

# The Breaching of a Dam

Teton Dam Failure in 1976





The Earthen Dam is Leaking  
Water from the Base

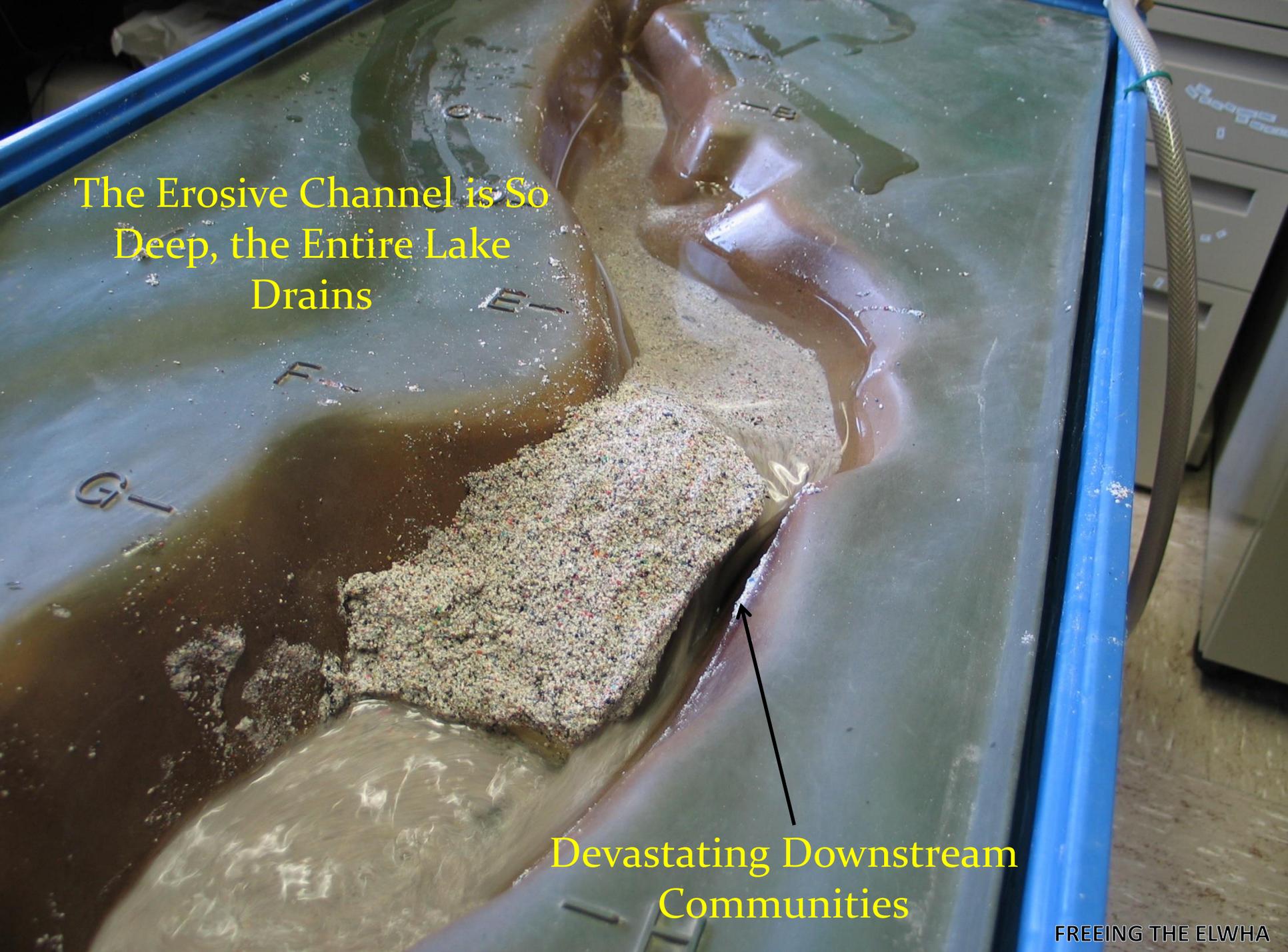
← All Dams Leak!

