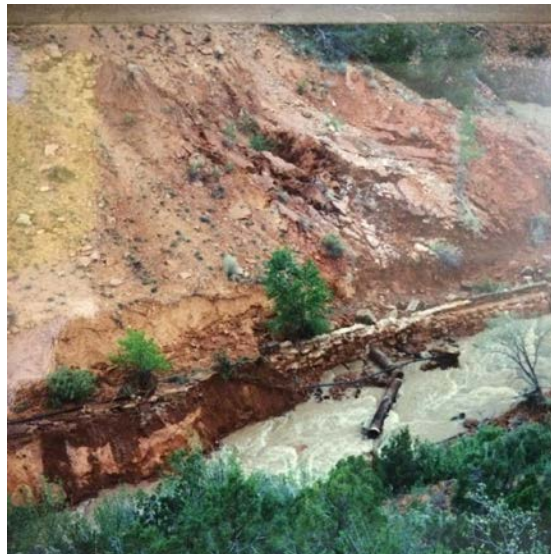




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HISTORY

On the evening of April 12, 1995, a landslide blocked the North Fork of the Virgin River in Zion Canyon. The slide measured over 500 feet long, and occurred approximately ½ mile north of the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway. The lake which formed behind the slide began to overflow and carved a new course through the roadbed of the adjacent Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. As a result, nearly 600 feet of road was destroyed.

This collection is composed of memoranda, maps, reports, press releases, letters, construction planning materials, permits, and other items that document the slide and the road reconstruction project.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Zion Canyon 1995 Landslide Archive Collection

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| <i>CATALOG NUMBER</i> | ZION 12350 |
| <i>ACCESSION NUMBER</i> | ZION-01010 |
| <i>VOLUME</i> | 209 EA |
| <i>DESCRIPTION</i> | MATERIAL AND INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATING TO THE LANDSLIDE THAT HAPPENED IN ZION CANYON IN 1995. |
| <i>ORGANIZATION</i> | Organized into 3 Series: Folder 1, Folder 2, and Folder 3. Folder 1: Letters, Press Releases, Memorandums, etc. Folder 2: Reports Folder 3: Black and White Photographs |
| <i>PROVENANCE</i> | Collection contains material associated with the Zion Canyon 1995 Landslide and its aftermath. It includes press releases, articles, letters, memorandums, reports and photograph all housed in the museum archives. |
| <i>RESTRICTIONS</i> | NO |
| <i>ASSOCIATED MATERIALS</i> | |

HIERARCHY

Series 1: Letters, Memorandums, Press Releases, etc

Series 2: Reports

Series 3: Photographs

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1: Letters, Memorandums, Press Releases, etc

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Joint Permit Application Form, Channel Alteration, application number 95-81-12SA

Letter, dated May 11, 1995 to Zion Superintendent Donald Falvey, from Utah State Engineer Robert L. Morgan, concerning Stream Alteration Permit, 95-81-12SA

Letter, dated December 22, 1995 to Zion Superintendent from Utah State Engineer Robert L. Morgan, concerning Stream Alteration Permit, 95-81-12SA, attached to copy of permit

Letter, dated January 3, 1996 to Zion Superintendent from Utah State Engineer Robert L. Morgan, concerning state's approval of Stream Alteration Permit 95-81-12SA

Letter (copy), dated November 28, 1995 to Claudia Nissley, Director of the Western Office of Project Review, Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, from Zion Assistant Superintendent, Eddie Lopez, concerning proposed realignment of Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. On reverse side: a copy of concurrence letter, dated November 24, 1995, to Zion Superintendent, from Barbara L. Murphy, Utah State Historical Society, concerning proposed realignment of Zion Canyon Scenic Drive

Letter (copy), dated November 2, 1995 to Max Evans, Utah State Historic Preservation Office, from Zion Superintendent, concerning proposed realignment of Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. On reverse: copy of letter dated November 2, 1995 to Angelita Bullets, Kaibab Paiute Tribe, from Zion Superintendent, concerning proposed realignment of Zion Canyon Scenic Drive

Assessment of Effect Review Form, Review Comments, Colorado Plateau System

Support Office, concerning proposed realignment of Zion Canyon Scenic Drive

Assessment of Effect Form (copy), Realignment of Floor of the Valley Highway (Zion Canyon scenic Drive)

Meeting Minutes, Sponge Rock Slide Planning Meeting, April 21, 1995

Memorandum to files, dated February 8 1996, concerning NEPA documentation for Phase 2 sentinel Slide road/Utility Repair

Letter, dated May 23, 1995, to Division Engineer Larry Smith, from ZION Superintendent Falvey, concerning April 12, 1995 landslide

Letter (copy), dated May 26, 1995, to Division Engineer Larry Smith, from Zion Superintendent Falvey, concerning April 12 1995 landslide. Attached to letter: Hydrographs of the North Fork of the Virgin River, and report: *Reconnaissance Study of the April 12, 1995 Landslide in Zion Canyon*, by Robert L. Schuster and Gerald F. Wiczorek, U.S. Geological Survey

Memorandum/Trip Report (copy) no date (April 1995), to Chief, Division of Planning and Architectural design, Rocky Mountain region, from Civil engineer David Keough, concerning Emergency Landslide Repair Assessment

Memorandum/Trip Report (copy), no date (April, 1995), to Chief, Water Resources Division, from Hydrologist Gary M. Smillie, concerning travel to Zion related to recent landslide, with cover memorandum to the Regional Director

Trip Report, dated April 21, 1995, to Zion superintendent, from NBS research Biologist Wayne Hamilton, Yellowstone N.P., concerning travel to Zion related to recent landslide

Letter (copy), dated May 4, 1995, to St. George (Utah) Daily Spectrum, from ZION Superintendent Falvey, concerning recent landslide

Press Releases (copies):

Major Landslide Hits Zion Canyon, no date (probably April 13, 1995)

Emergency Road Repairs Made at Zion, April 13, 1995

Water Restored/Campground Reopens at Zion, April 14, 1995

Zion National Park Open for Summertime Fun, April 28, 1995

Zion National Park Remains Open as Road Repairs Continue, April 28, 1995

Opportunities for Media Coverage of Road Reconstruction at April 12 Landslide Site, April 29, 1995

Upper Canyon Reopening Highlight of Zion weekend, May 19, 1995

Memorandum, dated April 18, 1995, to ZION Superintendent, from NBS research Biologist, Hamilton, Yellowstone N.P., concerning proposed monitoring system for Zion Canyon Slump (landslide)

Report: *Reconnaissance Study of the April 12, 1995 Landslide in Zion Canyon*, by Robert L. Schuster and Gerald F. Wiczorek, U.S. Geological Survey

Monograph (copy): *The Zion Landslide Will Happen Again, and Again*, by J.L. Crawford

Engineering Project Map, Zion Erfo II Sentinel Slide, Phase II

Series 2: Reports

Report: *Preliminary Design Report For Landslide Repair of Zion National Scenic Drive in Zion National Park, Utah*. Contract Number DTFH68-92-C-91005, Boyle Engineering Corporation, June 16, 1995

Report: *Site Reconnaissance Report for Landslide Repair of Zion National Scenic Drive in Zion National Park, Utah*. Contract Number DTFH68-92-C-91005, Boyle Engineering Corporation, May 31, 1995

Report: *Phase 2 Design Report for Landslide Repair at Zion National Park*. Boyle Engineering Corporation, May 31, 1995

Series 3: Photographs

B/W Photographic Prints, 3 ½" x 5", 101 each, views of landslide area