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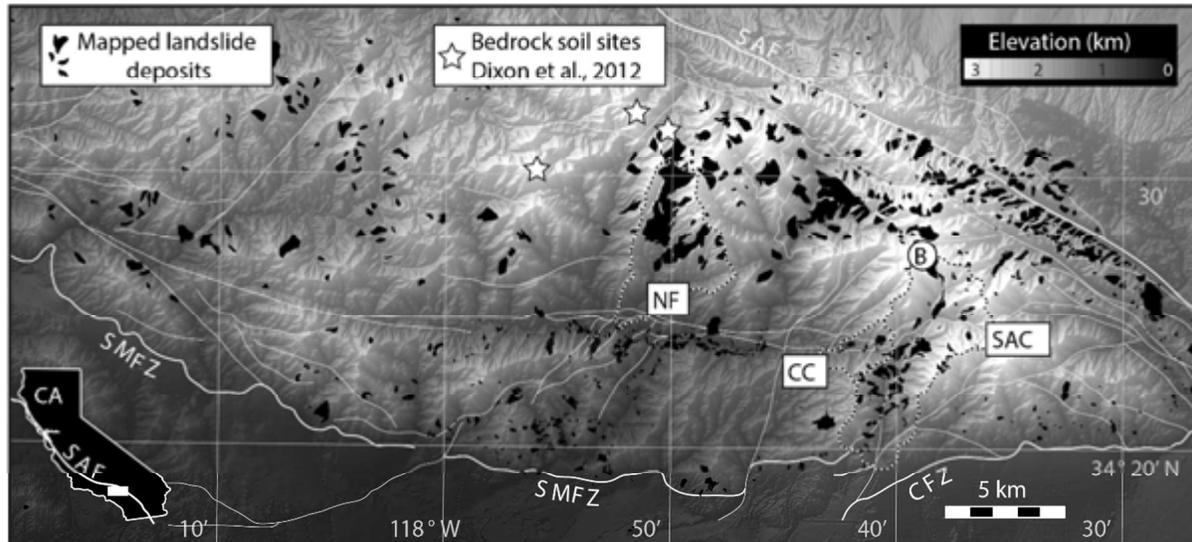
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## Storage and weathering of landslide debris in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains, California, USA: implications for mountain solute flux

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Here we present new observations of landslide debris storage in a steep, rapidly eroding landscape. We map landslide debris forming planar, low-sloping deposits with soil development. Luminescence burial dating indicates debris may persist over  $10^4$  yr timescales. Geochemical and textural analyses of debris surface soils indicates enhanced weathering. We argue that landslide debris porosity may be an important control on long-term solute flux

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25 20 **Abstract**

21 21 The weathering of silicate minerals in mountain landscapes provides a critical  
22 22 source of chemical solutes in the global biogeochemical cycles that sustain life on  
23 23 Earth. Observations from across Earth's surface indicate that the greatest flux of  
24 24 chemical solute is derived from rapidly eroding landscapes, where landsliding often  
25 25 limits the development of a continuous soil cover. In this study, we evaluate how  
26 26 weathering of landslide debris deposits may supplement the chemical solute flux from  
27 27 rapidly eroding, bedrock-dominated landscapes. We present new measurements of  
28 28 depositional surface and soil morphology, soil geochemistry, and luminescence-based  
29 29 depositional ages from debris stored in Cow Canyon, a tributary to the East Fork of the  
30 30 San Gabriel River in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains of California. Cow Canyon  
31 31 deposits include locally derived debris emplaced by dry colluvial and debris flow  
32 32 processes. Deposits have planar, low-angle, sloping surfaces with soils exhibiting a  
33 33 greater degree of weathering than nearby soils formed on bedrock. A ~30-40 ka

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3 34 depositional age of Cow Canyon deposits exceeds the estimated recurrence time for  
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5 35 the largest landslides in the San Gabriel Mountains, suggesting the stored landslide  
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7 36 debris may be a persistent source of chemical solute in this landscape. To quantitatively  
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9 37 explore the significance of landslide debris on the landscape solute flux, we predict the  
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11 38 flux of chemical solute from bedrock and debris soils using a generic, time-dependent  
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13 39 model of soil mineral weathering. Our modeling illustrates that debris soils may be a  
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15 40 primary source of chemical solute for a narrow range of conditions delimited by the  
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17 41 initial landslide debris porosity and the comparative soil age. Broadly, we conclude that  
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19 42 while landslide debris may be an important local reservoir of chemical solute, it is  
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21 43 unlikely to dominate the long-term solute flux from rapidly eroding, bedrock-dominated  
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23 44 landscapes.  
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31 **Keywords:** landscape evolution, landslides, luminescence dating, San Gabriel  
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## 38 1. Introduction

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46 53 autotrophic life and sequester carbon dioxide (Urey, 1952; Walker et al., 1981; Berner et  
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48 54 al., 1991), regulating global climate over geologically significant timescales (Chamberlin,  
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50 55 1899; Raymo and Ruddiman, 1992; Kump et al., 2000). As researchers work to  
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54 56 disentangle the interrelationships between tectonic, climatic, and surface processes, the  
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3 57 significance of weathering in mountain landscapes remains debated (Willenbring et al.,  
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9 60 and Kirchner, 2008; Gabet and Mudd, 2009) fail to explain elevated solute fluxes in  
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11 61 rapidly eroding landscapes where landsliding restricts the development of a continuous  
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13 62 soil cover (West, 2012; Larsen et al., 2014a). This study contributes to this debate on  
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15 63 the specific role of weathering in mountain landscapes with analysis of the contribution  
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17 64 of chemical solute from soils developed on stored landslide debris. We provide new  
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19 65 observations from soils developed on partially reworked landslide debris deposits in the  
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21 66 eastern San Gabriel Mountains and evaluate the contribution such deposits may have  
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23 67 on the long-term ( $>10^5$  yr) flux of chemical solute from rapidly eroding, bedrock-  
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### 33 70 ***1.1 Weathering in mountain landscapes***

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35 71 Analytical models of mineral weathering in a steady-state soil profile predict a  
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43 75 linear (Riebe et al., 2001; Riebe et al., 2004) but becomes increasingly nonlinear as  
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45 76 progressive soil development restricts the supply of fresh mineral surface area available  
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47 77 for weathering (Millot et al., 2002; White and Brantley, 2003; West et al., 2005). The  
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49 78 relationship between erosion rate and chemical solute flux turns abruptly negative in  
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3 80 transport transitions from diffusive (i.e. soil creep dominated) to advective processes  
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5 81 (i.e. landsliding, Montgomery and Brandon, 2002; Roering et al., 2007), restricting the  
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7 82 development of a continuous soil cover. In landscapes where the frequency of  
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9 83 landsliding effectively prohibits the development of a continuous soil cover, hillslopes  
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11 84 are dominated by exposed bedrock (DiBiase et al., 2012; Heimsath et al., 2012a) and  
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13 85 the contribution of chemical solute from thin or patchy bedrock soils should approach  
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19 87 In contrast to model predictions, measurements of chemical solute flux compiled  
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23 89 (West, 2012; Larsen et al., 2014a). Observations from steep, bedrock-dominated  
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25 90 portions of the eastern San Gabriel Mountains suggest that this discrepancy may be  
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27 91 explained by enhanced weathering in saprolitized bedrock (Dixon et al., 2012) or locally  
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29 92 elevated pedogenic rates where thin, patchy soils remain (Heimsath et al., 2012b).  
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31 93 Geologic mapping of the San Gabriel Mountains shows that landslide deposits (Dibblee  
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33 94 and Minch, 2002; Morton and Miller, 2003) and reworked landslide debris (Scherler et  
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35 95 al., 2016) are a significant component of steep, high relief portions of the landscape  
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37 96 (Figure 2). Here we consider that soils developed on stored and partially reworked  
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## 51 101 ***1.2 The San Gabriel Mountains***

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3 102           The San Gabriel Mountains are a tectonically active, semi-arid to sub-humid  
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5 103 mountain range located at the northern margin of the Los Angeles basin in southern  
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7 104 California (Bull, 1991). The mountains primarily comprise crystalline plutonic and  
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9 105 metamorphic basement units (Morton and Miller, 2003; Yerkes et al., 2005) uplifted  
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11 106 since approximately 6 Ma (Nourse, 2002) by active range-bounding thrust faults (e.g.  
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13 107 the Sierra Madre and Cucamonga fault systems, Crowell, 1982; McFadden, 1982;  
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15 108 Dolan et al., 1996; Morton and Miller, 2003) in a restraining bend of the San Andreas  
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17 109 Fault system. Erosion rates determined by thermochronology (Blythe, 2002) and  
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19 110 cosmogenic radionuclides (DiBiase et al., 2010) increase with topographic relief, river  
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21 111 channel steepness, and mean hillslope angles eastward across the mountains (Spotila  
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23 112 and House, 2002). Detailed mapping of bedrock exposure in the San Gabriel Mountains  
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25 113 (DiBiase et al., 2012) demonstrates a positive relationship between catchment hillslope  
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27 114 angle and percentage bedrock exposure. In the eastern San Gabriel Mountains near Mt.  
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29 115 San Antonio, hillslope angles frequently exceed  $\sim 30^\circ$  and erosion rates as high as  
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31 116  $\sim 1000$  m/Ma are primarily achieved by landsliding (Lavé and Burbank, 2004) on  
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33 117 bedrock-dominated hillslopes (Heimsath et al. 2012). Unlike humid landslide-dominated  
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35 118 landscapes (e.g. Moon et al., 2011; Larsen and Montgomery, 2012), the San Gabriel  
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37 119 Mountains exhibit high exhumation rates in a relatively dry climate, providing the  
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39 120 opportunity to study how hillslope processes specifically contribute to global  
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45 123 eastern San Gabriel Mountains (Dibblee and Minch, 2002; Morton and Miller, 2003)  
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47 124 where they are interpreted to originate from large magnitude landslide events (Morton et

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3 125 al., 1989; Morton and Miller, 2003; Scherler et al., 2016). In landscapes where  
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5 126 landsliding is the dominant erosion process, the long-term debris flux is defined by the  
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7 127 landslide frequency-magnitude relationship (Hovius et al., 1997; Niemi et al., 2005) . If  
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9 128 river channels are adjusted to a long-term average debris flux, then episodic large  
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11 129 magnitude events may overwhelm the capacity of rivers to transport landslide debris  
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13 130 (Ouimet et al., 2008) storing partially reworked landslide debris in low-sloping deposits  
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15 131 above river channels (Yanites et al., 2010). Landslide deposits mapped in eastern San  
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17 132 Gabriel Mountain catchments form similarly lower sloping deposits (Figure 3) that may  
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19 133 provide relatively stable surfaces for locally enhanced pedogenesis, supplementing the  
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21 134 chemical solute flux from an otherwise unstable, bedrock-dominated landscape.  
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### 136 **1.3 Landslide debris in Cow Canyon**

