

Impacts of climate change (**permafrost degradation** / **deforestation**) on landslide and rockfall risk management – a DSS prototype

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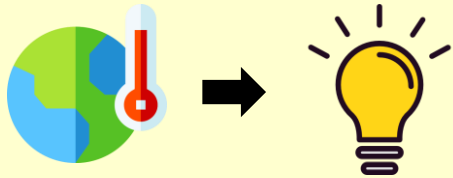
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Inducement

- ▶ the multifactorial issue of natural hazard management becomes even more complex by climate change
- ▶ a combination of different natural hazards and/or climate change impacts can significantly increase the hazard potential
- ▶ in this context, decision-making and prevention in the field of civil protection are fraught with uncertainty → **are there DSS that can reduce these uncertainties?**
- ▶ “RECIPE” goal: development of recommendations/guidelines/tools as decision-making aids for applied civil protection
- ▶ **therefore, a prototype for improved decision-making in the context of rockfall and landslides risk management was developed**

Important steps in advance

identification of potential
climate change impacts on
risk management for
rockfall & landslides



analysis of existing
decision making bases for
civil protection



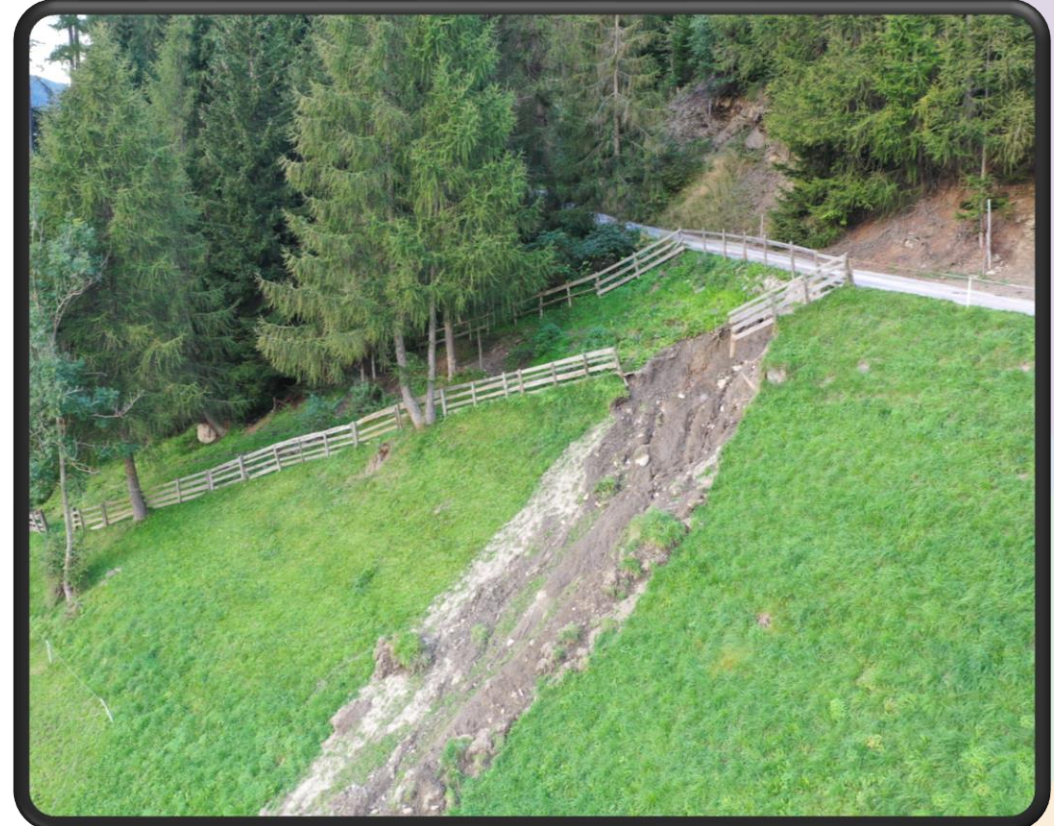
Relevant processes

rockfall < 100 m³



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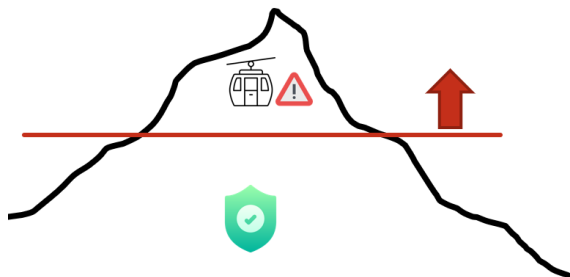
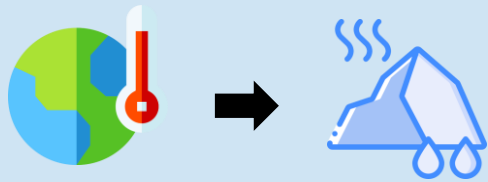
hydrologically driven, spontaneous,
shallow **landslides**



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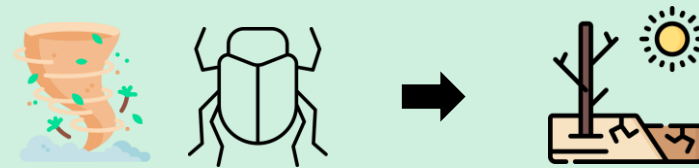
Climate change impacts on rockfall & landslides

permafrost degradation



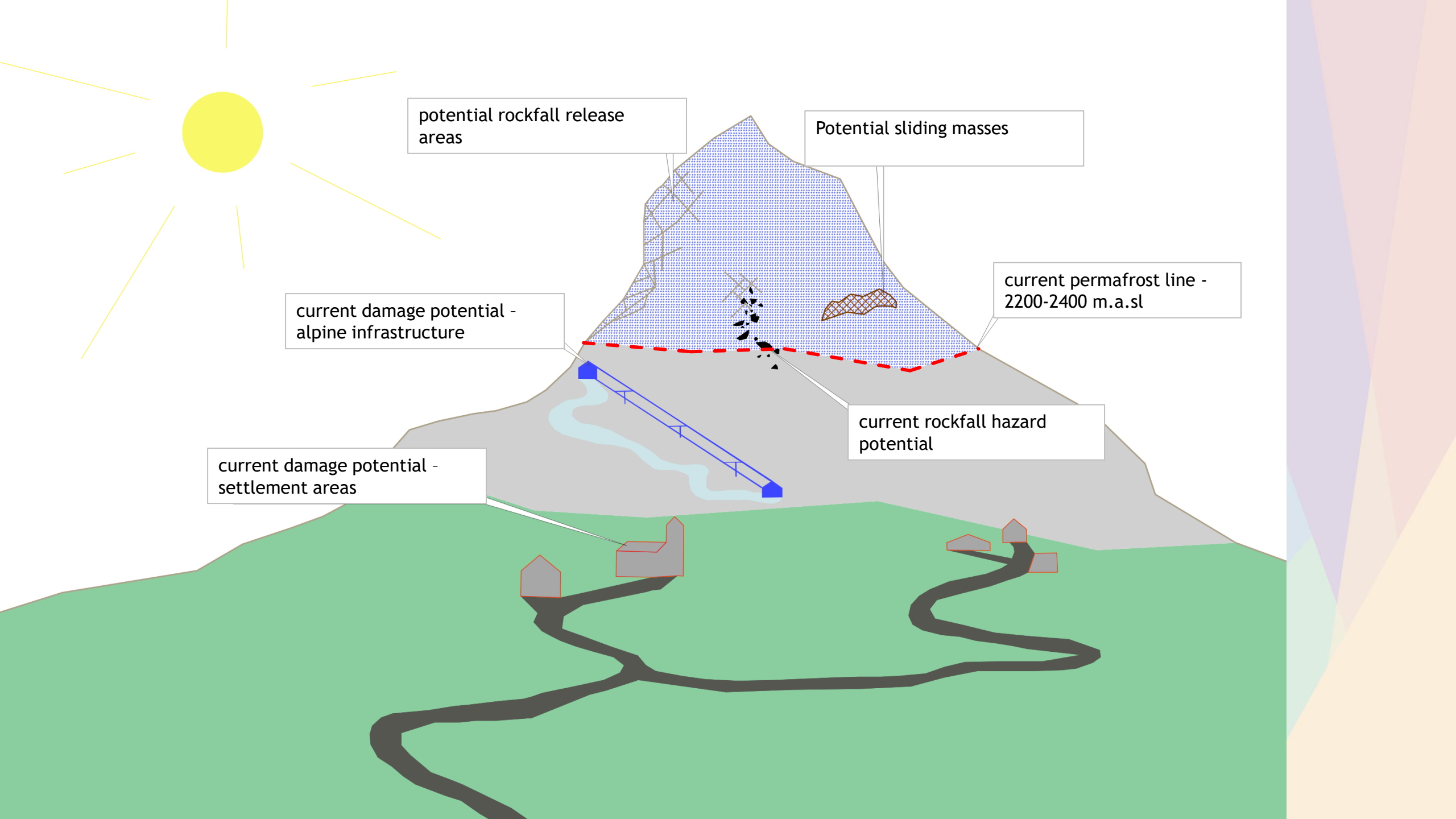
high-alpine areas above 2200 metres are particularly affected; alpine infrastructures such as cable cars, restaurants, hiking & bike trails

