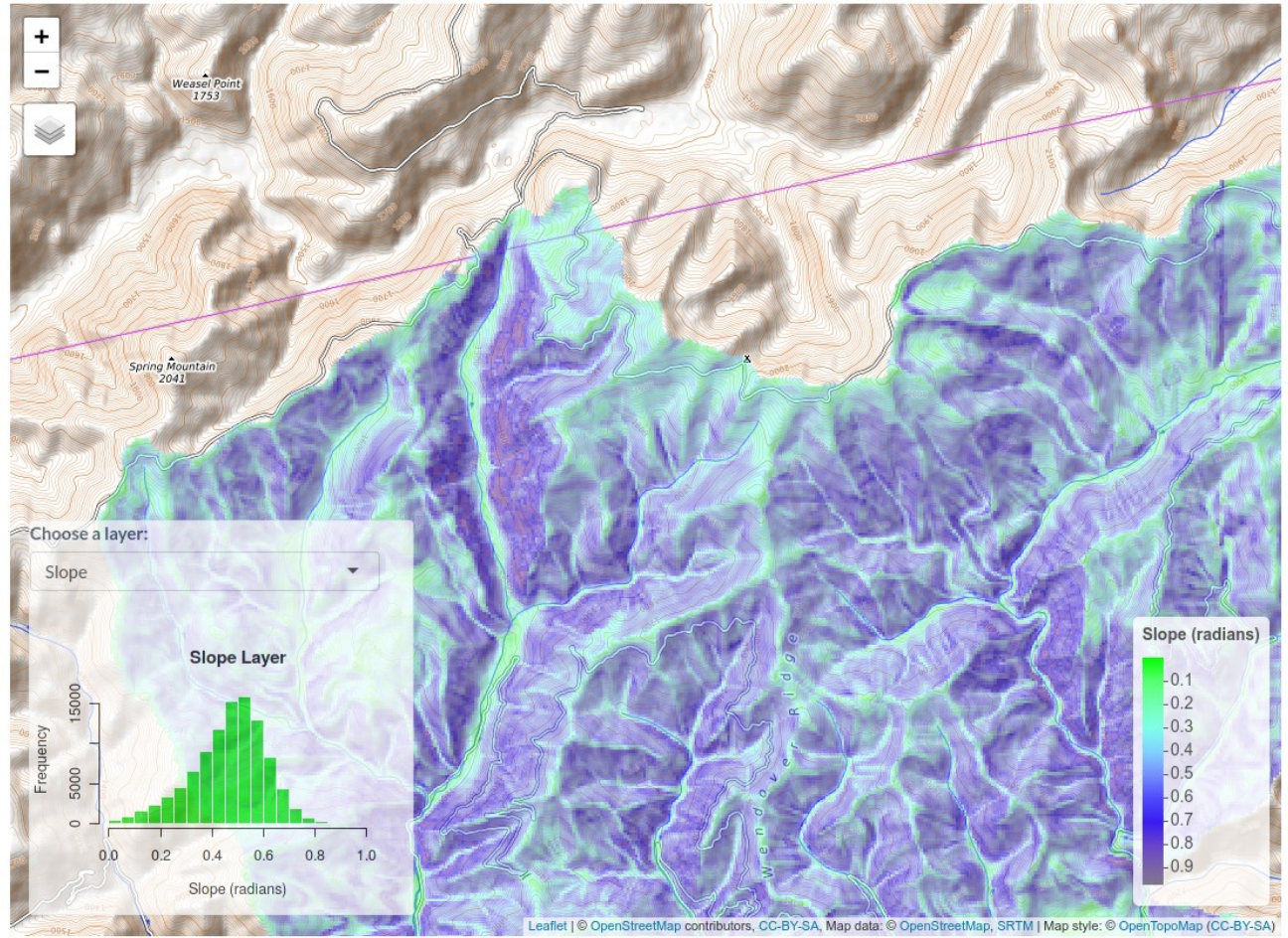
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CR Values Threshold

