Federal Advisory Committee on Landslides (ACL)
Meeting Agenda, June 30th, 2026, 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Read-aheads and guiding documents:

- 2026 ACL Recommendations Report
- National Landslide Preparedness Act reauthorization bill S. 1626 (passed by Senate)
- National Landslide Preparedness Act
- National Strategy for Landslide Loss Reduction

1:00—1:05 Welcome (Bill Haneberg, ACL Chair, and Nina Oakley, ACL Co-Chair)

1:05—1:35 Ethics Refresher (Tim Donahue, DOI Office of the Solicitor)

Desired outcome. The Advisory Committee is reminded of its ethical obligations and responsibilities as representative members and has an opportunity to ask questions.

Preparation. Please reflect any ethics-related questions that have arisen over the last year-and-a-half that you might wish to put to the DOI Ethics Officer.

1:35—2:15 USGS Landslides Hazards Program Updates (Jonathan Godt and Jenny Riker, USGS)

USGS Landslide Hazards Program Office staff will share preliminary ICCLH reactions to the ACL's recent report. The ICCLH will meet to discuss responses to recommendations before the ACL's next meeting. Per the ACL's request, the USGS will also share updates on the Cooperative Landslide Hazard Mapping and Assessment Grants Program and activities of the National Landslide Hazard Risk Reduction Working Group.

Desired outcome. The ACL is aware of initial ICCLH reactions to ACL recommendations and up to date on the status of externally-facing National Landslide Hazard Reduction Program Activities.

Preparation. For reference, please review the draft inaugural Annual Proceedings of the National Landslide Hazard Risk Reduction Working Group (attached). *This document is a draft; please do not share.*

2:15—2:45 USGS Perspective on Priority Topics for Future ACL Consideration (Godt, Riker)

Godt and Riker will share perspectives on USGS and ICCLH needs from the ACL over the remaining term of this iteration of the committee, including priority topics for ACL consideration that are responsive

to legislative and budgetary direction and ACL recommendations. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Desired outcome. The ACL is aware of USGS and ICCLH needs and priorities ahead of a planning discussion later in this meeting.

Preparation. Please refamiliarize yourself with proposed changes to the National Landslide Preparedness Act, as detailed in Senate Bill 1626.

2:45—3:00 BREAK

3:00—4:00 Report Drafting Process Discussion (Haneberg, Oakley)

ACL Chairs will facilitate a discussion of preferred approaches to report writing. All members will have a chance to share brief perspectives (1–2 minutes) on recent ACL co-writing activities. After this "lightning round" of reflections, we'll brainstorm possible approaches to consider going forward, followed by group discussion and decision.

Desired outcome. The ACL reflects on the process of writing its recent reports and agrees to an approach for writing future reports.

Preparation. Please come prepared to share examples/experiences of effective co-writing approaches relevant to this context to guide ACL discussion.

Questions to consider

- What do you need from the writing process in order to feel ownership of ACL outputs?
- What are the best uses of member time and effort towards report development?
- When and how should the ACL undertake ideation, consensus-building, outlining, writing, etc.?[1]
- If smaller writing teams are needed, how should those teams be formed?

4:00—4:45 Next Steps—ACL work between now and November (Haneberg, Oakley)

To focus the ACL's work ahead of its next in-person meeting, we will revisit the priority topics for ACL consideration raised earlier in the meeting, followed by group discussion. Members will have an opportunity to suggest or refine priority topics for ACL consideration.

Desired outcome. The ACL prioritizes actions to undertake between now and November, including potential subcommittee work, ahead of its next in-person meeting.

[1] Acknowledging that public deliberation of recommendations is a requirement of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Questions to consider

- Reflecting on USGS and ICCLH needs articulated earlier in this meeting, what one or two topics should the ACL prioritize for consideration in the near-term?
- Would subcommittee/s help advance the ACL's understanding of these topics between now and November? If so, how? What are possible charges and deliverables?
- What external perspectives could supplement or inform upcoming ACL or subcommittee deliberations on these topics?

4:45—5:00 Public Comments (Godt)

If no members of the public register to speak, we will use this time for open discussion.

5:00 Adjournment (Haneberg, Oakley, Godt, Riker)

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