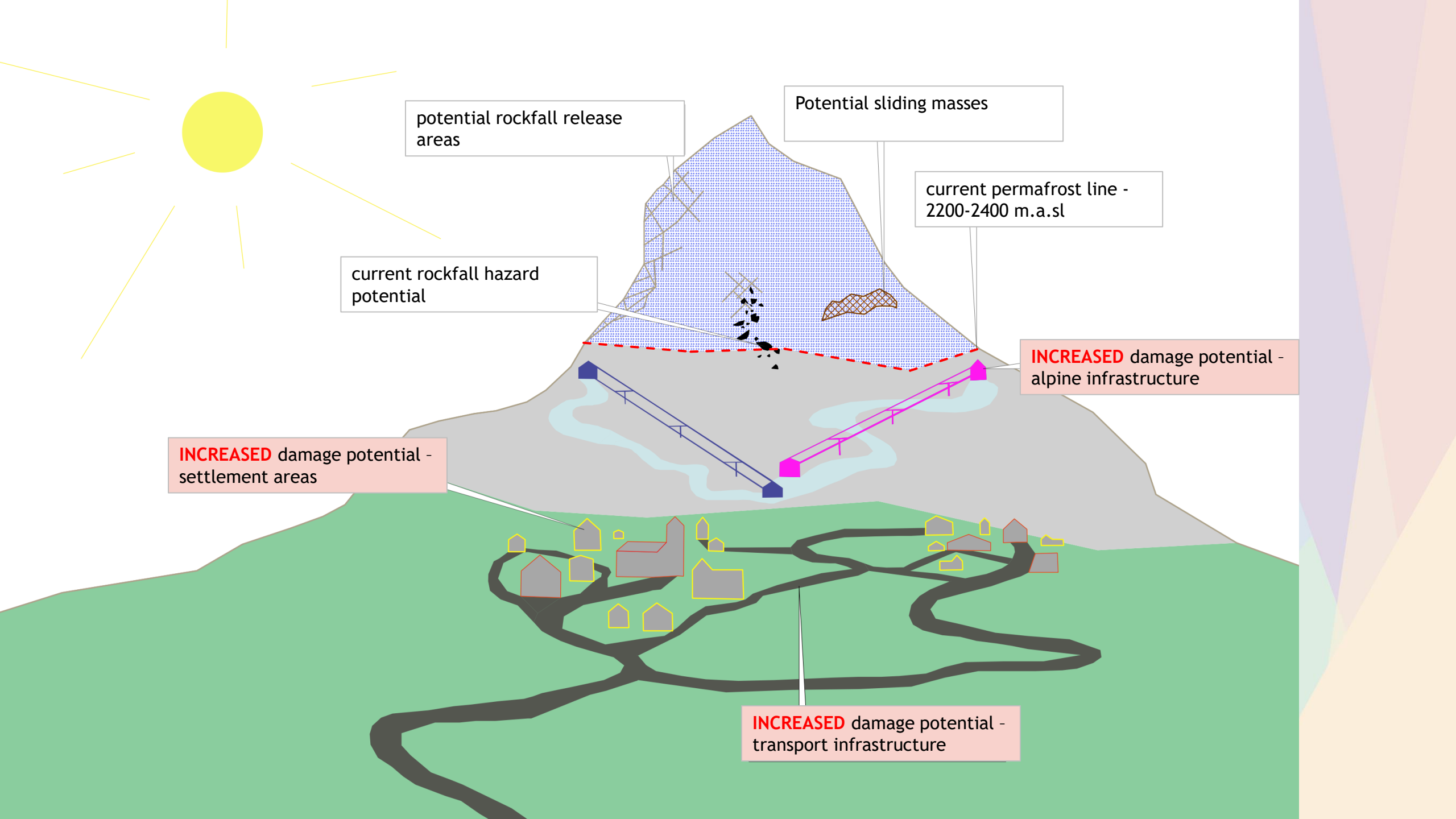
deforestation

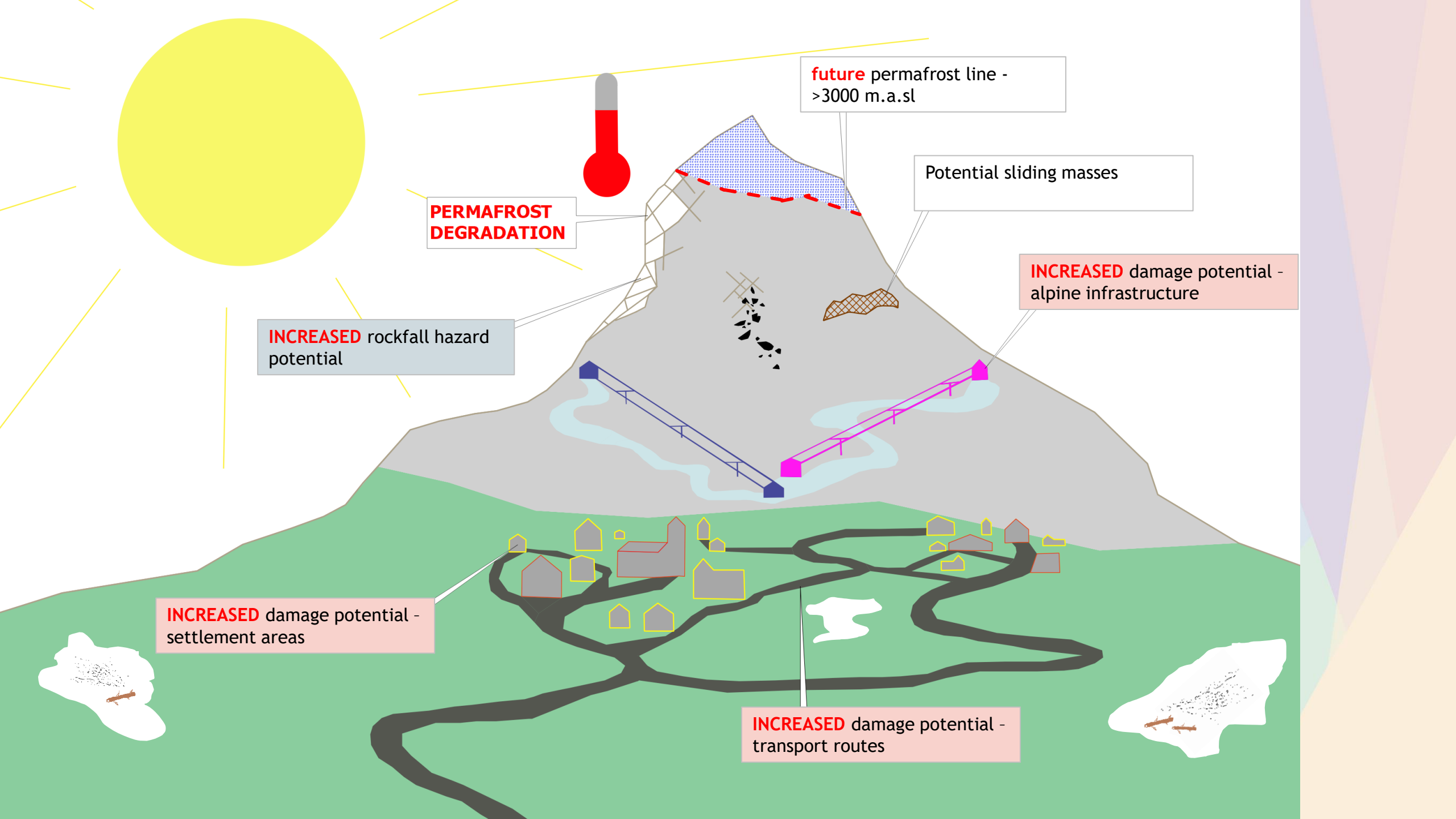


settlement areas below protection forest sites are particularly affected









future permafrost line -
>3000 m.a.sl

PERMAFROST
DEGRADATION

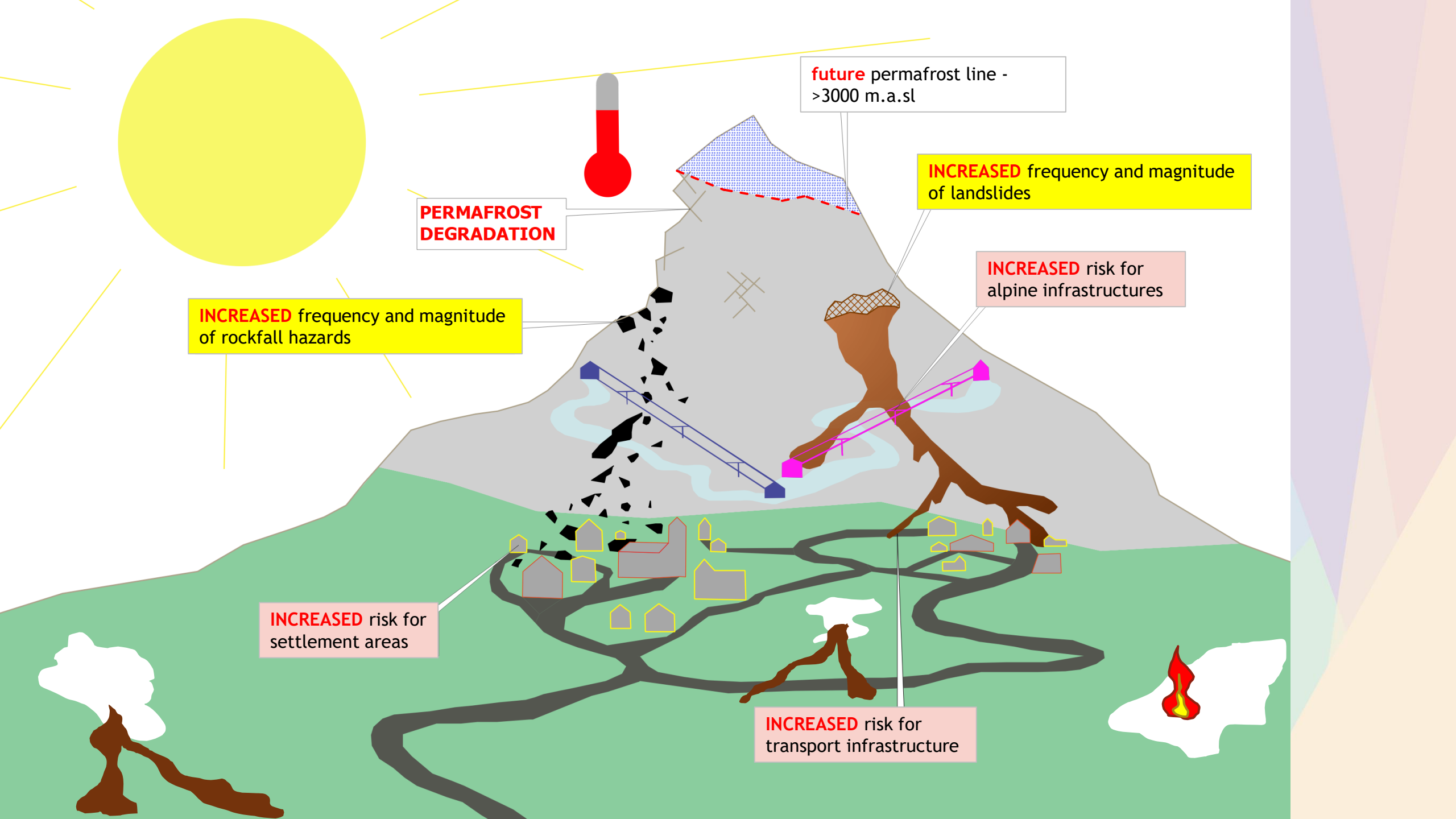
Potential sliding masses

INCREASED damage potential -
alpine infrastructure

INCREASED rockfall hazard
potential

INCREASED damage potential -
settlement areas

INCREASED damage potential -
transport routes



future permafrost line -
>3000 m.a.sl

PERMAFROST
DEGRADATION

INCREASED frequency and magnitude
of landslides

INCREASED risk for
alpine infrastructures

INCREASED frequency and magnitude
of rockfall hazards

INCREASED risk for
settlement areas

INCREASED risk for
transport infrastructure

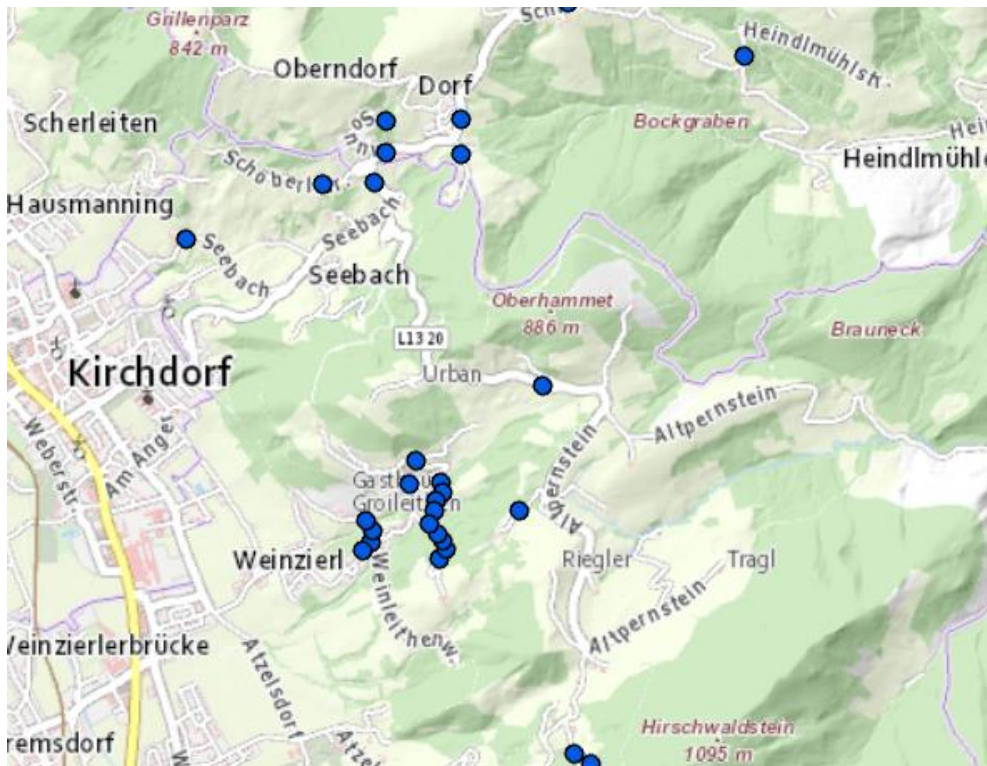
Existing decision making bases for civil protection

- ▶ in AUT, for example, responsibilities are very fragmented
- ▶ risk management: distinction between local, regional and national levels in terms of planning bases and responsibilities