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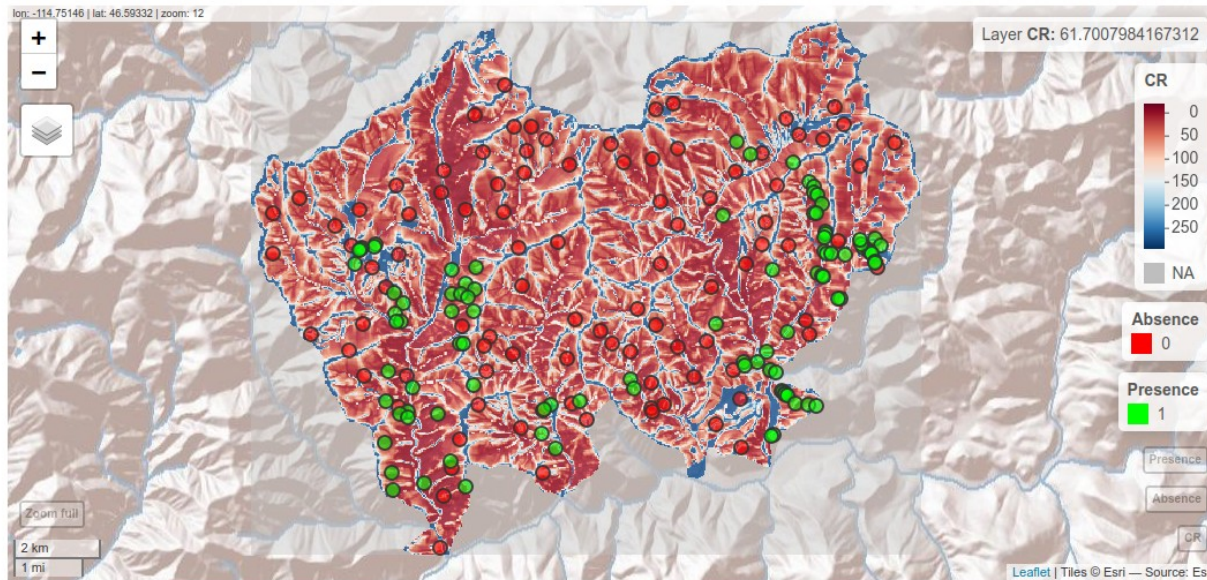
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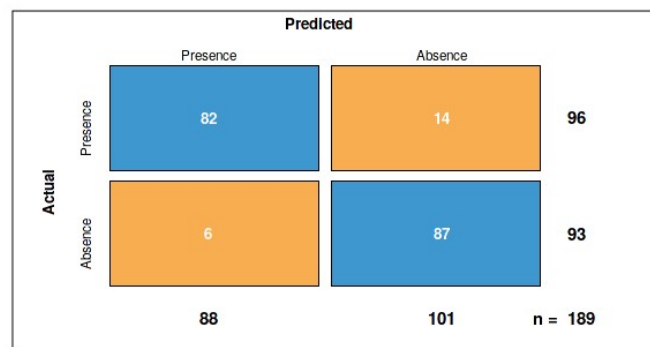
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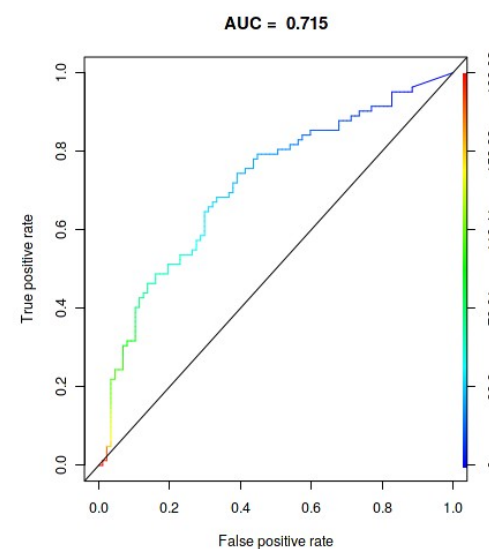


Confusion Matrix



DETAILS				
Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision	Recall	F1
0.854	0.935	0.932	0.854	0.891
Accuracy		Kappa		
0.894		0.789		

ROC Curve



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# Landslide Susceptibility Report

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## Slope Stability Report

SHALSTAB (Shallow Slope Stability) computes grid cell critical shallow groundwater recharge values (CR in mm/day) as a measure for relative shallow slope stability, utilizing a simple model that combines a steady-state hydrologic model (a topographic wetness index) to predict groundwater pressures with an infinite slope stability model.