137 Our analysis focuses on landslide debris deposited in Cow Canyon, a ~10 km<sup>2</sup>  
138 tributary to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. Three poorly consolidated deposits  
139 collectively interpreted as Quaternary elevated older alluvial gravel (Dibblee and Minch,  
140 2002) or late Holocene to middle Pleistocene landslide deposits (Morton and Miller,  
141 2003) occur at similar elevation on the north side of the canyon. Vegetation on the  
142 deposit surface is typical chaparral, including dense stands of shrubs including scrub  
143 oak, California sagebrush, chamise, chapparal yucca, manzanita and others (US  
144 National Park Service, 2013). The sparser vegetation on surrounding steeper hillslopes  
145 is limited to trees (e.g. sugar pine *P. lambertiana* and others) in steep debris chutes and  
146 on north-facing slopes. The surfaces of these deposits are densely vegetated,  
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3 148 relicts from a more extensive valley fill surface. Prior aggradation of Cow Canyon may  
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5 149 be related to damming and reorganization of San Antonio Canyon (e.g. Ehlig, 1958;  
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7 150 Morton et al., 1989; Morton and Miller, 2003), although this relationship remains  
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9 151 speculative. Though landslide scars and recent debris are common in the eastern San  
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11 152 Gabriel Mountains, the preservation of older, weathered deposits is rare. Thus, we  
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13 153 target these otherwise-transient features for further study.  
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17 154 Soils in Cow Canyon exhibit distinctly reddened yet morphologically simple, sandy to  
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19 155 gravelly profiles. Soils are mapped by the Natural Resource Conservation Service as  
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21 156 Soil Survey Unit 316, including exposed bedrock, Haploxerolls and Chilao family soils  
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23 157 (Soil Survey Staff, 2014). Unit 316 represents up to ~40% exposed bedrock with  
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25 158 remaining surfaces exhibiting one or more gravelly, well-drained Xerorthents (~41%),  
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27 159 Haploxerolls (~15%), and/or Haploxerepts (2%), none of which exhibit strongly illuviated  
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29 160 B horizons. Chilao family soils specifically are described as having a ~13 cm gravelly-  
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31 161 loam A horizon atop a ~30 cm C horizon of gravelly sand. Soil mineralogy is  
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33 162 representative of the crystalline basement source rocks and primarily includes quartz,  
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35 163 hornblende, micas, and minor magnetite (McFadden, 1982). Detailed field photographs  
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37 164 of the deposits, soils and vegetation are available as Supplemental Figures.  
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42 165 To interpret the origin, age and susceptibility of deposits to soil development, we  
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44 166 expand upon this previous work with detailed Structure from Motion modeling of a  
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46 167 debris surface, and new measurements of soil morphology, geochemistry, clay  
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48 168 mineralogy and luminescence-based depositional ages.  
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## 54 170 **2. Methods**

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3 171 We constructed structure-from-motion photogrammetry models (Westoby et al.,  
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5 172 2012) to visualize and quantitatively describe the surface morphology of the largest Cow  
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7 173 Canyon deposit and identify areas of surface degradation. We qualitatively described  
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10 174 deposit thickness and sedimentology along the deposit, as well as four soil profiles from  
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12 175 intact portions of the deposit surface that capture the full variability in the surface  
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14 176 catena. Description of soil profile and horizon morphology were made in the field from  
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17 177 cleaned, vertical road cut exposures between 1040 to 1187 m elevation following the  
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19 178 protocols of Schoeneberger et al. (2012). To quantitatively measure physical and  
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21 179 chemical soil properties including elemental changes in response to chemical  
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23 180 weathering, bulk soil samples were collected from each soil horizon for laboratory  
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25 181 analysis of soil texture, color, clay mineralogy, major and trace element concentrations.  
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27 182 Bulk soil samples were sieved to < 2 mm and air-dried prior to laboratory analysis. Four  
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29 183 additional sediment samples were collected to constrain the maximum depositional age  
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## 40 187 **2.1 Structure from Motion photogrammetry**

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44 189 for creating digital elevation models (DEMs) from spatially referenced photographs with  
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46 190 a higher resolution than is often available from traditional remote sensing techniques  
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48 191 (Johnson et al., 2014), including the 10 m DEM currently available from the 1/3  
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50 192 arcsecond US National Elevation Dataset. Photographs were taken during cloudless  
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3 194 positions were georeferenced with a Trimble Juno ST handheld GPS unit ( $\pm 7$  m  
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5 195 accuracy). We used Agisoft Photoscan Pro, a commercial photogrammetric software  
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7 196 package, to align 143 georeferenced photographs and generate a surface mesh. We  
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9 197 exported a  $\sim 1$  m spatial resolution DEM for subsequent morphometric analysis with the  
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## 17 200 **2.2 Laboratory soil analyses**

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23 203 comparison to a Munsell® Soil Color Chart.  
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26 204 Mineralogical analysis of extracted, clay-sized particle fractions was performed  
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28 205 using x-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis on smeared glass slides. To prepare for XRD,  
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32 207 of 5% sodium hexametaphosphate solution and agitation in a blender for three minutes.  
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36 209 remove organics, and using citrate-dithionite buffer solution to remove short-order  
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38 210 oxides (Soukup, 2008). To confirm lattice behavior in response to ion saturation and  
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40 211 heat treatments, samples were first subdivided for ion-saturation in 1N  $\text{MgCl}_2$  and 1N  
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42 212 KCl. Following an initial XRD analysis, the Mg-saturated samples were exposed to  
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44 213 ethylene glycol (EG) in a sealed desiccator for 48 hours and re-scanned. Three XRD  
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46 214 scans were performed for the K-saturated samples. A first scan was performed on the  
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48 215 unheated sample, a second scan after heating the sample to  $350^\circ\text{C}$  for four hours, and  
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3 217 Analyses were conducted on a Rigaku Ultima IV XRD spectrometer at the Pomona  
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7 219 scans from 4 to 30° 2 $\theta$  at 40 kV and 44 mA. A sample of Clay Minerals Society  
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9 220 reference standard PFI-1 containing palygorskite and smectite was treated and  
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11 221 analyzed alongside field samples for verification of successfully induced Mg, K, EG, and  
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13 222 heat effects. Mineral interpretations were made via comparison to the ICDD PDF-2  
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15 223 database (ICDD, 2003) and to other references (e.g. Dixon et al., 1990; Moore and  
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17 224 Reynolds, 1997; Poppe et al., 2001) using Materials Data Jade 8 software.

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21 226 ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry for sieved bulk soil samples and also for individual  
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25 228 Rocklabs® tungsten carbide head and mill. Powdered sample was mixed in a 1:2 ratio  
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27 229 with a dilithium tetraborate flux, blended in a vortexer and fused to a glass bead in a  
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29 230 graphite crucible at 1000°C for 15 minutes to one hour. Initial glass beads were then  
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31 231 powdered and re-fused to ensure complete sample homogenization. Secondary beads  
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33 232 were polished to a mirror finish and analyzed with a 3.0 kW Panalytical Axios  
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35 233 wavelength dispersive XRF spectrometer in the Pomona College Geology Department  
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37 234 following methodology adapted from Johnson et al. (1999). Elemental concentrations  
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51 238 ***2.3 Post-IR IRSL dating***

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7 241 transport distance is short, a significant portion of grains may not be exposed to light for  
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9 242 long enough to reduce their initial luminescence signal to zero (Wallinga, 2008; McGuire  
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11 243 and Rhodes, 2015). Single grain measurements provide a distribution of ages that can  
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13 244 be analyzed statistically to identify the minimum value corresponding to the depositional  
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17 246 luminescence (IRSL) of single-grains of K-feldspar using a post-IR-IRSL protocol  
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26 249 Samples were collected from sandy layers of bedded fluvial and colluvial  
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28 250 sediments and stored in steel tubes in the field. Gamma ray spectrometer  
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32 252 rate contribution from sediment at the sample location. Samples were subsequently  
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36 254 Samples were wet-sieved to separate the 175-200  $\mu\text{m}$  fraction and K-feldspar grains  
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40 256 heavy liquid with density  $2.565 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . Potassium-feldspar grains were then etched for  
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42 257 10 minutes in 10% HF to expose fresh mineral surfaces. For each sample, single K-  
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46 259 were stimulated with infrared laser using a post-IR protocol detailed in the  
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### 14 267 **3. Results**

#### 16 268 **3.1 Deposit morphology and sedimentology**

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19 269 Slope analysis of our ~1 m structure-from-motion DEM reveals a partially  
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21 270 dissected planar surface extending 1.2 km into Cow Canyon (Figure 4). The surface  
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23 271 dips 13° to the southwest with only 1.4 m average deviation in elevation from a planar  
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25 272 surface fit. Complimentary slope analysis from coarser 10 m National Elevation Dataset  
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27 273 confirms that additional Cow Canyon deposits have similar slopes (10-19° dip to the  
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29 274 southwest) consistent with an interpretation that these deposits are relicts from a  
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31 275 previous valley fill. All three surfaces project upstream to additional landslide debris that  
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33 276 forms the low saddle drainage divide (Morton and Miller, 2003).

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35 277 Deposits are poorly consolidated and thicken from less than 5 m to over 10 m  
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37 278 with distance down the deposit surface from the surface apex, occasionally observed  
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39 279 above a sharp bedrock contact. At the top of the deposit, poorly sorted angular clasts up  
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41 280 to ~0.5 m diameter form a loose, matrix supported breccia. However, clast angularity  
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43 281 decreases and the frequency of clast-supported layers increases with distance down  
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45 282 the deposit. Lower elevation exposures display evidence of reworking, including crudely  
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47 283 sorted layers of subrounded gravel and cobbles with finer-grained sand and silt lenses.  
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49 284 Throughout the deposit, clasts are dominated by locally-sourced lithologies including  
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51 285 vein quartz, andesite, basalt, granodiorite, amphibolite, micaceous pegmatite and  
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3 286 various gneisses, and the variability in clast lithology increases at lower elevation  
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5 287 exposures. Clasts of the distinctive Pelona Schist were not observed.  
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### 9 10 289 **3.2 Soil analyses**