- ▶ in AUT (and other EU countries), municipalities and their bodies have a very central role
- ▶ thus, DSS prototypes are primarily addressed to them
- ▶ existing planning bases are often unknown
- ▶ in Austria, there are no standardised, risk-based planning principles, but there are regional e. g. spatial mappings of hazard processes and the elements of damage potential

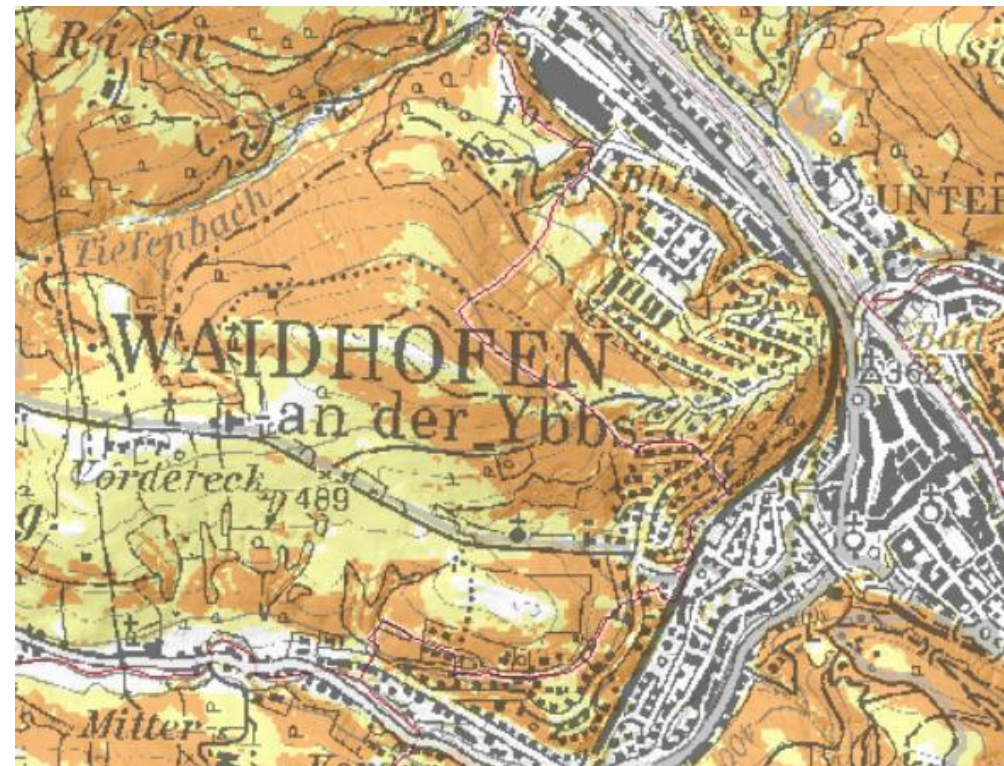
There is a number of existing planning bases
which, however, do not take into account
climate change and its impacts!



Some examples of existing bases (not areawide!)



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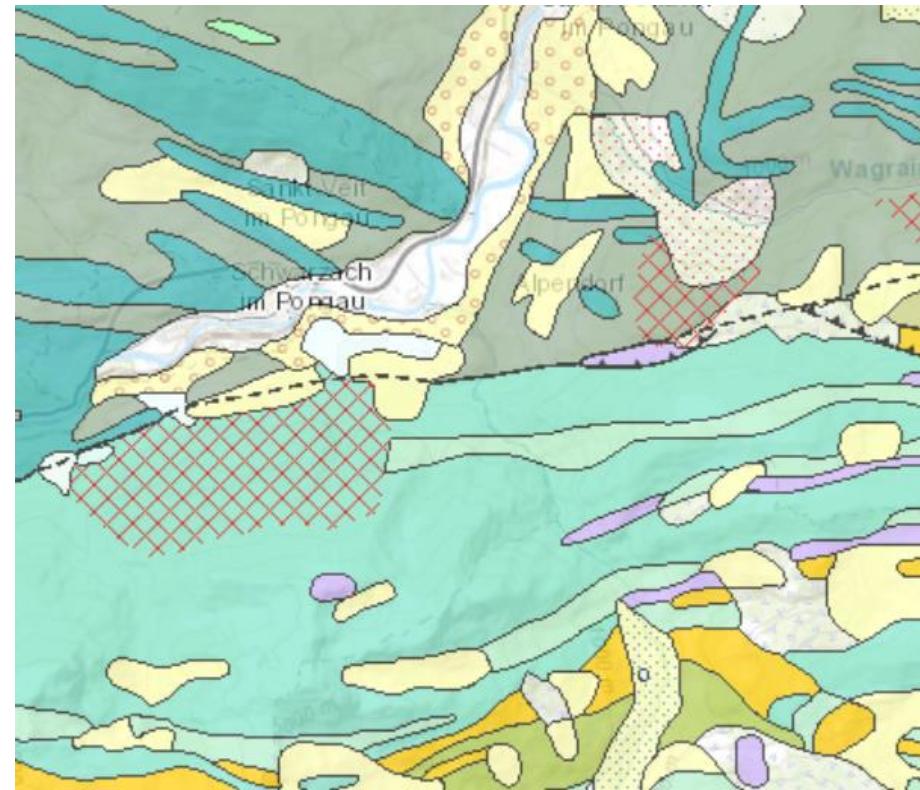


hazard information map (Land NÖ)

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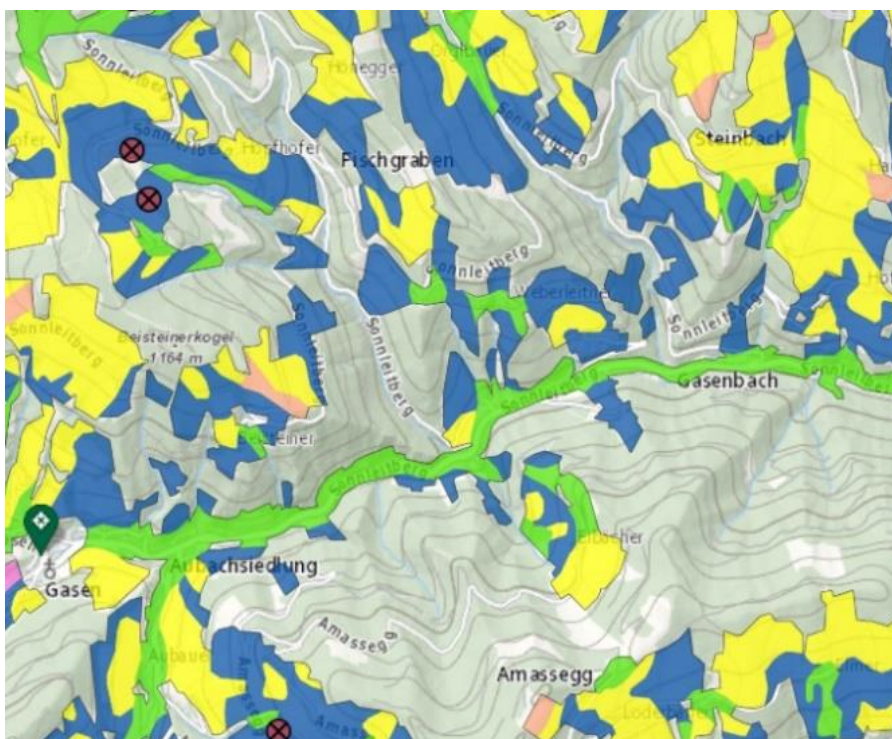


danger zone plans (© WLV)
(barely for rockfall and landslides)

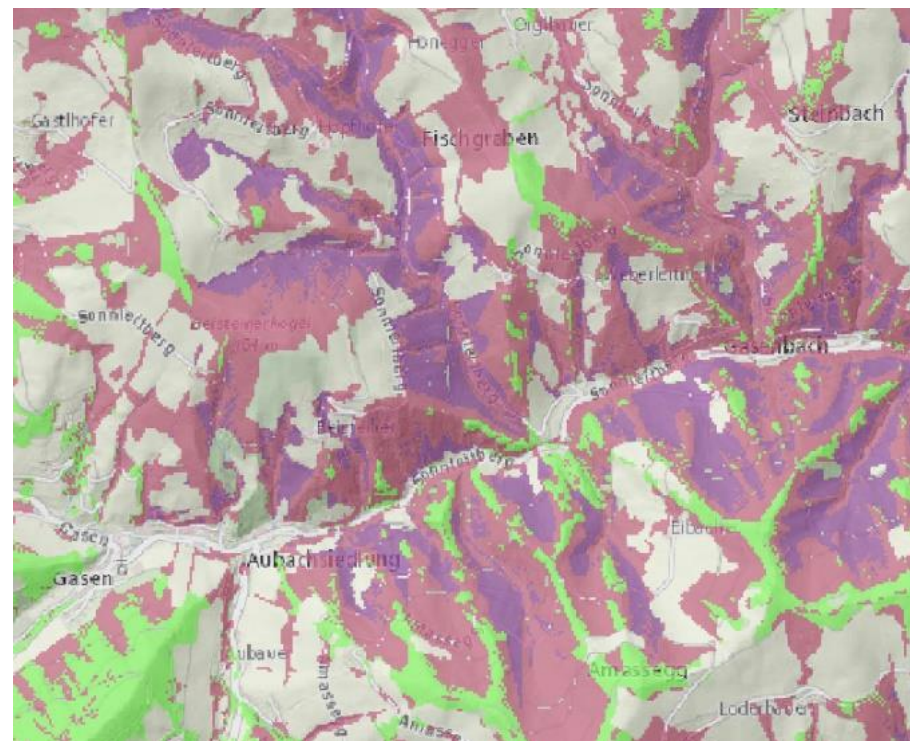


geological maps (© GBA)