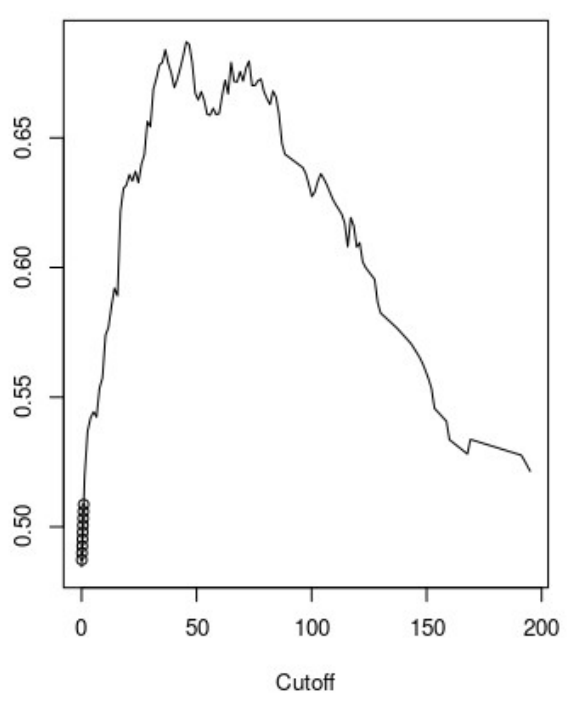
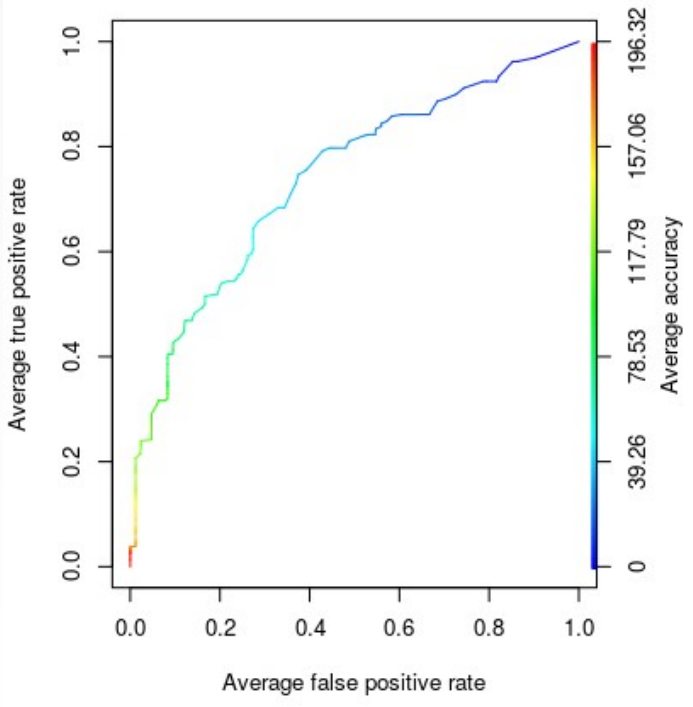
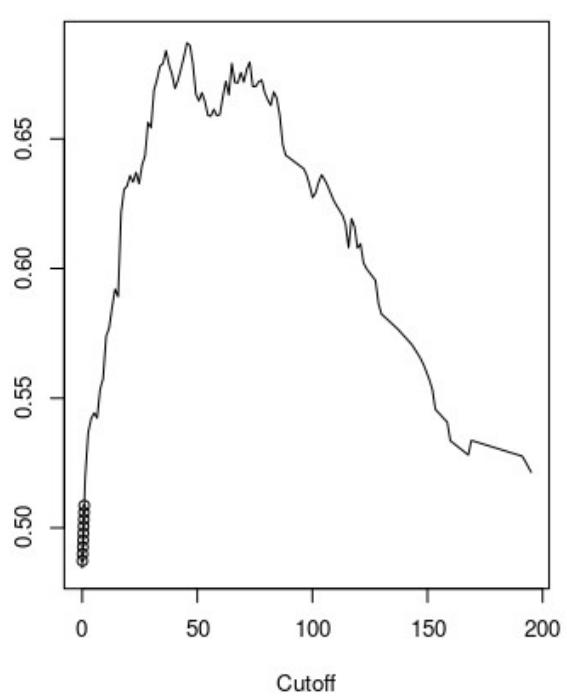
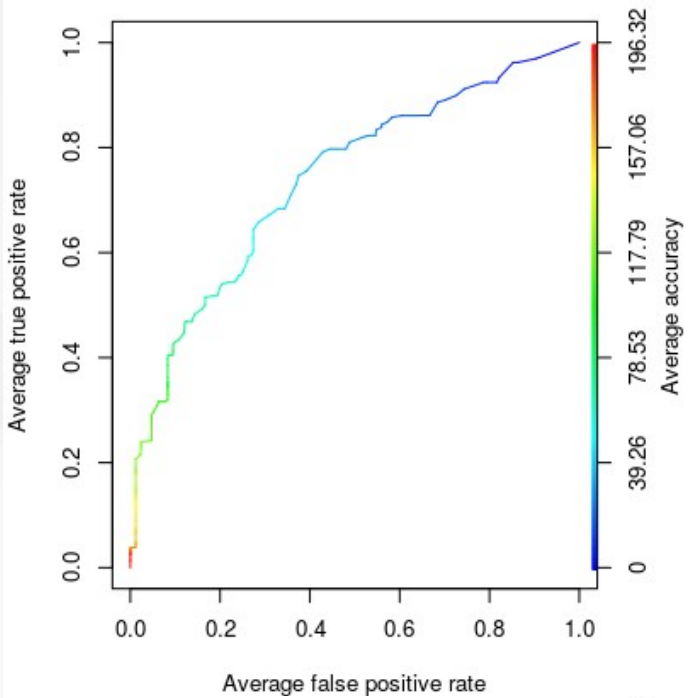
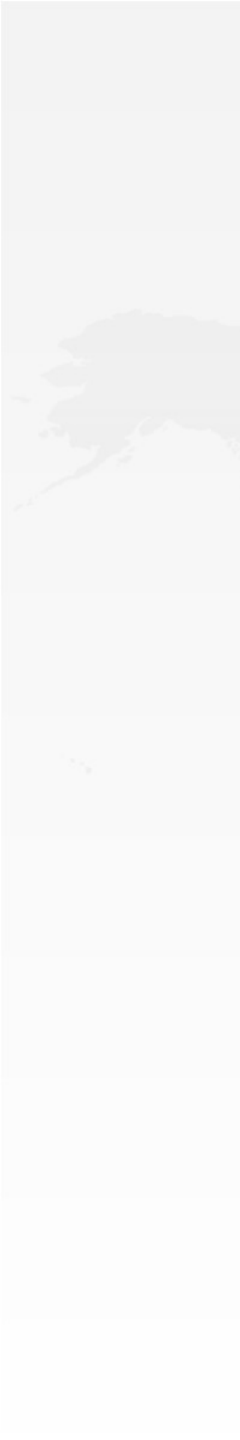
**Reference:** *Montgomery D. R., Dietrich, W. E. (1994) A physically based model for the topographic control on shallow landsliding. Water Resources Research, 30, 1153-1171*