The Pressure of the Lake is  
Causing the Base to  
Rupture

Heavy Rains Are Causing  
the Lake to Top the Dam

The Lake Has Topped the  
Dam  
Causing it to Erode into it  
and Releasing a Torrent





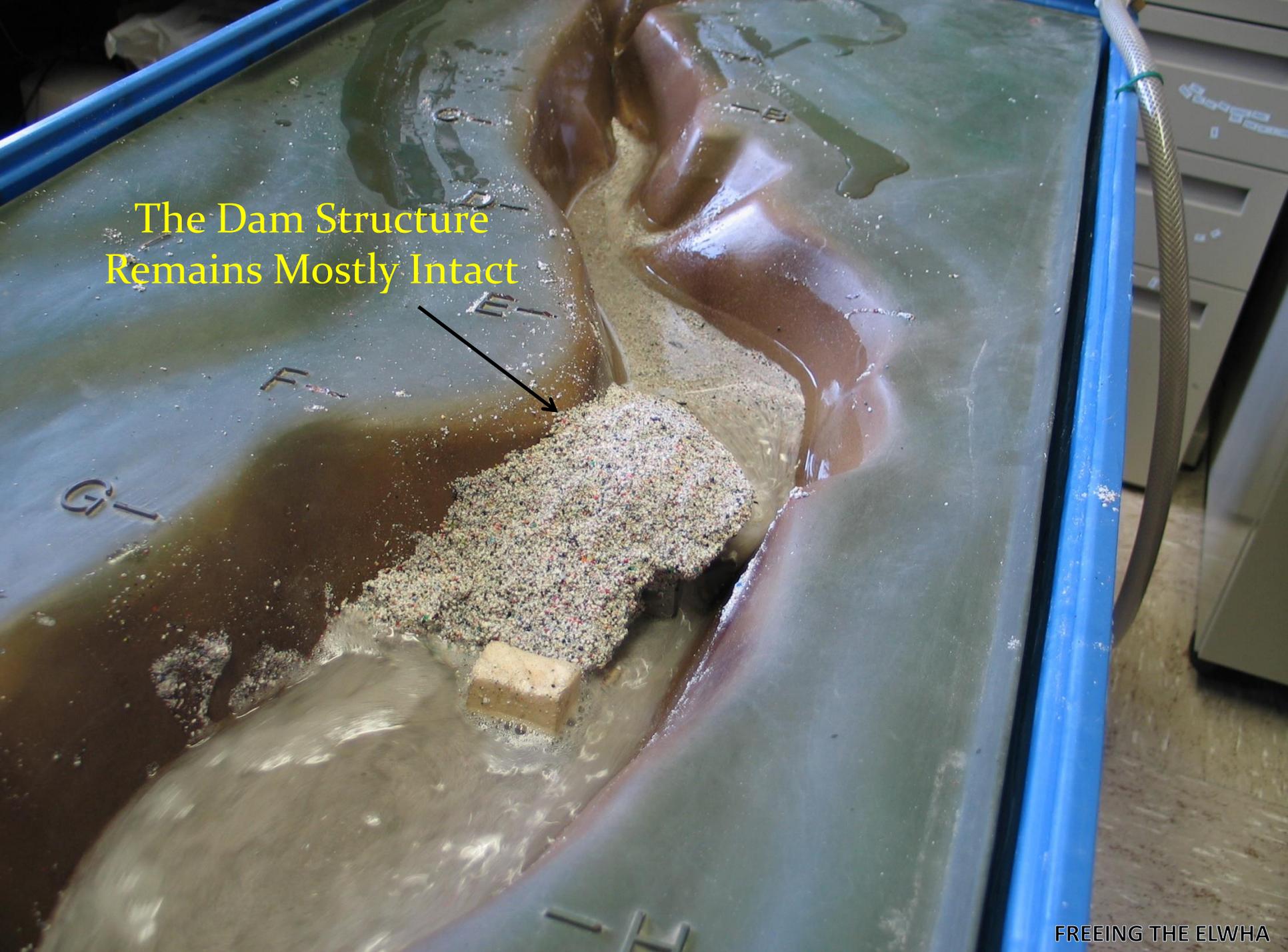
The Erosive Channel is So  
Deep, the Entire Lake  
Drains

Devastating Downstream  
Communities

The Torrent is Stripping  
Pieces of the Foundation  
Away



The Dam Structure  
Remains Mostly Intact



The Lake Has Drained and  
the Torrent is Over





Time to Clean Up From the  
Flood Waters

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