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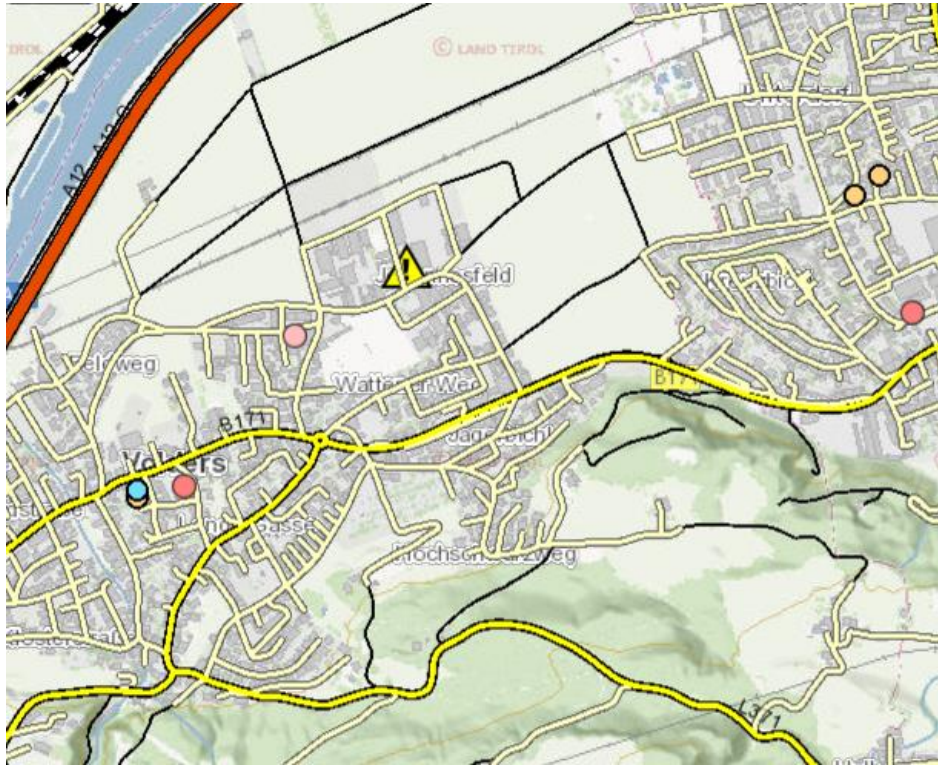


soil maps (© BFW)

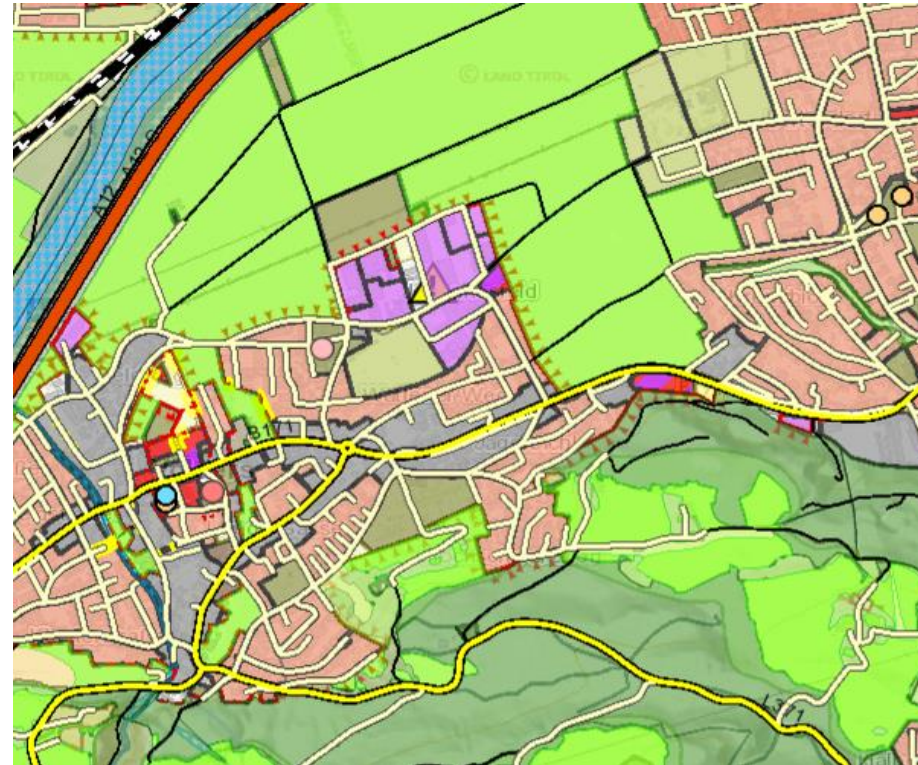


forest maps (© Amt d. Steiermärkischen Landesregierung)

Some examples of existing bases (areawide)



infrastructure maps (© Land Tirol - TIRIS)

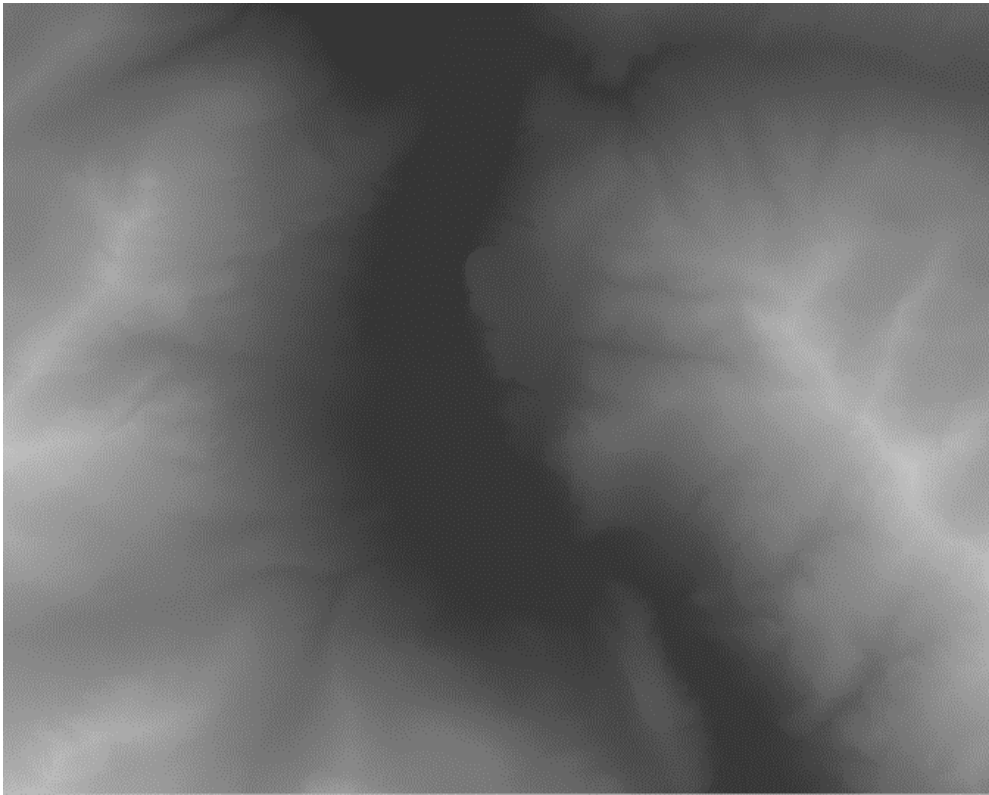


land use plans (© Land Tirol - TIRIS)

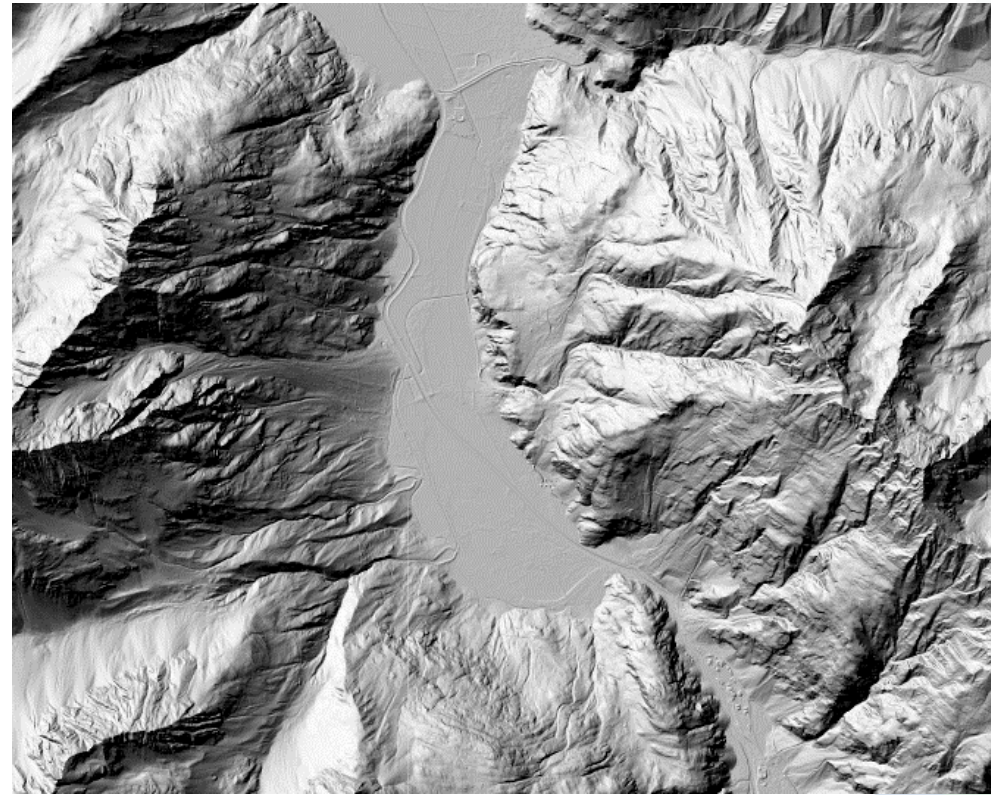


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Some examples of existing bases (areawide)



DEM (© Land Tirol)



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Current opportunities

- ▶ free download of most data
- ▶ intersection of “hazard information maps” and maps of infrastructures for identification of potential “danger hotspots”
- ▶ but: spatial planning and hazard zone planning do not yet take into account the impacts of climate change and the associated intensification of natural hazards

▶ **STATIC approach**

.... for modern risk management and civil protection -
considering climate change - there is an urgent need of ...