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12 290 **Field description.** Soil profiles lack clearly illuviated B horizons, with darkened A  
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14 291 horizons above pale AC and C horizons (Table 2 and Figure 5). Depth to the AC or C  
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16 292 horizon ranges from 40 cm to 70 cm and horizon boundaries may be gradual or clear,  
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18 293 smooth to wavy. All horizons generally exhibit angular to subangular blocky structure  
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20 294 with very fine to very coarse pores and roots, and there are no systematic trends in soil  
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22 295 structure, vegetation or porosity across the surface. Residual gravel fraction is typically  
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24 296 <10% in the A horizon, increasing to 30-75% in the C horizon. The lowest elevation  
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26 297 profile has an anomalously high (~33%) residual gravel fraction in the A horizon. Full  
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28 298 field descriptions and photographs of soil profiles are provided in the Supplementary  
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35 300 **Texture and color.** Soil texture ranges from loamy coarse sand to sandy clay  
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37 301 loam (Table 2 and Figure 5). Sand content increases with depth in each profile and with  
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39 302 decreasing surface elevation in A and C horizon. The two highest elevation profiles  
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41 303 exhibited browner, darker dry soil color with A horizons of 7.5 YR 3/4 and 10 YR 4/4  
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43 304 compared to 7.5 YR 5/4 and 10 YR 5/4 at lower elevation profiles. Similarly, C horizons  
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45 305 are 7.5 YR 4/6 in higher elevation profiles but 10 YR 6/4 and 10 YR 5/6 in lower  
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47 306 elevation profiles.  
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51 307 In terms of master horizon type, texture, and thickness, soils most closely match  
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53 308 a Haploxeroll description. However, the high color values and chromas of moist soil and  
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3 309 low organic matter content fail to satisfy the requirement for a mollic epipedon. Instead,  
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5 310 we prefer classification of these soils as Typic Xerorthents which may be an  
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7 311 intermediate match to the Hanford Series and the Shortcut Series, both considered  
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9 312 minor components of Soil Survey Unit 316 (Soil Survey Staff, 2014).  
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12 313 **Clay mineralogy.** Clay-sized particle mineralogy indicates incipient soil profile  
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14 314 development consistent with the Typic Xerothent subgroup of Entisols, or with very  
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16 315 weak Inceptisols. Broad diffraction peaks indicate the presence of several distinct  
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18 316 phyllosilicates in the clay-size particle fraction. These are predominately kaolin group  
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20 317 clays, illite group clays, vermiculite, and trace smectite with clay-sized quartz also  
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22 318 common (Table 2). Mica group diffraction peaks were weak in most samples despite the  
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24 319 presence of visible and abundant mica flakes in field exposures of soil and bedrock  
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26 320 clasts in parent material. This may be attributed to the large size of lithogenic mica  
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28 321 grains which would not have been separated within the clay-sized particle class  
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30 322 extracted for XRD analysis (detailed XRD data and mineralogical interpretations are  
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32 323 available in the Supplemental Material). With the exception of the lowest elevation  
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34 324 sample, clay mineralogy was similar between horizons of each profile, and between  
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36 325 profile sites despite changes in total counts or in relative peak intensity. Samples from  
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38 326 the lowest elevation profile showed the greatest mineralogical change within profile. The  
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40 327 variety of clay minerals present and the lack of differentiation within this profile suggests  
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42 328 incomplete chemical alteration of the lithogenic phyllosilicate mineral fraction.  
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49 329 **Chemical weathering indices.** Immobile element concentrations in parent  
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51 330 material and soil can be used to evaluate the degree of chemical mass loss through  
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53 331 weathering (Riebe et al., 2001). Following the approach of Muir and Logan (1982), we  
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3 332 used XRF analytical data to calculate  $\tau$ , element loss relative to the concentration of an  
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17 338 where  $i_z$  and  $Zr_z$  are the concentration of element  $i$  and zirconium in soil horizon  $z$ ,  $i_{PM}$   
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19 339 and  $Zr_{PM}$  are the concentration of element  $i$  and zirconium in the unaltered parent  
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21 340 material. We also calculated the Chemical Depletion Fraction or CDF, as the total  
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23 341 elemental loss in each soil horizon  $z$ , defined by (Riebe et al., 2001) as  
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$$CDF_z = \left( 1 - \frac{Zr_{PM}}{Zr_z} \right) \quad (2)$$

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34 345 where notation follows from equation 1.  
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37 346 The concentration of immobile Zr and Ti increases from the debris parent  
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39 347 material to the uppermost A horizon in each soil profile (Figure 6A). Nearly all  
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41 348 measurements from soil profiles in Cow Canyon exhibit higher concentrations of  
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43 349 immobile elements than published values from soils developed on bedrock in the  
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45 350 eastern San Gabriel Mountains (Dixon et al., 2012), which may be explained by  
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47 351 significant variability in bedrock mineralogy and enhanced weathering of debris soils.  
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50 352 Debris soils show no evidence of significant accumulation of dust bearing the chemical  
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52 353 signature of local dust inputs (Reheis and Kihl, 1995) complicating geochemical  
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3 355 Because the parent material of debris soils contains debris of heterogeneous  
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7 357 sieved < 2 mm with nine individual debris clasts, chosen to represent the observed  
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9 358 variability in local source rock lithology and pre-depositional weathering. There is no  
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11 359 significant difference between the Zr/Ti ratio of sieved debris and the average of  
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13 360 individual clast analyses, indicating that sieving debris < 2 mm effectively averages over  
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15 361 any geochemical heterogeneity arising from source rock lithology and pre-depositional  
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17 362 weathering (see figure in Supplemental Material). Additionally, though our relatively  
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19 363 small sample size (n=4) of soil pits may fail to capture the variability of Zr concentrations  
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21 364 in both parent material and mobile soil (Heimsath and Burke, 2013), our use of well-  
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23 365 mixed debris as parent material should effectively homogenize any local variability in Zr  
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25 366 arising from bedrock lithology.

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27 367 Consistent with the weathering enrichment of immobile elements, elemental  
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29 368 losses (i.e.  $\tau_i$ ) and CDF values are greatest in all soil profile A horizons (Table 3). On  
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31 369 average, soils developed on landslide debris exhibit greater CDF values than bedrock  
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33 370 soils (Dixon et al., 2012) and greater elemental loss ( $\tau_i$  is more negative with greater  
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35 371 elemental loss) in all major elements except K (Figure 6B). Elemental losses are  
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37 372 greatest in the middle-elevation profiles B and C for all elements except Fe, and profile  
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39 373 B exhibits the highest CDF and greatest elemental loss values negative tau values for  
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41 374 each element. While there is no systematic relationship between elemental loss and soil  
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45 376 in the A horizon and 60.8% sand in sieved material) also exhibits the lowest CDF  
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5 379 **3.3 Post-IR IRSL dating**

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10 381 Pleistocene (Table 1). The dates show two distinct populations at ~40 ka ( $41.0 \pm 2.3$  ka,  
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12 382  $39.0 \pm 2.1$  ka) and ~33 ka ( $33.9 \pm 1.9$  ka and  $32.3 \pm 1.6$  ka) depositional age.

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14 383 Luminescence dates of sedimentary deposits can overestimate depositional ages due  
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16 384 to incomplete zeroing of the signal before deposition, an effect known as partial  
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18 385 bleaching. Partial bleaching can be particularly problematic in steep-slope catchments  
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20 386 proximal to headwaters (Kars et al., 2014; McGuire and Rhodes, 2015). The details of  
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22 387 our statistical model to identify a minimum equivalent dose for the age calculation are  
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31 390 **4. Discussion**

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33 391 We interpret the deposits in Cow Canyon to represent relict fragments of a larger,  
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35 392 more extensive valley fill surface. Deposits exhibit much lower slopes than expected for  
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37 393 colluvium near the angle-of-repose (~37° in the San Gabriel Mountains, DiBiase et al.,  
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39 394 2012) but are well explained by a continuous, low-sloping debris apron extending  
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41 395 across the valley. Extrapolation of deposit surfaces across Cow Canyon would  
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43 396 encompass 3.6-5.8 km<sup>2</sup> or 30-60% of the current catchment area, totaling an estimated  
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45 397 0.2-0.6 km<sup>3</sup> of fill in the present day canyon.  
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49 398 Debris aprons and cones may form from the wet remobilization of colluvium by  
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51 399 debris flows with short runouts (e.g. Brazier et al., 1988) and our observations of crude  
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53 400 sorting, fine-sediment lenses and progressive downslope clast rounding support  
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3 401 reworking by debris flows, a process common in the San Gabriel Mountains (e.g. Lave  
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5 402 and Burbank, 2004). Observations of angular, poorly sorted and matrix-supported  
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7 403 material near the apex of deposit surfaces may instead be explained by direct  
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9 404 deposition of colluvial debris from adjacent hillslopes by dry ravel (Lamb et al., 2013).

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12 405 Luminescence dating constrains a maximum ~40 ka depositional age for these  
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14 406 deposits, with two ~33 ka ages possibly indicating a period of debris reworking. These  
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17 407 depositional ages significantly precede aggradation along the North Fork of San Gabriel  
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19 408 River, where radiocarbon (Bull, 1991), luminescence and cosmogenic exposure dating  
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21 409 (Scherler et al., 2016) constrain an earliest deposition period of ~8-9 ka. According to  
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23 410 the landslide frequency-magnitude relationship developed for the San Gabriel  
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25 411 Mountains by Lave and Burbank (2004), a ~40 ka depositional age exceeds the  
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27 412 recurrence interval for even the largest landslide events, and broadly suggests that  
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29 413 landslide debris may be stored over  $10^4$  yr timescales. The potential for subsequent  
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31 414 reworking of this landslide debris throughout the downstream San Gabriel River system  
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33 415 indicates that landslide debris may be a persistent source of chemical solute in this  
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#### 418 **4.1 Storage of landslide debris in Cow Canyon**

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44 419 We interpret that aggradation of Cow Canyon resulted from mobilization of a  
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46 420 local debris source and does not necessarily implicate a climatically-driven change in  
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3 424 this fault is interpreted to have been inactive throughout the Quaternary (Powell, 1993;  
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7 426 alternative aggradation mechanism. However, fault strands may provide preexisting  
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9 427 planes of weakness that promote landsliding along the northern margin of Cow Canyon.  
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12 428 Bull (1990) interpreted aggradation along the North Fork of the San Gabriel River  
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14 429 as evidence for climatically-modulated changes in hillslope debris flux. Reinterpretation  
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16 430 of these deposits by Scherler et al. (2016) instead suggests that valley aggradation is  
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18 431 better explained by remobilization of landslide debris. Landslide debris may abruptly  
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20 432 change sediment supply, locally aggradating portions of a preexisting river systems  
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22 433 (Korup, 2005; Korup et al., 2010). In contrast, a climatic-modulated change in hillslope  
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24 434 debris flux should be regionally extensive. Without documentation of contemporaneous  
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26 435 deposits in adjacent river drainages, we consider the aggradation of Cow Canyon to  
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28 436 reflect local reworking of landslide debris in a similar fashion as has been reported by  
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38 439 Several studies have suggested that the upper portion of San Antonio Canyon  
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50 445 erosion of a range front tributary captured this drainage area to form the modern  
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7 449 upstream San Antonio Canyon channel steepness (Morton et al. 1989), suggest that the  
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11 451 directly related to the ~33-40 ka debris we investigated, and could instead be filling a  
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#### 19 454 ***4.2 Weathering of landslide debris***