## SHALSTAB Input Parameters

Material Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>): 1.6  
Hydraulic Conductivity (m/hr): 2.7  
Material Friction Angle (degree): 33  
Material Thickness (m): 1  
Bulk Cohesion (MPa): 0

## Model Inputs & Outputs Information

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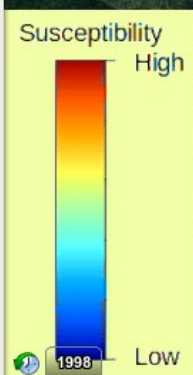
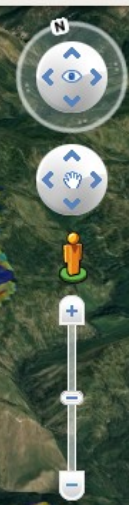
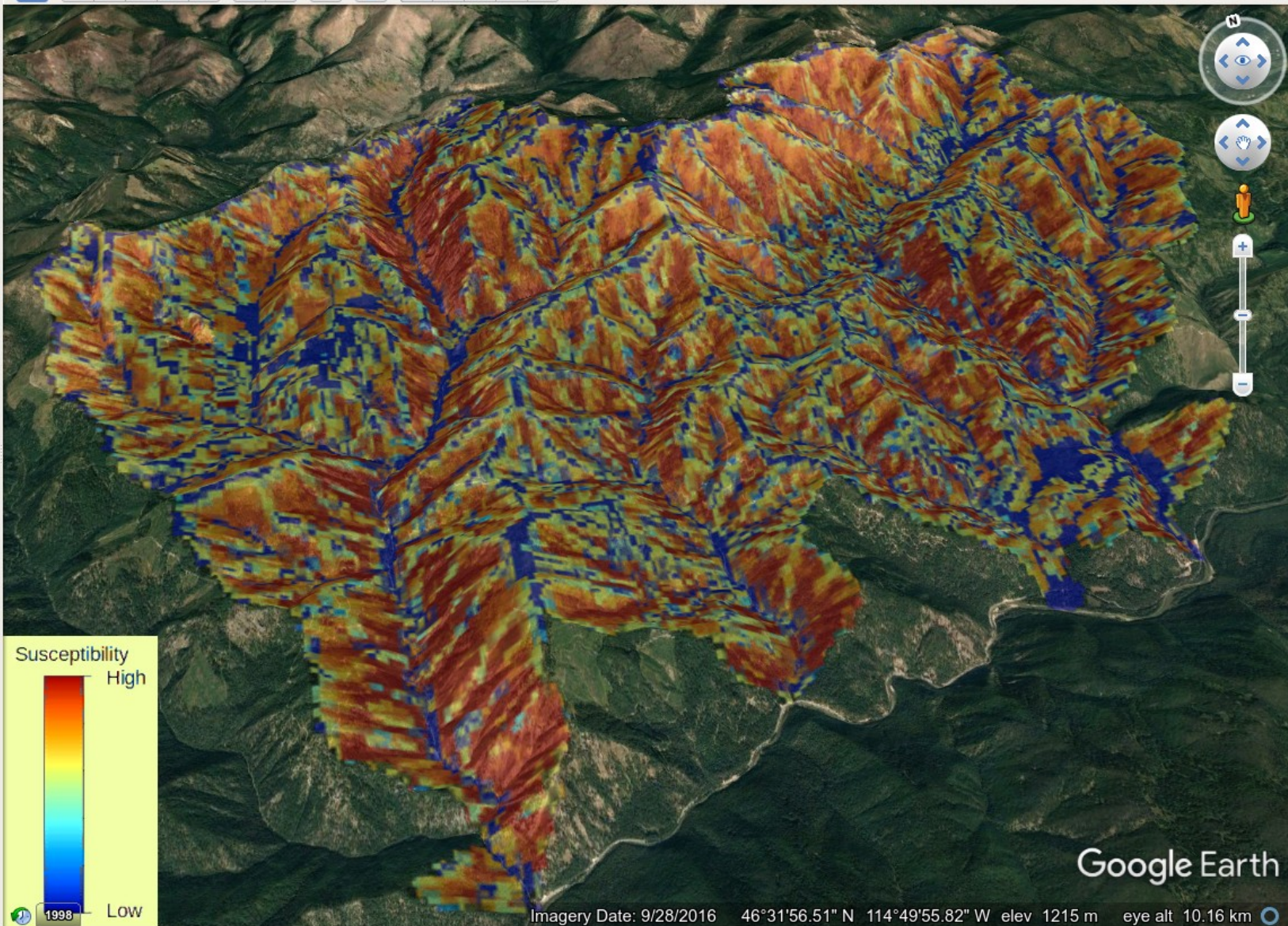
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# Conclusions

The presented web-based framework extends the capabilities of existing spatial models for landslide susceptibility for ***non-R*** and ***non-GIS users*** and can also be used in an ***educational context for classroom teaching activity***.

By lowering technical hurdles of this web-based approach, ***powerful functions are made accessible to a wider user community***.

The work sheds light on an ***interactive modeling*** and ***visualization*** that can facilitate decision-making by ***local planners*** who are often required to alter the level of risk which depends on different circumstances.

The case study demonstration showed an produced an ***overall accuracy of 0.894, kappa of 0.789*** and ***0.715 (AUC)***.

# Future Work

Integration with other modules such as the ***Stability Index Mapping (SINMAP)*** which is a ***stochastic and distributed model*** (i.e., requires the maximum and minimum input parameter values)

Providing tools for ***interactive downloads*** and ***preprocessing of DEM*** datasets, adding flexibility to spatial services

Landslide Inventory and ***access to standardized landslide datasets.***

Enabling ***real-time group-based spatial decision support systems*** (SDSS) as a collaborative framework for landslide susceptibility.

Thank You!  
Questions ???

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