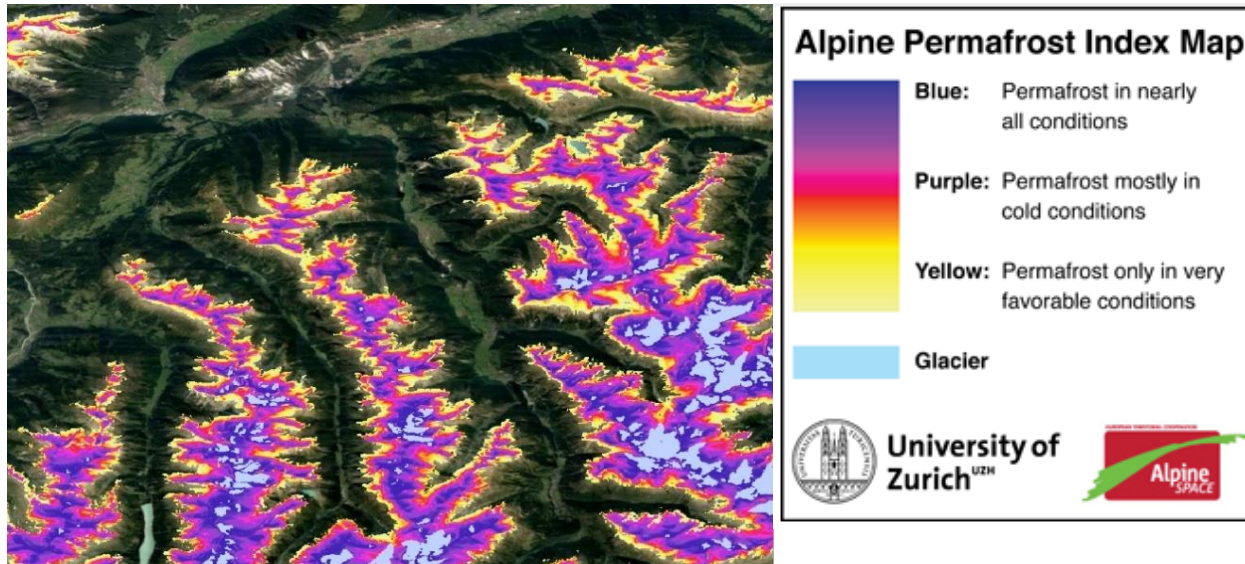
▶ **DYNAMIC approach**

New applications / combination methods

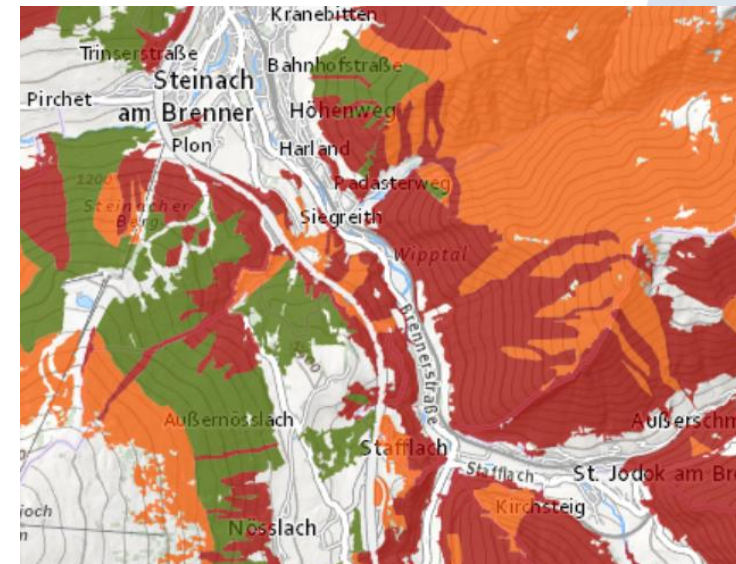
Based on direct consequences of climate change (temperature rise)....

→ consideration → implementation → application of **rockfall and landslides relevant:**

„Alpine Permafrost Index Map“



Maps of specific silvicultural information



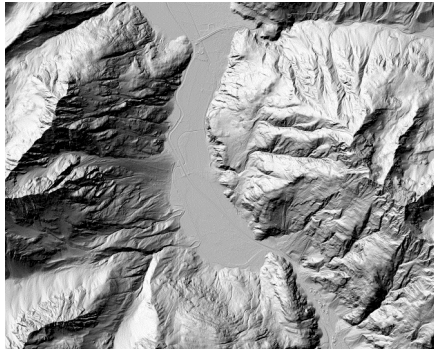
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Illustrative example: (considering climate change impacts)

Existing data

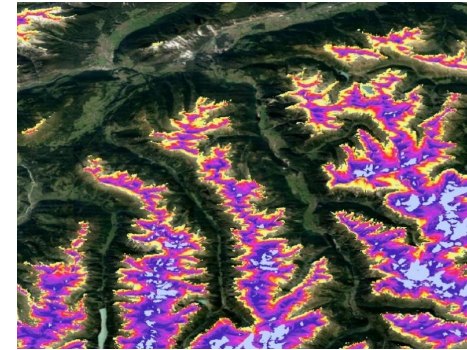
DTM



layer of infrastructure



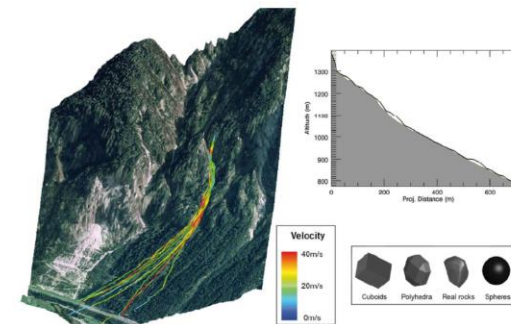
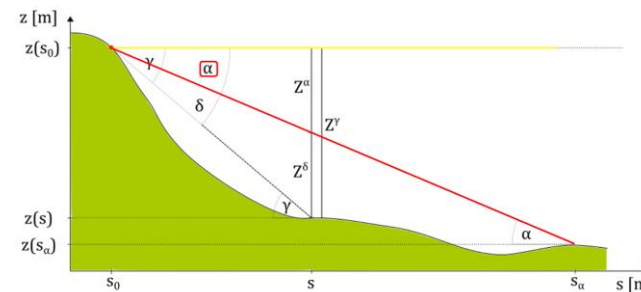
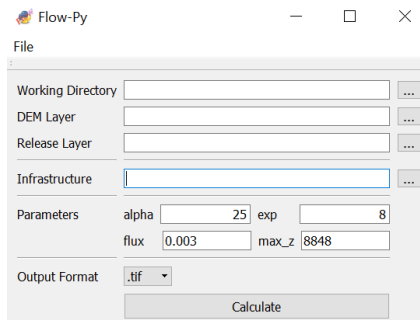
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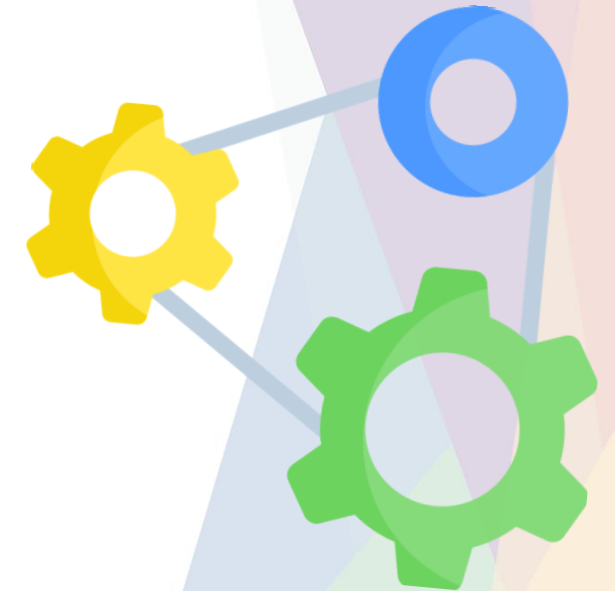
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Existing tools:

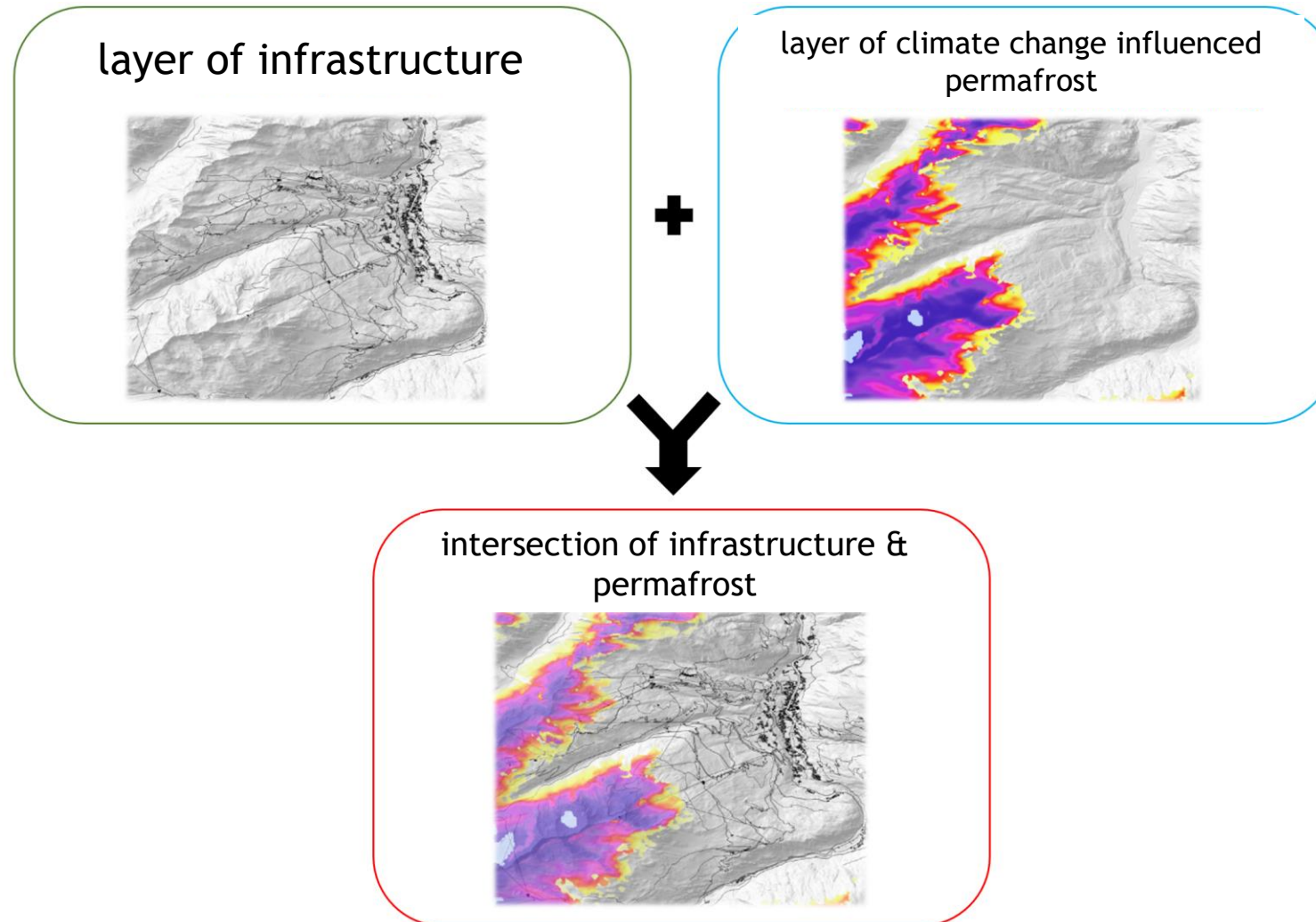
models & simulation software



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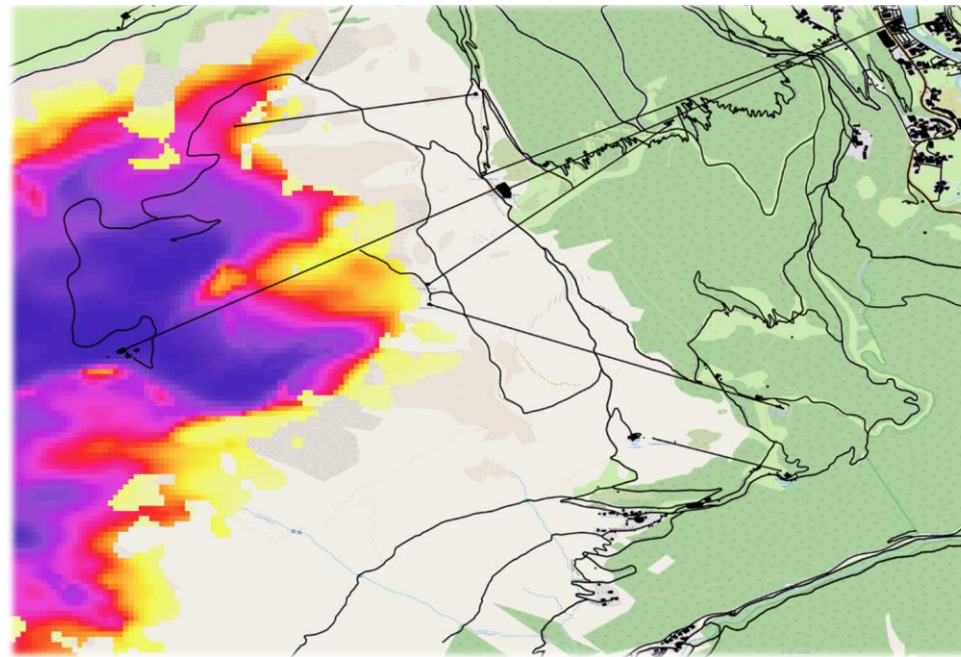


Illustrative example: (considering climate change impacts)



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intersection of infrastructure &
permafrost

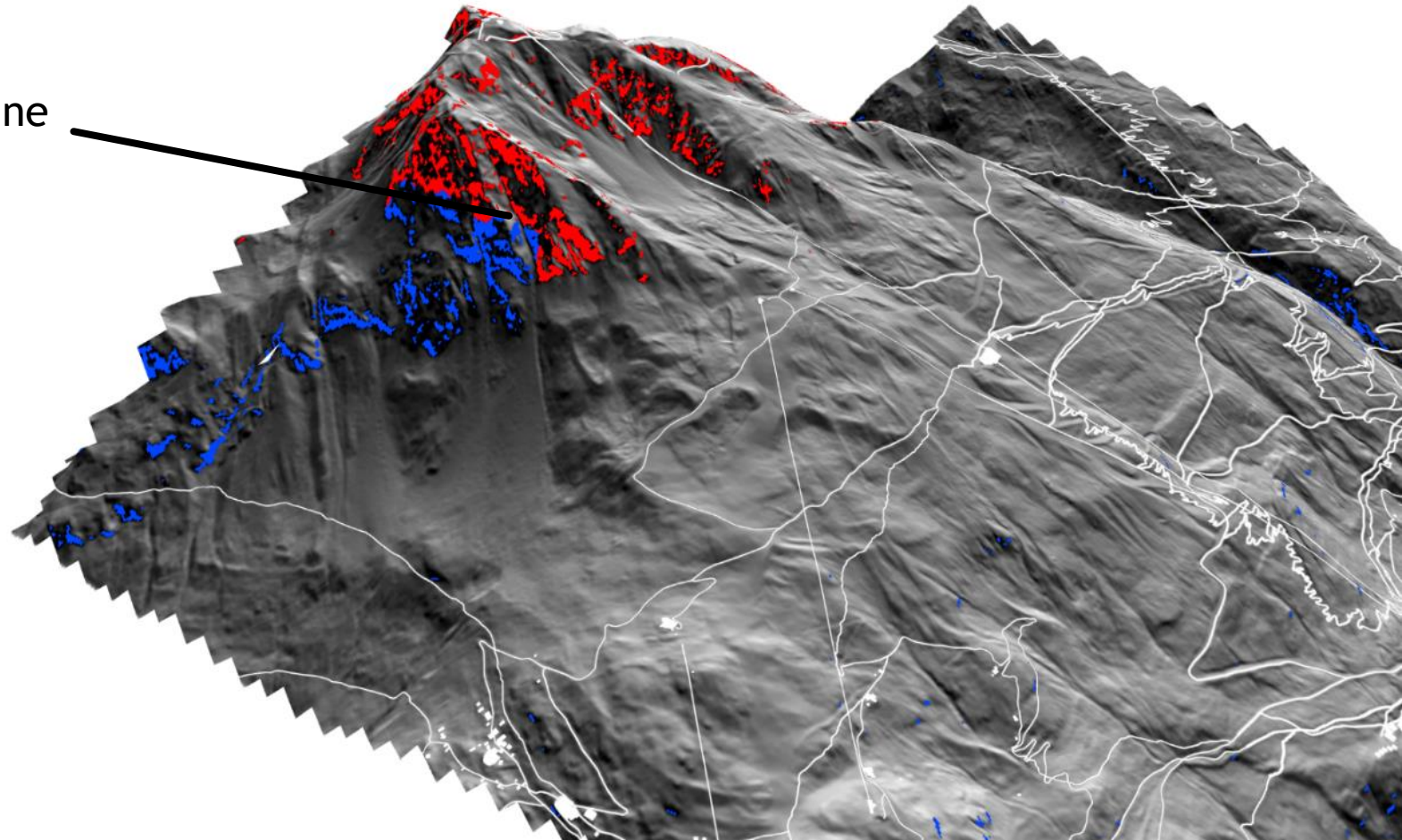


Illustrative example: rockfall release areas with / without permafrost degradation