21 455 We quantitatively explore the significance of landslide debris weathering by  
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23 456 predicting the flux of chemical solute from generic bedrock and debris soils. We predict  
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25 457 solute flux as a function of soil age, or the time since the establishment of a stable  
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27 458 geomorphic surface, following the approach of Yoo and Mudd (2008) to estimate the  
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29 459 solute flux from five mineral species using a linear dissolution rate (e.g. Hodson and  
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31 460 Langan, 1999; White and Brantley, 2003) and a time-dependent decay coefficient. We  
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33 461 assume the depth of a soil profile develops as an exponential function (Heimsath et al.,  
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35 462 1997) where maximum sediment production and pedogenic rates are higher for bedrock  
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37 463 soils forming on steep hillslopes than debris soils forming on lower-sloping deposit  
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39 464 surfaces (Heimsath et al., 2012). We assume that parent material for both soils begins  
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41 465 with a granodioritic composition consistent with average values of San Gabriel Mountain  
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43 466 bedrock (Barth, 1990; Dixon et al., 2012). Since the porosity of parent material is  
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45 467 unconstrained, we explore porosity values for landslide debris between a 0 (i.e. bedrock  
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47 468 porosity value) and 0.4 (i.e. soil porosity value) volumetric fraction. Our modeling does  
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10 473 In both generic bedrock and debris soils, solute flux is maximized over an  
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12 474 intermediate soil age. Low-sloping surfaces initially allow water to percolate and react,  
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16 476 minerals is depleted (Ferrier and Kirchner, 2008). Because the fresh mineral supply  
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18 477 and thus rates of surface mineral weathering are assumed to be lower on low-sloping  
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22 479 soils lags that of bedrock soils (Figure 7A). The solute flux from debris soils increases  
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24 480 with the assumed initial volumetric porosity of parent debris, reducing the critical soil  
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26 481 age over which the solute flux from both soils is equal (a solute flux ratio of 1).  
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28 482 Assuming a characteristic bedrock soil age of 350 yr (the time necessary to erode the  
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30 483 average bedrock soil thickness reported in Dixon et al. (2012) at an average erosion  
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32 484 rate of 500 m/Ma), our modeling illustrates that the solute flux from debris soils may  
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34 485 actually exceed that from bedrock soils when the porosity of parent debris exceeds a  
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36 486 volumetric fraction of 0.25 (almost 50% that of the resulting soil porosity), and debris soil  
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44 488 While we do not constrain the age of soils forming on landslide debris in Cow  
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50 491 Canyon are considerably younger than the  $\sim 33$ -40 ka depositional age of their parent  
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52 492 material. Specifically, the absence of a clearly illuviated B horizon in relatively shallow  
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3 493 profiles (typically <1 m in depth) suggest a mid-late Holocene (1-4 ka) soil age.  
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7 495 from mid-late Holocene soil age (Figure 8). An apparent ~10x difference between soil  
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9 496 and depositional ages for deposits in Cow Canyon may be strong evidence for frequent  
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11 497 soil stripping in response to wildfire, strong precipitation events, or other processes.  
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13 498 Indeed, the dynamics of soil erosion on a planar slope may be quite different from the  
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15 499 diffusive transport processes assumed in the conceptual framework of our analytical  
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17 500 model, and our modeling of generic soils should be viewed as generally illustrative  
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19 501 rather than predictive of our specific study area. Moreover, the model parameter  $\theta$  is  
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29 504 If debris soils date to ~1-4 ka, then we expect the solute flux from debris soil  
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31 505 weathering is unlikely to have exceeded that from bedrock soils in Cow Canyon. While  
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33 506 this calculation remains sensitive to assumed maximum solute production rates, we  
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35 507 propose that the broader interpretation of limited solute fluxes from debris soils is robust  
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37 508 when debris soil age is more than 5x greater than bedrock soil age. Still, we conclude  
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41 510 worthy of consideration in predictive modeling.  
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### 47 512 ***4.3 The contribution of landsliding to mountain weathering***

49 513 While previous research has highlighted the role of landsliding on stream  
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51 514 organization and sediment flux (e.g. Korup, 2004; Ouimet et al., 2008), the specific  
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3 516 explored. For example, Jin et al. (2016) observed elevated river solute fluxes following  
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7 518 fluxes were linked to recent landsliding in both the Southern Alps (Emberson et al.,  
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9 519 2015) and southern Taiwan (Emberson et al., 2016); both studies found the effect of  
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11 520 landslides on solute fluxes dampened on decadal timescales.

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14 521 Landsliding may directly, but temporarily (i.e.  $< 10^2$  yr) enhance river solute  
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16 522 fluxes by exposing fractured saprolite and bedrock, promoting weathering reactions at  
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18 523 greater depth below the soil interface (Brantley et al., 2013; Riebe et al., 2016). Our  
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20 524 observations further suggest that landsliding may also have an indirect, but lasting  
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22 525 influence on solute fluxes by creating low-sloping surfaces that provide stable sites and  
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24 526 a high surface-area substrate for soil development in otherwise unstable landscapes.  
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26 527 This may occur through reworking of landslide debris into shallow, planar surfaces by  
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30 529 debris (Ouimet et al., 2007; Yanites et al., 2010; Scherler et al., 2016). The importance  
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32 530 of weathering of landslide debris will depend on the timescale of mineral depletion and  
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34 531 debris removal, the latter of which is a balance between the frequency of mass wasting  
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36 532 events and the transport capacity of the fluvial network (Emberson et al., 2016).

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38 533 If landsliding is the dominant process restricting the development of a continuous  
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40 534 soil cover in steep, rapidly eroding mountain landscapes (DiBiase et al., 2012; Larsen et  
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42 535 al., 2014a), then we expect the contribution of landsliding to the landscape solute flux  
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44 536 will be greatest in such bedrock-dominated landscapes and partially explain global  
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**5. Conclusion**

541           In this study, we evaluate how weathering of stored landslide debris may  
542 supplement the chemical solute flux from bedrock-dominated landscapes. We present  
543 new measurements of surface and soil morphology, soil geochemistry, and  
544 luminescence-based depositional ages for landslide debris deposits in Cow Canyon, a  
545 tributary to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains  
546 of California. The preservation of older landslide deposits provides the unique  
547 opportunity to study the temporal evolution of chemical weathering fluxes in a landscape  
548 with frequent landsliding but few relict surfaces. Reworking of landslide debris by dry  
549 colluvial and debris flow processes form low-sloping surfaces that host relatively young,  
550 but developing, oxidized, soils in an otherwise unstable, bedrock-dominated landscape  
551 rapidly eroding by landsliding. Luminescence depositional age dating indicates that  
552 landslide debris may be stored over  $10^4$  timescales, significantly longer than the longest  
553 recurrence estimates of large landslide events in the San Gabriel Mountains. If landslide  
554 debris is a persistent feature of this landscape, pedogenesis on low-sloping, stable  
555 deposit surfaces will supplement, but likely not surpass, the solute flux of these rapidly  
556 eroding landscapes. Broadly, we conclude that landslide debris storage may be an  
557 important supplementary source of chemical solute, but is unlikely to dominate the  
558 chemical solute flux of rapidly eroding, bedrock-dominated landscapes. More study is  
559 necessary to constrain the spatial variability in soil properties across these unusual  
560 preserved surfaces; this study could be repeated at other large landslide deposits in the  
561 San Gabriel Mountains, such as at Crystal Lake, to better understand how debris age

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3 562 and geomorphic context affect soil formation. Locally, however, the persistence of  
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10 565 that bear further consideration in the evolving view of debris storage and solute flux in  
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### 18 857 **Figure Captions**

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21 859 Figure 1: Analytical models of mineral weathering in a steady-state soil profile fail to  
22 860 explain observations of elevated solute fluxes in rapidly eroding landscapes where  
23 861 landsliding restricts the development of a continuous soil profile. For example, the solid  
24 862 line illustrates the predictive model of Gabet and Mudd (2009) using parameters derived  
25 863 for the San Gabriel Mountains. The dashed line illustrates a regression of global  
26 864 observations of physical and chemical denudation rates by Larsen et al. (2014).  
27 865 Mismatch at high erosion rates requires additional solute from alternative sources in the  
28 866 landscape, such as direct weathering of saprolite or stored debris. See Supplementary  
29 867 Material for model parameters.

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32 869 Figure 2: Landslide debris is ubiquitous in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains. The San  
33 870 Gabriel Mountains comprise crystalline basement units exhumed along large, range-  
34 871 bounding thrust faults (thick white lines; SMFZ = Sierra Madre Fault Zone, CFZ =  
35 872 Cucamonga Fault Zone) in a restraining bend of the San Andreas Fault (SAF).  
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37 874 the vicinity of Mount San Antonio (B). Correspondingly, the extent of mapped landslide  
38 875 deposits (black areas, mapped by Yerkes and Campbell, 2005 and Morton and Miller,  
39 876 2006) increases in eastern high relief catchments like the North Fork of the San Gabriel  
40 877 River (NF), San Antonio Canyon (SAC) and Cow Canyon (CC), shown in detail in  
41 878 Figure 3.

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44 880 Figure 3: Landslide debris stored along the North Fork of the San Gabriel River (NF),  
45 881 Cow Canyon (CC) and San Antonio Canyon (SAC) forms low-sloping deposits above  
46 882 river channels that provide stable surfaces for pedogenesis in an otherwise unstable  
47 883 landscape. Landslide deposits mapped by Morton and Miller (2006) are represented by  
48 884 black hatching and hillslope angles are calculated from the 10 m digital elevation model  
49 885 from the US National Elevation Dataset. Inset box and camera icons respectively mark  
50 886 the extent of Figure 4 and location of featured field photographs.

