Fire-Related Debris Flows in Utah





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Drainage Basin and Alluvial Fan

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Barnard Creek

1930 Debris Flow Deposit

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Parrish Creek July 1930



Parrish Creek July 1930



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Alluvial Fan and Youngest Debris-Flow Deposits



Debris-flow Hazards and Parameters

Hazards

- Catastrophic
- Impact Pressure
- Inundation
- Sediment burial
- Water flooding
- Erosion

Parameters

- Frequency
- Volume
- Runout
- Burial Depths
- Velocity

Debris-flow Hazards Rudd Canyon May 30, 1983



Y-Mountain Fire



Y-Mountain Fire Water-repellent Soils



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Preston Canyon Debris Flow Sediment Supply



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Mapleton Debris Flow September 18, and 19, 1989



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Orem Debris Flow September 7, 1997



Big Canyon Debris Flow August 23, 2000



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Big Canyon Alluvial Fan



Vivian Park August 31, 2000



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Birch Creek Debris Flow July 15, 2002



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Provo Floods 1847 to 1981

1876, 1881, 1913, 1920, 1926, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1936 (3), 1938, 1954, 1959, 1962, 1967, 1968, 1976 (2), 1978, 1979 (2)

(from History of Utah floods)