red: rockfall release areas with further permafrost degradation

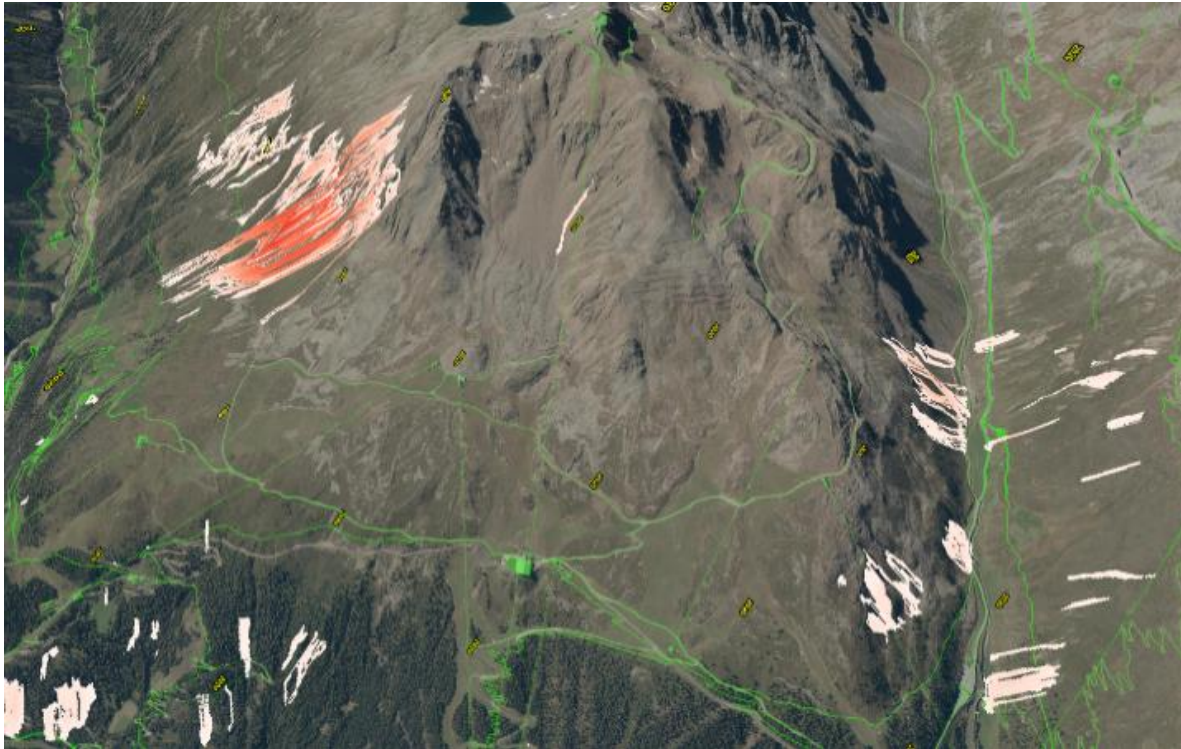
current permafrost line

blue: rockfall release areas without further permafrost degradation

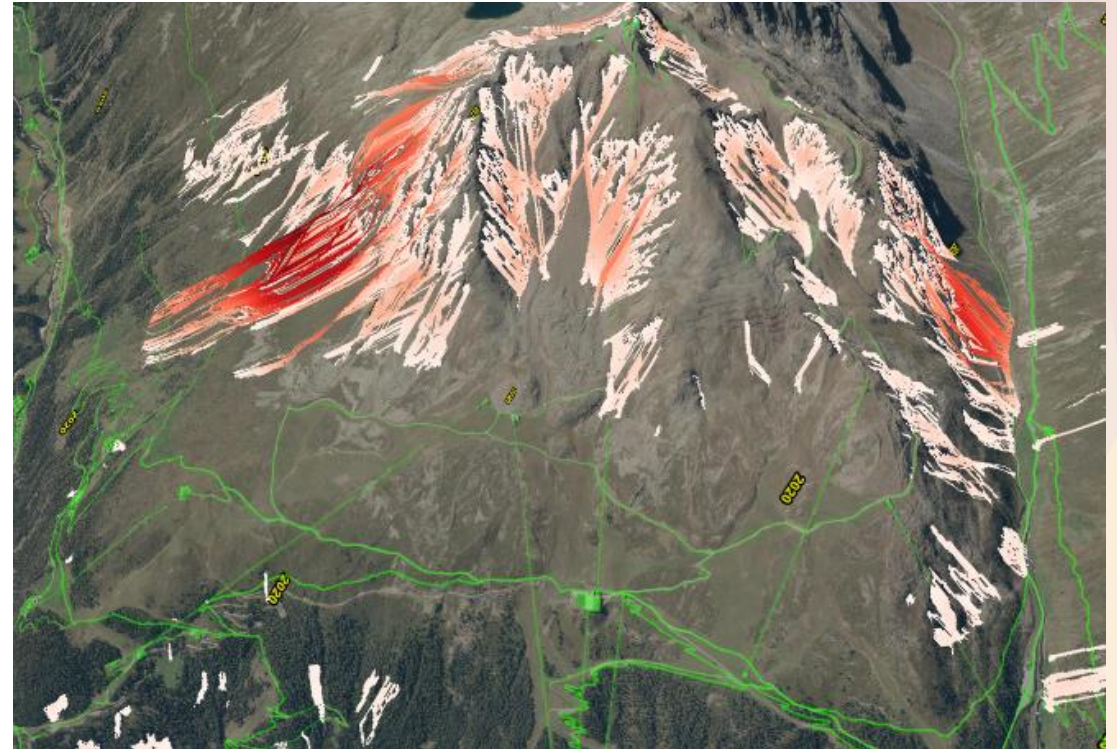


Illustrative example: rockfall simulation with / without permafrost degradation

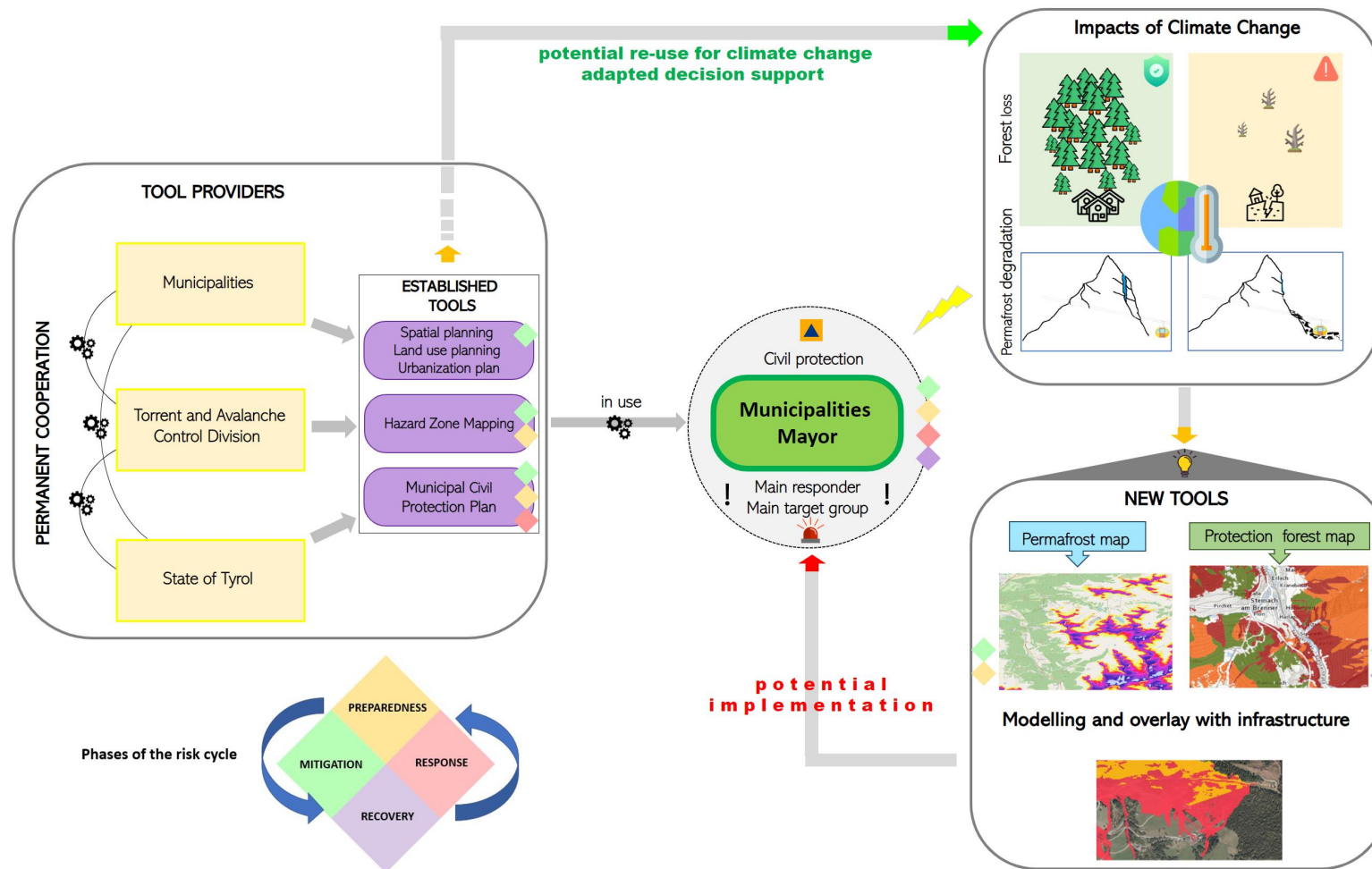
pre climate change rockfall scenery

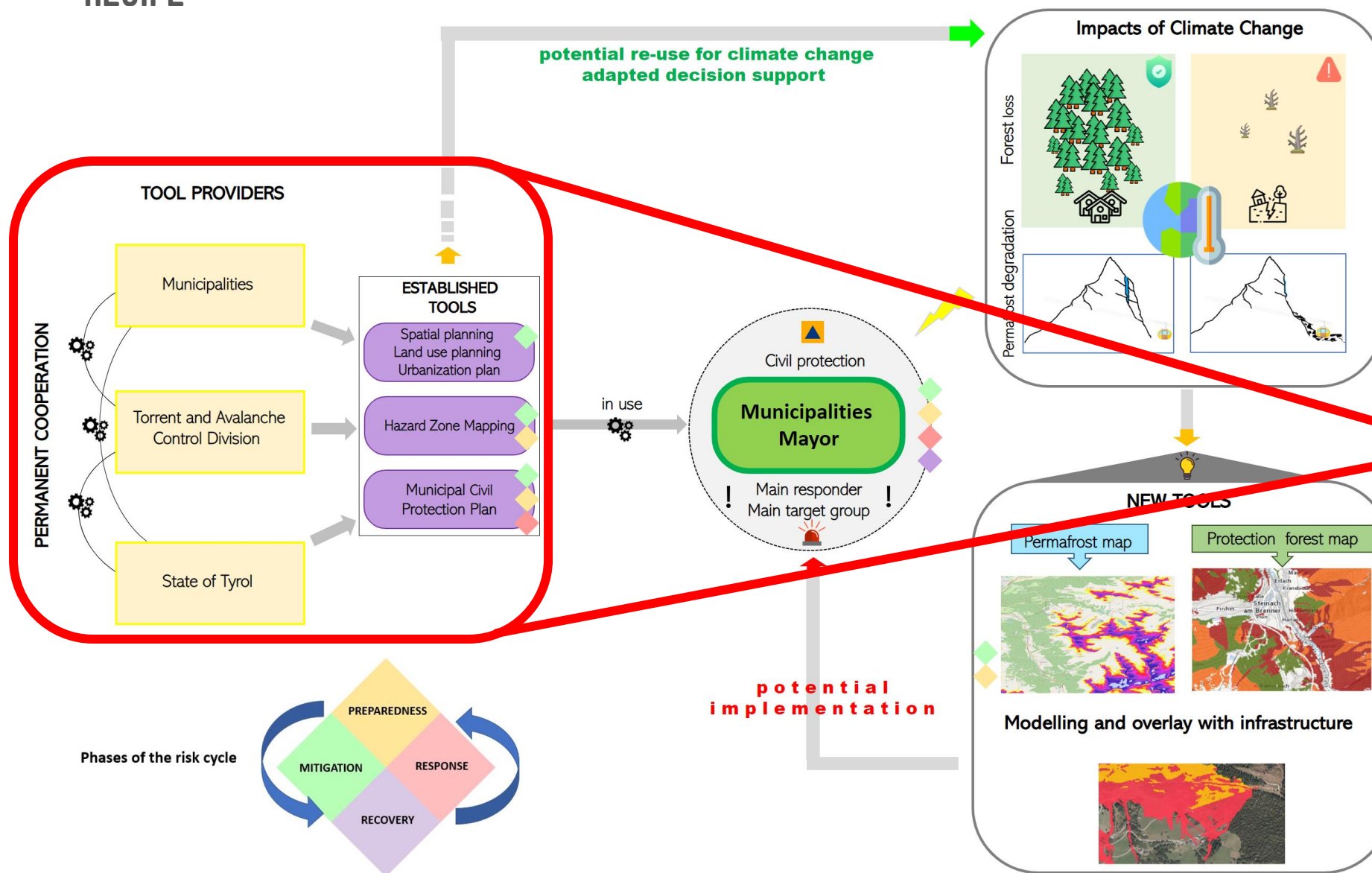


post climate change rockfall scenery



How does a sketch of the DSS prototype look like?

