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The Official

AEG Nisqually Chapter Newsletter

Meeting Details

Wednesday May 20th

Location: Mercato Ristorante

111 Market St NE

Olympia, WA

[Google Maps Link](#)

5:30pm Social hour and buffet

6:30 pm Presentation

7:30pm Brief Q&A

\$30 Member or Non-Member

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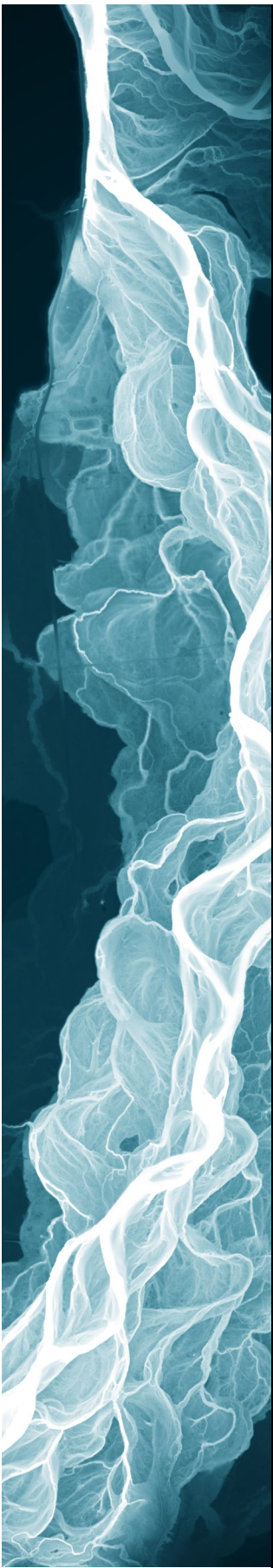
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Rockfall Emergency at I-5 in Whatcom County, Washington

Emergency response to landslides and rockfall events demands rapid decision-making, often with incomplete information. And time is of the essence, as many of these events happen in areas that affect the general public. So how do you answer the important question, "When is the road going to be back open?" This presentation presents the March 2026 rockfall emergency at I-5 Milepost 248.5 in Whatcom County, Washington and the 26-day closure of northbound I-5 that followed. We will review how we used a multidisciplinary approach to communicate uncertainty and a multi-phased approach to stabilization. This case demonstrates that clear communication of data limitations and uncertainty, rather than false certainty, strengthens stakeholder trust and enables defensible decisions in high-stakes geohazard mitigation.





Biography: Brittany Daley

Brittany Dayley, CEG, LEG, RG is a Project Engineering Geologist at Delve Underground based out of Portland, Oregon. Brittany has over a decade of experience spanning engineering geology, underground and surface mining, geotechnical investigation, and slope hazard assessment. At Delve Underground, her focus has primarily been on subsurface characterization and field exploration, rockfall and landslide identification and mitigation, emergency response, and geotechnical investigations for tunnel and shaft projects across the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Brittany earned a B.S. in Geology from the University of Oregon in 2014 and holds professional registrations as a Certified Engineering Geologist in Oregon, a Licensed Engineering Geologist in Washington State, and a Registered Geologist in Idaho.





Message from the Chair

Hello, AEG Nisqually!

Our meeting this month will be the season finale. We hope to see you there. We return to hosting a local speaker, rather than the two ‘baked-into-the-calendar talks’ that we offer every spring (the Jahns Lecturer and the AEG President). I expect this presentation will be exciting, with the topic being the recent rockslide that blocked I-5 south of Bellingham. We are proud to be hosting a former AEG Nisqually Chair, and we hope that those of you who were here during Britt’s tenure will be able to catch up with her, as her career has gone through some twists and turns since she chaired our Chapter from Fall 2021 to Spring 2023. Come hang out with us, eat some pizza, and hear Britt’s exciting tale.

Volunteering with AEG Nisqually

First, a shout-out to our 2025-2026 essential volunteers. This includes Kate Mickelson (newsletter) and Kara Jacobacci (remote meetings, stickers, and tech), and our board officers. We could not do this without you and your volunteerism is greatly appreciated.

There are a few different ways you can volunteer with AEG Nisqually, from offering help with a specific function (i.e., organize a field trip, give a presentation, contribute to the newsletter, suggest a new venue, coordinate a dinner menu, host a picnic, lead a fossil hunt, whatever you can bring!) to being an officer on our board. AEG Nisqually will always accept and appreciate the energy you offer. Just come talk to any one of your board officers, or send us an email and we will fit you in and right-size your volunteer effort.

I want to make plug for being on the AEG Nisqually board. A common cause of AEG Chapters fizzling out or losing steam is a lack of board turnover, which results in board burnout. It’s not a particularly difficult gig being on the board, but it is comforting to know that someone will come and take over your role eventually. Being on the AEG Nisqually board is a great way to experience working within a non-profit organization and contributing to the community. It allows you to network with other geo-professionals, provides opportunities to get you up in front of people, and raises your professional profile.

I am not going to be our Chair next year. Our Secretary, Sam Angel, is interested in giving it a whirl, and I’m confident he can do it, so I’m stepping aside. We will be in good hands with Sam, and I plan to remain nearby to help with finding speakers and assisting in any way I am asked to. This opens the Secretary position. You can ask Sam what this position entails, but I can safely say that it is not a big lift. It is a good way to see how the Chapter works and to get involved. Especially if you are early in your career, I encourage you to consider volunteering to be our Chapter Secretary. Please speak up when you hear the call.

Please renew your membership and select AEG Nisqually

When you renew your AEG membership be sure to select Nisqually as your Chapter. It puts a few more bucks into the Chapter account and keeps our numbers up.

It’s great to be part of AEG Nisqually! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Gabe Taylor

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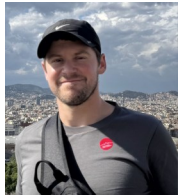
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