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52 888 Figure 4: A. Perspective views of surfaces in Cow Canyon from field photographs  
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3 890 hatching) from a larger valley fill. Location of photographs illustrated in Figure 3. B. High  
4 891 resolution (~1 m) slope map derived from Structure from Motion photogrammetry of the  
5 892 largest landslide debris surface reveals a partially dissected 1.2 km long planar surface  
6 893 dipping an average 13 degrees to the southwest. Four soil profiles were chosen to  
7 894 capture the full soil variability across the surface catena. The three highest elevation soil  
8 895 profiles (A, B and C) were described at the margin of the intact deposit surface while  
9 896 lowest elevation profile (D) was collected from a highly degraded portion of the deposit.  
10 897 Additional views of the deposits can be seen in Supplemental Figure 5.  
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14 899 Figure 5. Soils developed on Cow Canyon surfaces are thicker than bedrock soils  
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16 901 2012;  $n$  is the number of soil depth measurements per site) and show weak  
17 902 horizonation, lacking clearly illuviated B horizons. Textual trends in each profile show a  
18 903 reduction in sand and increase in clay accumulation, possibly indicating accumulation of  
19 904 aerosolic dust and/or secondary weathering products. Color photographs of soil profiles  
20 905 are available in Supplementary Figures 5 through 8.  
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23 907 Figure 6: A. Weathering of debris parent material increases the concentration of  
24 908 immobile elements Zr and Ti between the C and A horizons of each soil profile (trends  
25 909 shown as black arrows). Compared to published values of bedrock soils from three  
26 910 locations in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains (grey arrows, Dixon et al. 2012), debris  
27 911 soils in Cow Canyon exhibit a greater degree of immobile element enrichment. Debris  
28 912 soils are apparently unbiased by dust accumulation from Mojave or San Gabriel  
29 913 Mountain sources (Reheis and Kihl, 1995). Bedrock soil elemental values are averages  
30 914 from multiple measurements at each site, showing one standard deviation.  
31 915 B. Complimentary measurements of mobile element losses ( $\tau$  values) demonstrate  
32 916 enhanced weathering of debris soils. Debris soils typically show more (i.e. more  
33 917 negative) losses than observations from the same bedrock soils in panel A. Accordingly,  
34 918 mean CDF values from debris soils exceed that of bedrock soils.  
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38 920 Figure 7: A. Following the approach of Yoo and Mudd (2008), we predict the solute flux  
39 921 from bedrock and debris soils as a function of their age. We assume rates of soil  
40 922 formation are lower on low sloping debris surfaces such that the solute flux from debris  
41 923 soils lags that of bedrock soils. The solute flux from debris soils strongly depends on  
42 924 initial debris porosity, shifting the age over which the solute flux from debris soils  
43 925 exceeds that of bedrock soils. See Supplementary Material for model details and  
44 926 parameters. B. Contour plot of predicted solute flux ratio between debris and bedrock  
45 927 soils. We illustrate that the solute flux from debris soils may exceed that from bedrock  
46 928 soils where initial debris porosity exceeds ~0.25 and debris soils age ranges between  
47 929  $10^2$ - $10^3$  yr.  
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50 931 Figure 8. Observations of soil thickness and CDF are consistent with a soil age ~1-4 ka,  
51 932 similar to regional chronosequence estimates of a mid-late Holocene age. Calculation  
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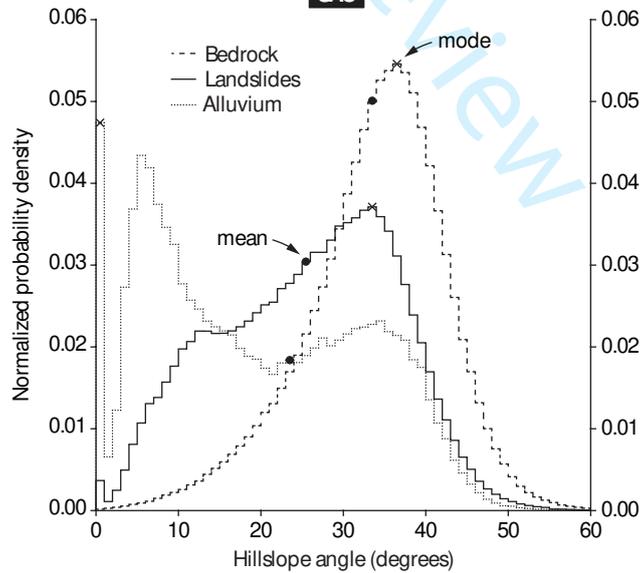
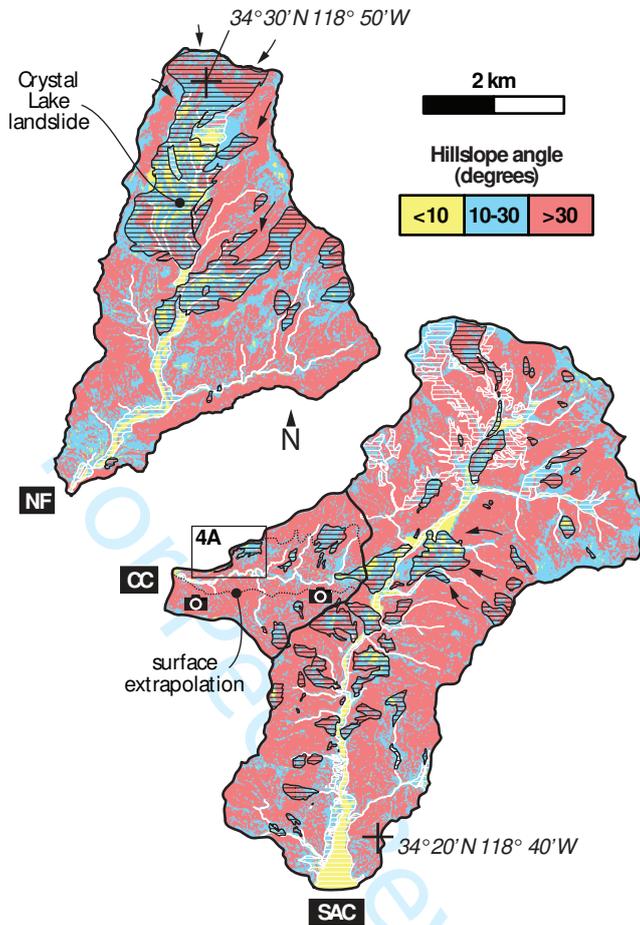


Table 1. Summary of soil profile observations (see Supplementary Material for detailed soil descriptions)

Horizon	Munsell color (dry)	Texture			NRCS texture
		% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	
<i>Profile A: 3788509E 435570N 1187 m elevation</i>					
A (0-30 cm)	7.5YR 3/4	43.3	31.1	25.6	Loam
AC (30-62 cm)	7.5YR 5/6	48.3	30.2	21.5	Loam
C (62+ cm)	7.5YR 4/6	55.6	27.8	16.6	Fine Sandy Loam
<i>Profile B: 3788450E 435315N 1136 m elevation</i>					
A (0-20 cm)	10YR 4/4	55.5	31.8	12.7	Fine Sandy Loam
C1 (20-45 cm)	7.5YR 5/4	52.5	29.7	17.8	Fine Sandy Loam
2C2 (45-90+ cm)	7.5YR 4/6	64.4	20.5	15.0	Fine Sandy Loam
<i>Profile C: 3788276E 435081N 1076 m elevation</i>					
A (0-45 cm)	7.5Y4 5/4	49.6	25.6	24.8	Sandy Clay Loam
AC (45-70 cm)	7.5YR 6/6	52.8	35.6	11.5	Sandy Clay Loam
C (70+ cm)	10YR 6/4	72.4	18.9	8.6	Fine Sandy Loam
<i>Profile D: 3788079E 434851N 1040 m elevation</i>					
A (0-25 cm)	10YR 5/4	68.2	21.7	10.1	Sandy Loam
C1 (25-100 cm)	10YR 5/6	73.9	16.9	9.2	Sandy Loam
2C2 (100-130+ cm)	10YR 5/4	81.1	12.1	6.8	Loamy Coarse Sand

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Clay-sized Particle Mineralogy (relative abundance)			
Kaolin Group	Vermiculite	Illite Group	Smectite Group
moderate (30-45%)	abundant (45-70%)	low (5-30%)	low (5-30%)
moderate (30-45%)	moderate (30-45%)	moderate (30-45%)	low (5-30%)
moderate (30-45%)	moderate (30-45%)	moderate (30-45%)	low (5-30%)
abundant (45-70%)	abundant (45-70%)	low (5-30%)	not detected
abundant (45-70%)	low (5-30%)	trace (< 5%)	not detected
predominant (>70%)	low (5-30%)	trace (< 5%)	trace (< 5%)
abundant (45-70%)	moderate (30-45%)	low (5-30%)	trace (< 5%)
abundant (45-70%)	abundant (45-70%)	low (5-30%)	trace (< 5%)
abundant (45-70%)	abundant (45-70%)	low (5-30%)	low (5-30%)
abundant (45-70%)	trace (< 5%)	moderate (30-45%)	trace (< 5%)
abundant (45-70%)	moderate (30-45%)	moderate (30-45%)	not detected
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Quartz	Chlorite
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Table 2. Summary of post IR-IRSL burial age dating

Profile	Lab/field code	Equivalent dose ( $D_e$ ) $\pm$ uncertainty (Gy)	Total dose rate $\pm$ error (Gy/ka)
<i>Profile A</i>			
	J0949/CC15-04	$96.8 \pm 3.55$	$3.002 \pm 0.10$
<i>Profile B*</i>			
	J0948/CC15-03	$110.0 \pm 4.30$	$3.249 \pm 0.13$
<i>Profile C</i>			
	J0946/CC15-01	$123.6 \pm 5.35$	$3.009 \pm 0.11$
	J0947/CC15-02	$116.6 \pm 4.48$	$2.994 \pm 0.11$

\*The dated sediment collected for Profile B was located 10 m below the soil profile

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Table 3. Summary of chemical weathering indices (see Supplementary Material for full geochem

Horizon	Zr (ppm)	Ti (wt. %)	Elemental losses* ( $\tau$ )				
			Si	Al	Fe	Ca	Mg
<i>Profile A</i>							
A	285	1.21	-0.25	-0.16	-0.13	-0.24	-0.19
AC	278	1.17	-0.22	-0.17	-0.15	-0.12	-0.16
C	220	0.97	0.02	0.02	-0.1	0.1	-0.09
Parent debris	222	1.06					
<i>Profile B</i>							
A	369	1.18	-0.57	-0.52	-0.38	-0.65	-0.54
C1	272	1.13	-0.41	-0.33	-0.19	-0.6	-0.41
2C2	224	1.01	-0.29	-0.18	-0.06	-0.41	-0.24
Parent debris	165	0.85					
<i>Profile C</i>							
A	228	1.14	-0.4	-0.21	0.05	-0.56	-0.4
AC	162	0.91	-0.12	0.01	0.09	-0.09	0.08
C	166	1.26	-0.24	-0.06	0.47	0.52	0.8
Parent debris	148	0.83					
<i>Profile D</i>							
A	225	0.82	-0.15	-0.09	-0.03	-0.28	-0.2
C1	203	0.86	-0.08	0.02	0.13	-0.07	-0.03
Parent debris	193	0.77					

\*footnotes: Elemental losses normalized to Zr content; negative tau values correspond to mass loss

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## Supplementary material

This document contains supporting material for *Storage and weathering of landslide debris in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains, California, USA: implications for mountain solute flux*, by Del Vecchio et al. This material includes detailed soil profile descriptions, an explanation of the post-IR IRSL luminescence burial dating protocol, an explanation of the integral transformation of San Antonio Canyon, and an explanation of the solute flux modeling used to calculate Figure 1 and Figure 7. This material also includes eight supplementary figures and four supplementary tables.

### 1. Soil profile descriptions

#### Profile A

Northing: 3788509 Easting: 435570 Elevation: 1187 m

**A:** 0 to 30 centimeters; dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) sandy clay loam, brown (7.5YR 4/4) moist; angular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, moderately sticky, slightly plastic; common very fine tubular pores and common fine tubular pores; less than 5% subangular fine to medium gravel-sized rock fragments; clear smooth boundary.