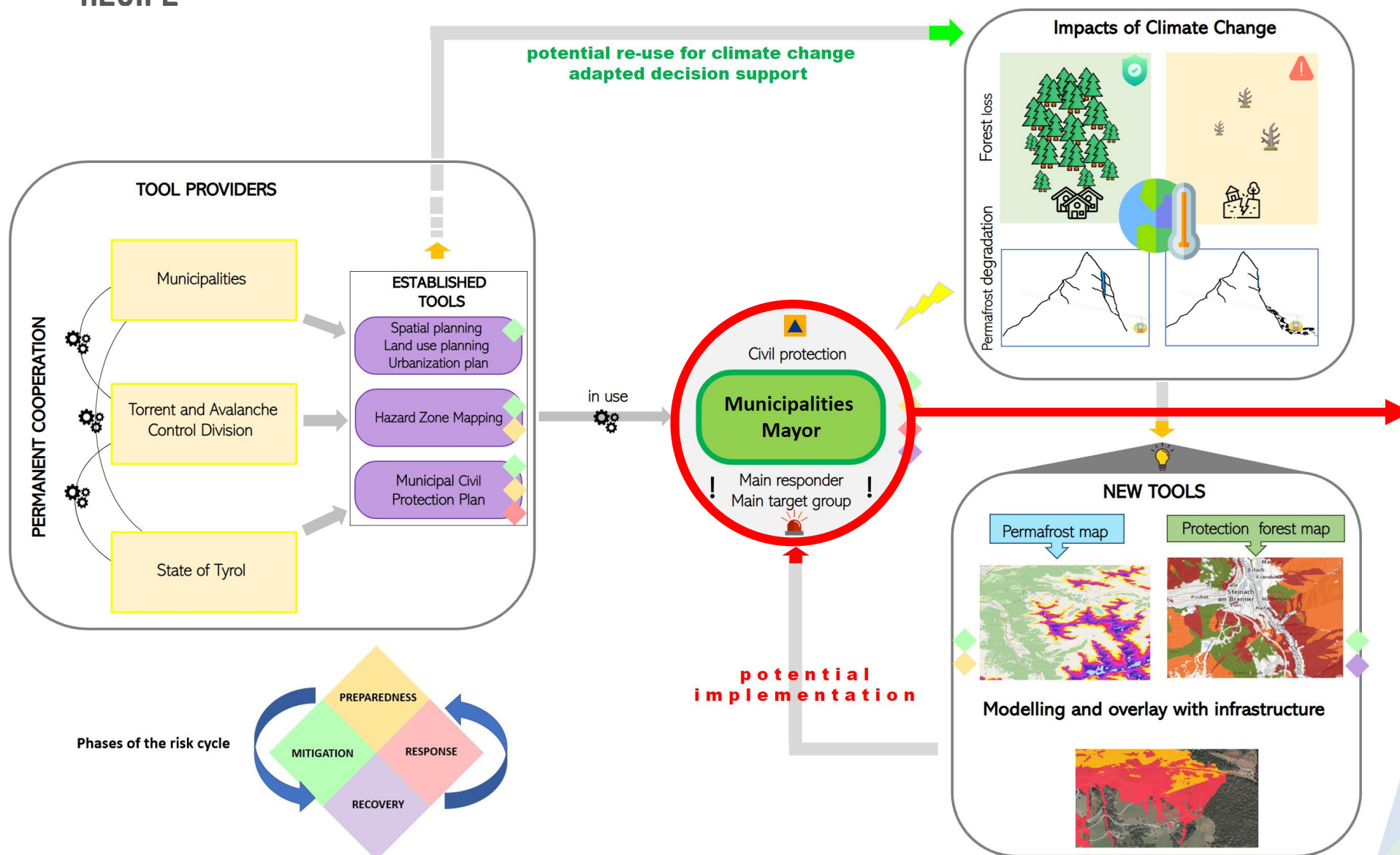




**identified
providers of
existing
tools /
potential
receivers of
new DSS**

Phases of the risk cycle

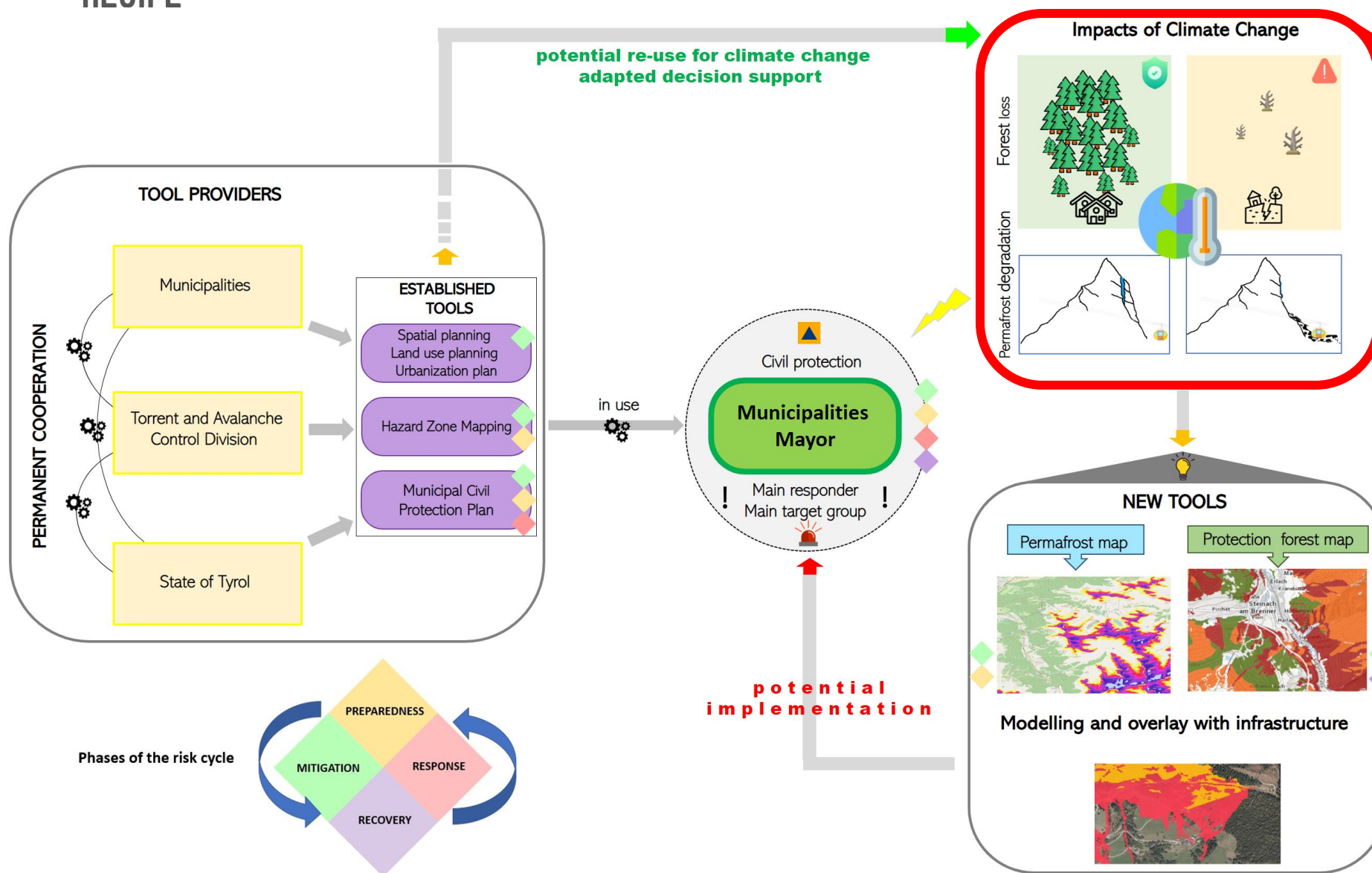




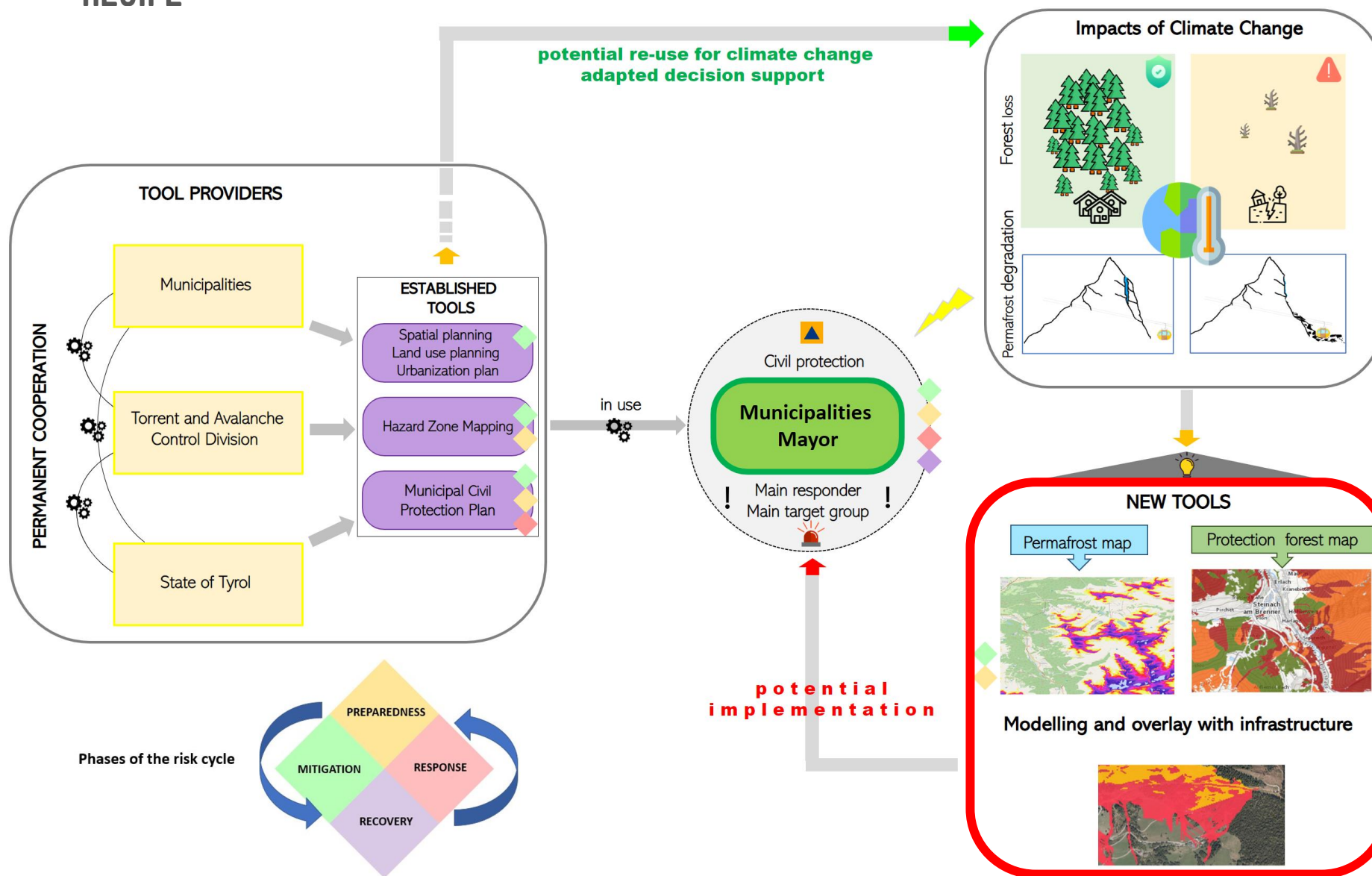
**identified
main
responsible
& potential
receivers of
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Phases of the risk cycle

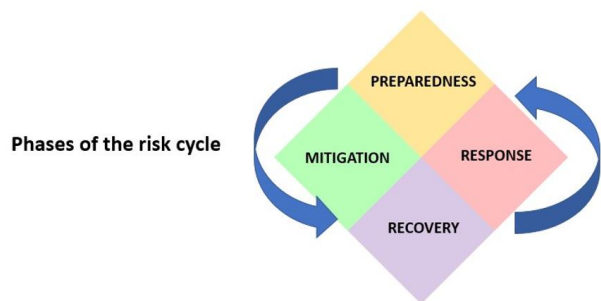




**identified
climate change
induced
changes of
environment
(permafrost
degradation &
deforestation)**



**application of
existing
knowledge,
development
of new tool
combinations**





RECIPE

REINFORCING CIVIL PROTECTION
CAPABILITIES INTO MULTI-HAZARD
RISK ASSESSMENT UNDER
CLIMATE CHANGE

Thanks for your attention

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