**AC:** 30-62 centimeters; bright brown (7.5YR 5/6) clay loam, dull reddish brown (5YR 4/4) moist; angular blocky structure, medium hard, friable, moderately sticky, slightly plastic; common very fine tubular pores and common very coarse tubular roots; common fine tubular pores and common very fine tubular pores; about 25% angular medium to coarse gravel-sized rock fragments; gradual smooth boundary.

**C:** 62+ centimeters; brown (7.5YR 4/6) sandy clay loam, dull reddish brown (5YR 4/4) moist; angular blocky structure, medium hard, firm, slightly sticky, nonplastic; common fine to very fine tubular roots and common medium tubular roots; common very fine tubular pores; about 30% angular medium to coarse gravel-sized rock fragments. Lower boundary not observed.

#### Profile B

Northing: 3788450 Easting: 435315 Elevation: 1135 m

**A:** 0 to 20 centimeters; brown (10YR 4/4) loam, dark brown (10YR 3/4) moist; subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, nonplastic; common very fine tubular roots, common medium to very coarse tubular roots; common medium dendritic tubular pores and common fine tubular pores; about 10% gravel to very fine cobble-sized rock fragments; gradual wavy.

**C1:** 20-45 centimeters; dull brown (7.5YR 5/4) silt loam, dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) moist; subangular blocky structure, medium hard, friable, slightly to moderately sticky, nonplastic to slightly plastic; common very fine tubular roots, common medium tubular roots, common very fine tubular roots; common medium tubular pores, common very fine to fine tubular pores; less than 10% subrounded gravel-sized rock fragments; abrupt wavy boundary.

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3 **2C2:** 45-90+ centimeters; brown (7.5YR 4/6) sandy loam, dark brown (7.5YR  
4 3/4) moist; subangular blocky structure; slightly to medium hard, friable,  
5 slightly sticky, nonplastic; common very fine tubular roots and common very  
6 coarse tubular roots; common very fine to fine tubular pores; about 50%  
7 subrounded gravel-sized rock fragments. Lower boundary not observed.  
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#### 10 Profile C

11 Northing: 3788276 Easting: 435081 Elevation: 1076 m  
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13 **A:** 0 to 45 centimeters; brown (7.5YR 5/4) clay loam, dull reddish brown (5YR  
14 4/4) moist; angular blocky structure; slightly hard, firm, nonsticky,  
15 slightly plastic; common very fine and fine roots; common fine dendritic  
16 tubular pores, common medium-coarse tubular pores; about 5%  
17 subangular gravel-sized rock fragments; gradual smooth boundary.  
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20 **AC:** 45-70 centimeters; orange (7.5YR 6/6) sand, brown (7.5YR 4/4) moist;  
21 angular blocky structure, slightly hard, very friable, slightly sticky,  
22 nonplastic; common medium tubular roots and common very fine  
23 tubular roots; common medium tubular pores and common very fine  
24 tubular pores; about 40% angular fine to coarse gravel-sized rock  
25 fragments; gradual smooth boundary.  
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28 **C:** 70+ centimeters; dull yellow orange (10YR 6/4) sand, brown (10YR 4/6)  
29 moist; angular blocky structure, slightly hard, very friable, slightly sticky,  
30 nonplastic; common medium tubular roots; common medium tubular  
31 pores and common very fine tubular pores; about 50% angular gravel  
32 to cobble-sized rock fragments. Lower boundary not observed.  
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39 (10YR 4/6) moist; subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly  
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41 to very coarse tubular pores; about 33% gravel to fine cobble-sized rock  
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45 **C1:** 25-100 centimeters; yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) loamy sand, brown  
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47 nonplastic; common fine to medium tubular roots and common very coarse  
48 tubular roots; common fine tubular pores; about 75% subrounded gravel to  
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## 52 **2. Post-IR IRSL protocol**

53 The methods used to obtain K-feldspar post-IR IRSL ages reported in  
54 the text use the protocol described by Rhodes (2015) and tested using age-  
55 controlled samples. The post-IR IRSL method has been tested near this  
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S1), modified for post-IR IRSL single-grain measurements (Murray and Wintle, 2000; Rhodes, 2015). The post-IR-IRSL measurements at 225 °C preceded by a 50 °C IR exposure. The elevated temperature, 225 °C IRSL measurement ("post-IR"), is used to estimate the equivalent dose.

Partial bleaching describes the bias introduced in the single-grain dose population of a sediment due to incomplete zeroing of the signal of a portion of the grains. Our statistical model posits that a well-zeroed sub-population should have a shared equivalent dose ( $D_e$ ) value at the minimum dose value observed in the dose distribution. Variations in beta dose rate to individual grains, and differences in response to the protocol used, introduce a degree of over-dispersion between single grain  $D_e$  values; based on experience of single grains of quartz, an over-dispersion value of 15% has been used (Rhodes, 2015). Figure S1a-d shows the age population of each sample with the sub-population that meets this condition.

For these samples, we observe a sensitivity dependence on the minimum  $D_e$  value, similar to that described in Rhodes (2015). In order to avoid possible age underestimation introduced by this effect, the brightest 25% of single grain results were used in age calculations. The results demonstrated that these samples were moderately well bleached, with between 50 and 80% of grains sharing the common minimum  $D_e$  value.

Ages are calculated by dividing the equivalent dose by the environmental dose rate. The in-situ gamma dose rate was determined using an EG&G ORTEC MicroNOMAD NaI portable gamma spectrometer, while sediment beta dose rate contributions were estimated using ICP-OES (K) and ICP-MS (U, Th). An internal K concentration of 12.5 +/- 2.5% (Huntley and Baril, 1997), and a water content of 5 +/- 2.5% were assumed. Details of the total environmental dose rate calculation, including beta-dose and contribution from cosmic ray dose, can be found in Brown et al. (2015) and references therein.

### 3. Solute flux modeling

In Figure 1 we calculated the steady-state solute flux ( $W_{ss}$ ) predicted in landscapes like the San Gabriel Mountains as a function of the total erosion rate ( $E$ )

This calculation follows the approach of Gabet and Mudd (2009),

$$W_{ss} = E \chi_m (1 - e^{-KT^{\sigma+1}/\sigma+1})$$

where  $\chi_m$  is the mass fraction of chemically mobile material,  $K$  and  $\sigma$  are empirically derived mineral weathering constants.  $T$  is the mineral residence time determined by,

$$T = \frac{\rho_{soil} h}{E}$$

where  $\rho_{soil}$  is soil density, and  $h$  is the soil thickness determined by

$$h = \frac{\ln(E/k_h)}{-\varphi}$$

where  $k_h$  is the maximum rate of soil production and  $\varphi$  is the soil production exponent (Heimsath et al., 1997), empirically determined for the San Gabriel Mountains by Heimsath et al. (2012). We further relate the erosion rate  $E$  to the average hillslope angle ( $S$ ) using the nonlinear model of DiBiase et al. (2010),

$$S = S_c \frac{1}{E^*} \left( \sqrt{1 + E^{*2}} - \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{1 + E^{*2}}) \right) - 1 \right)$$

where  $E^*$  is a dimensionless erosion rate following Roering (2007),

$$E^* = \frac{2E(\rho_{rock}/\rho_{soil})L_H}{K_d S_c}$$

and  $\rho_{rock}$  is rock density,  $L_H$  is a characteristic hillslope length,  $K_d$  and  $S_c$  are empirically determined parameters for the San Gabriel Mountains.

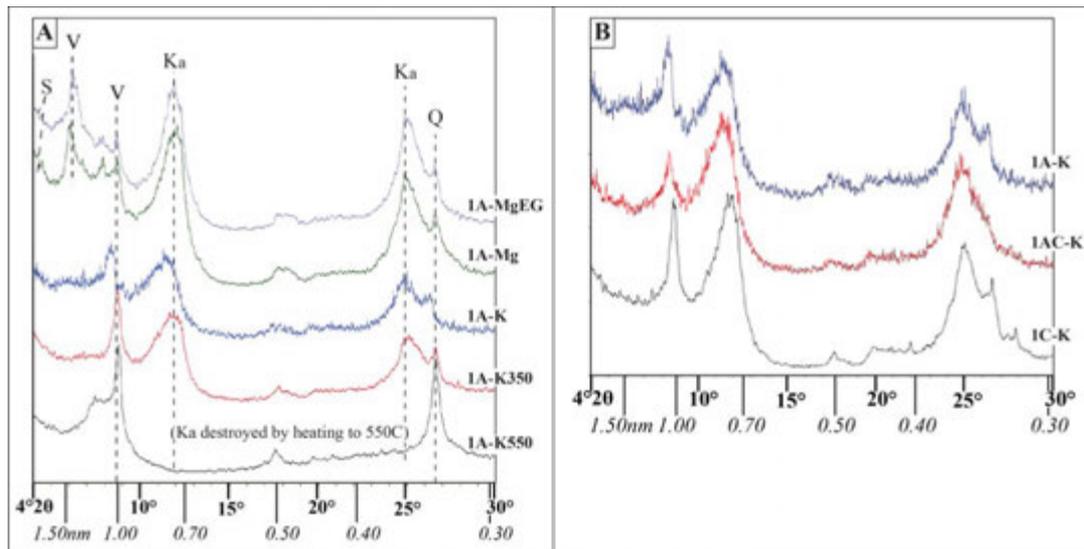
In Figure 7 we calculated the time-dependent solute flux for each of five different mineral species (quartz, plagioclase feldspar, potassium feldspar, hornblende and biotite mica) following the approach of Yoo and Mudd (2008). In each timestep ( $dt$ ) new soil mass  $m_0$  is introduced to the soil column as,

$$m_0 = P\chi_i\rho_i(1 - \theta)dt$$

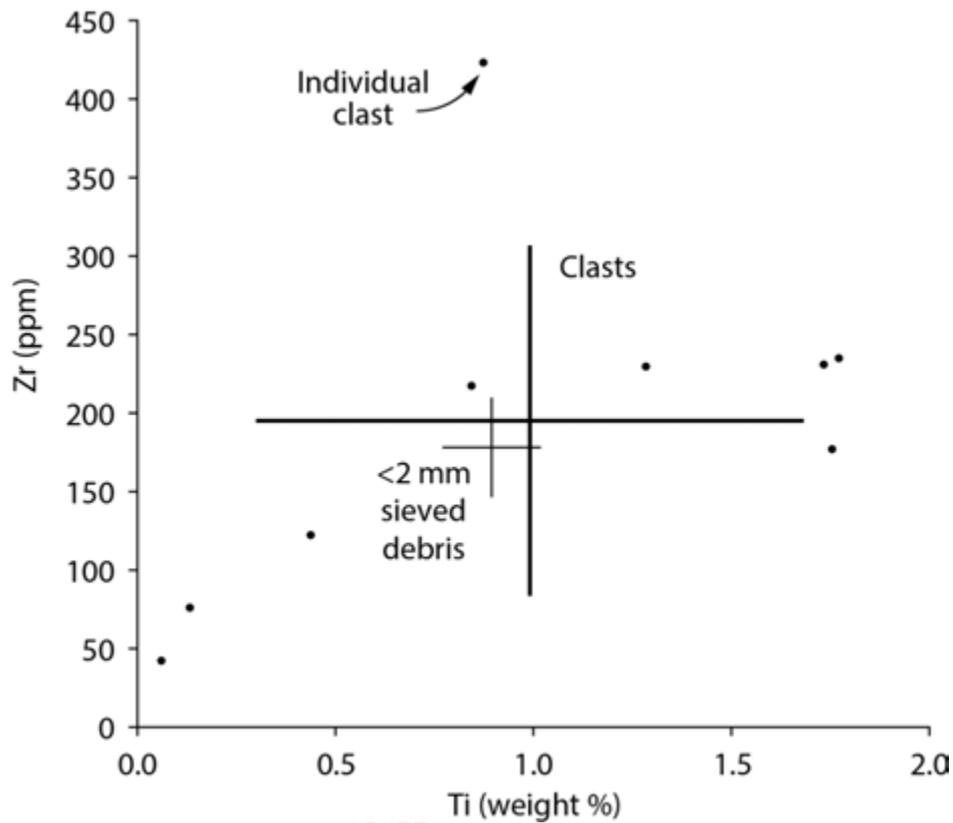
where  $P$  is the soil production rate,  $\chi_i$  is the concentration of mineral  $i$  in the parent material,  $\rho_i$  is the density of mineral  $i$  and  $\theta$  is the relative soil porosity (volumetric fraction). The solute flux ( $W$ ) is then calculated for each mineral  $i$  as

$$W_i = \frac{6a_i b_i \omega_i}{D\rho_i} T^{\alpha+\beta} m$$

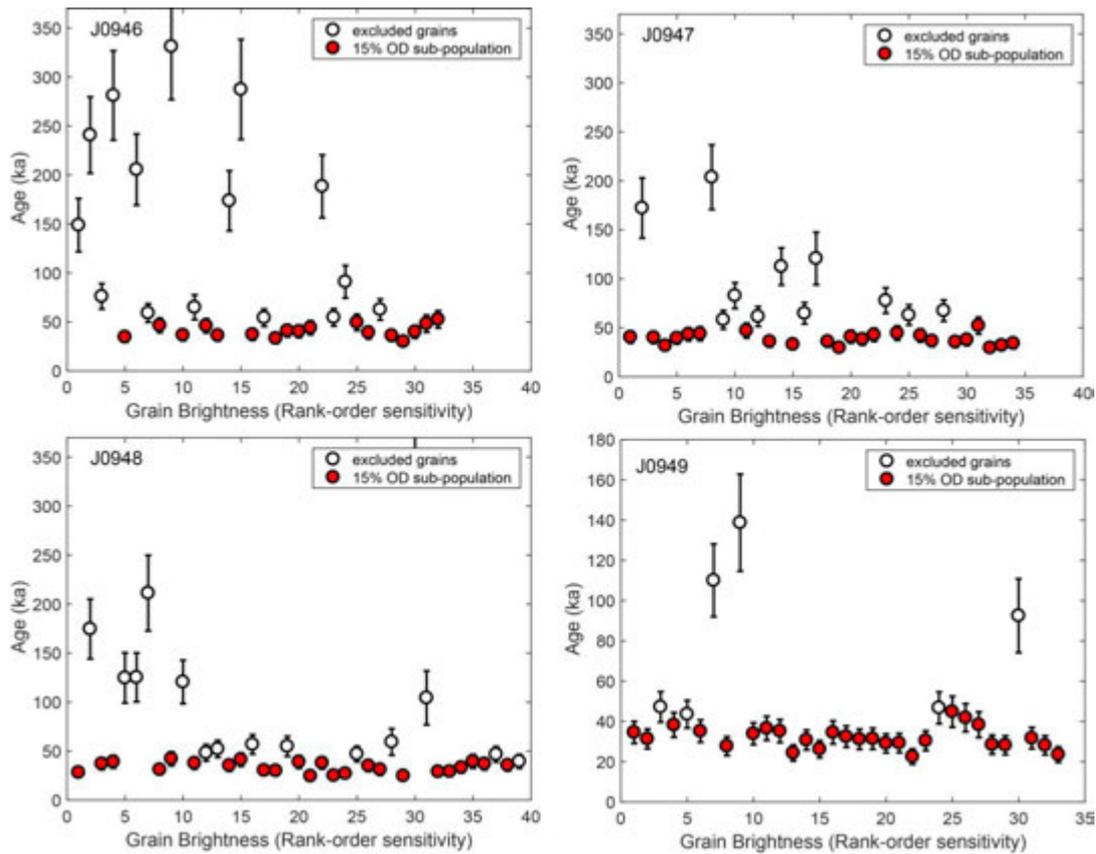
where  $D$  is the mineral grain diameter,  $\rho_i$  is mineral density,  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$ ,  $\omega_i$ ,  $\alpha_i$ , and  $\beta_i$ , are mineral specific weathering parameters,  $T$  is the soil age and  $m$  is the accumulated soil mass per unit area. We assume a parent material of granodioritic composition, for both bedrock and debris soils, since the weathered surface of landslide debris is <5% of the total landslide debris volume. Please see Yoo and Mudd (2008) for the full derivation of this model and additional commentary about its implementation.



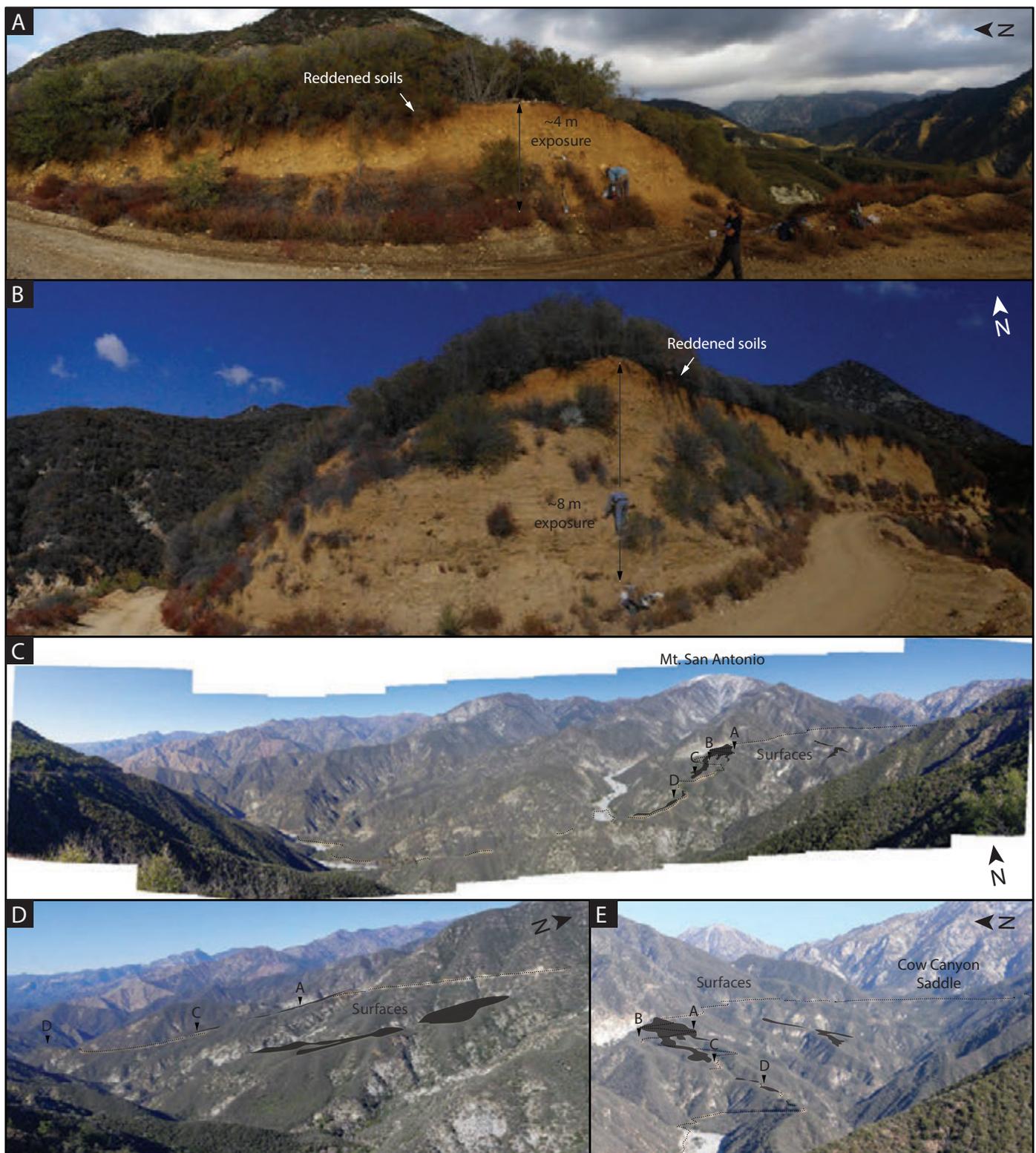
Supplemental Figure 1. Example XRD spectra and mineralogical interpretations of the clay-sized particle fraction for: **(A)** Sample 1A and **(B)** Profile 1 (all three horizons, K-treated samples only). Y-axis units are relative peak counts for each spectrum. X-axis indicates scan angle ( $^{\circ}2\theta$ ) and d-spacing (nm). Treatments are K-saturation (K), K-saturation heated to  $350^{\circ}\text{C}$  (K350) and  $550^{\circ}\text{C}$  (K550), Mg-saturation (Mg), and Mg-saturation with ethylene glycol solvation (MgEG). Diagnostic peaks are indicated as Ka = kaolinite, Q = quartz, S = smectite, V = vermiculite. Mineralogical composition was generally similar in all three horizons (A, AC, and C) of Profile 1. For more information on the clay-sized X-ray diffraction data for individual horizon samples, see the Supplement Data File.



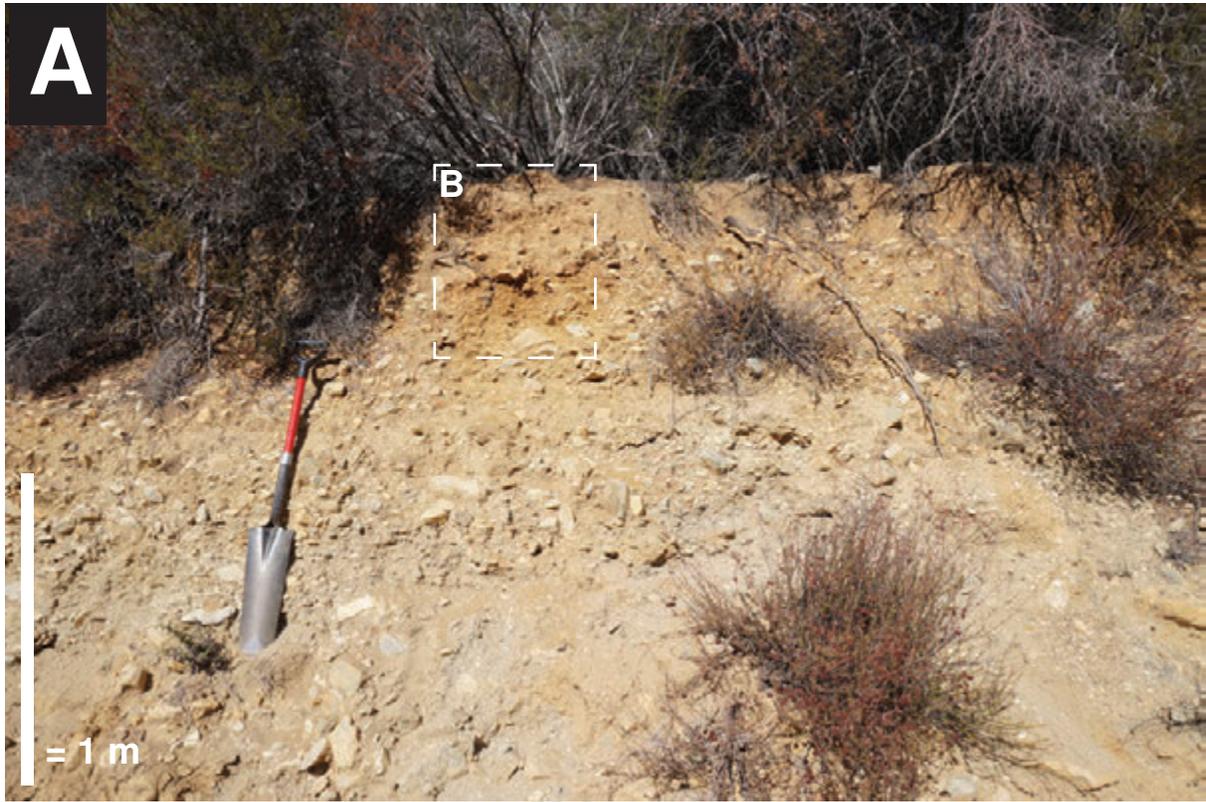
Supplemental Figure 2. Comparison of measurements from individual clasts to the bulk sample material sieved < 2 mm. Clasts were chosen to represent the local variety in source rock lithology and weathering. There is no significant difference between bulk sample material and an average of individual clast analyses, indicating that sieving samples < 2 mm effectively averages over the potential geochemical variability in source rock clasts in parent material.



Supplemental Figure 3. Single-grain age distributions for post-IR IRSL signals in each sample. Symbols are plotted in rank order sensitivity from the brightest grain in decreasing sensitivity order. Grains represented by closed symbols are included in the equivalent dosing estimation, while open symbols are excluded grains employing a standard overdispersion (OD) value of 15% (see Rhodes, 2015 for details).



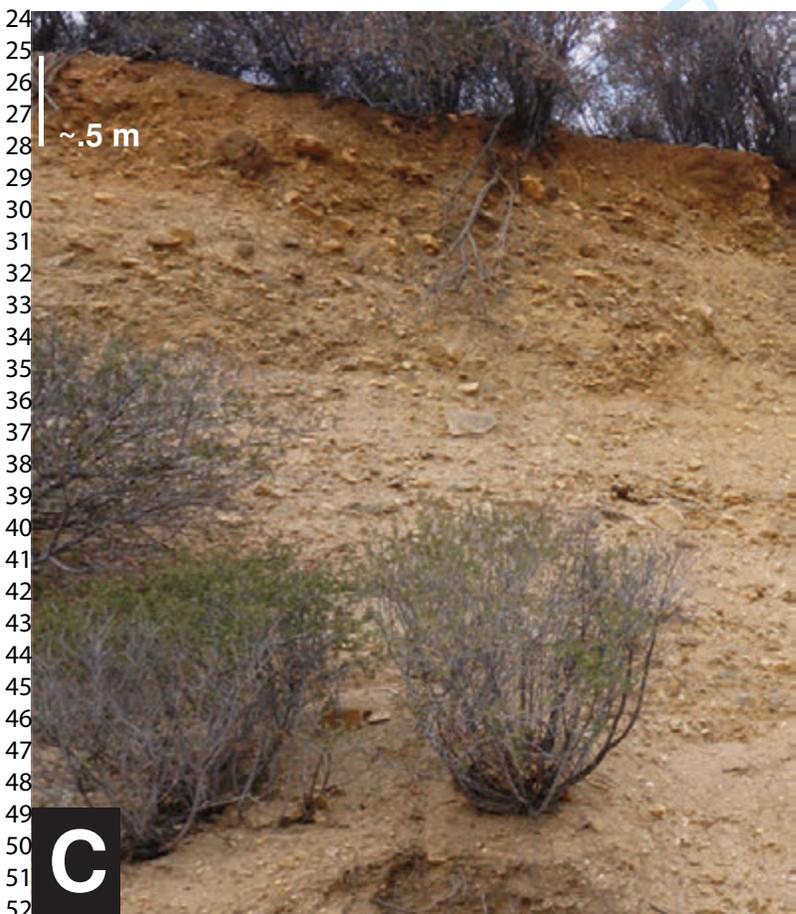
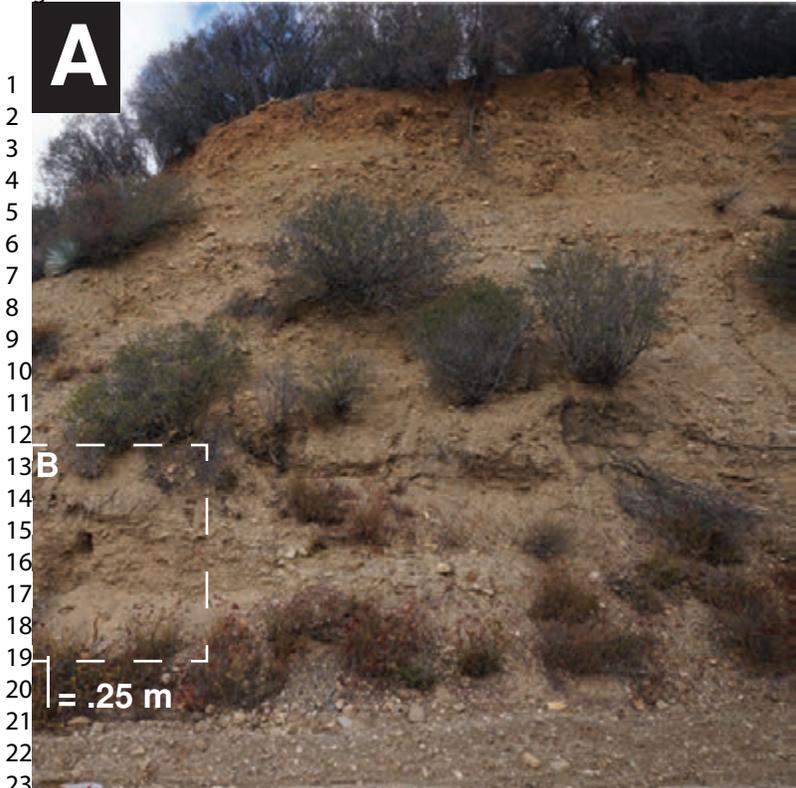
Supplemental Figure 4. Panoramic color photographs of Cow Canyon and deposits. A. Location of site A at deposit roadcut. B. Location of site C at deposit roadcut. Bedrock is exposed several meters below the elevation of the road, outside of the photograph. Note distinctly reddened soil at top of exposures in A and B. North-looking perspective of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River below Mt. San Antonio. D. West-looking perspective of Cow Canyon deposits similar to figure 4A. E. East-looking perspective of Cow Canyon deposits.



Supplemental Figure 4: Field photographs of the parent material and soil development, visible as a roadcut, described in Profile A (elevation 1187 m). (A) View of soil profile and underlying parent material. (B) Close-up view of the same soil profile



Supplemental Figure 6: Field photographs of the parent material and soil development, visible as a roadcut, described in Profile B (elevation 1135 m). (A) Close-up view of upper 20 cm of soil profile. (B) View of the same soil profile with rocky parent material below.



Supplemental Figure 7: Field photographs of the parent material and soil development, visible as a roadcut, described in Profile C (elevation 1076 m). (A) The entirety of the debris package, including unaltered parent material below a reddened soil profile. (B) Close-up view of unaltered parent material and location of IRSL samples CC15-01 and CC15-02. (C) Close-up view of location of soil profile description.



53 Supplemental Figure 8: Field photographs of the parent material and soil development,  
54 visible as a roadcut, described in Profile D (elevation 1040 m). (A) View of soil profile  
55 and underlying parent material. (B) Close-up view of the same soil profile.  
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Table S1. Model parameters used in the calculation of Figure 1 and Figure 7

Parameter	Value	Units	Source
$X_m$	0.8	unitless	Hyndman (1972)
$K$	0.0032	$\text{yr}^{-1}$	Yoo and Mudd (2009)
$\sigma$	-0.27	unitless	White and Brantley (2003)
$\rho_{\text{soil}}$	1650	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	assumed
$\rho_{\text{rock}}$	2750	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	assumed
$\phi$	-0.03	$\text{cm}^{-1}$	Heimsath et al (2012)
$k_h$	962	$\text{t km}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$	>30° slopes in Heimsath et al (2012)
$L_h$	75	m	DiBiase et al (2010)
$K_d$	0.008	$\text{m}^2\text{yr}^{-1}$	DiBiase et al (2010)
$S_c$	39	degrees	DiBiase et al (2010)

## Mineral specific parameters

Parameter	Value				Units	Source
	K-feldspar	Plagioclase feldspar	Hornblende	Biotite		
$\rho_i$	2600	2600	3200	3000	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	Gabet an
$a_i$	$1.020 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.093 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.674 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.509 \times 10^{-5}$	$\text{m}^{-2} \text{yr}$	White an
$b_i$	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6	unitless	White an
$\alpha_i$	-0.647	-0.564	-0.623	-0.603	unitless	White an
$\beta_i$	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	unitless	White an
$\omega_i$	0.2782	0.263	0.8212	0.4335	$\text{kg mol}^{-1}$	Gabet an

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Table S2. SAR protocol for post-IR IRSL measurements.

Step	Measurement
1	Natural, Regenerative Dose
2	Preheat 250°C, 60s
3	IR diodes at 50 oC
4	IR diodes at 225 °C
5	Test Dose
6	Preheat 250°C, 60s
7	IR diodes at 50 oC
8	IR diodes at 225 °C
9	Hot bleach IR diodes at 290 °C, 40s
Repeat from step 1	

Table S3. Measurements, post IR-IRSL burial age dating

Lab Code	J0946	J0947	J0948
Field Code	CC15-01	CC15-02	CC15-03
De (Gy)	123.6	116.62	110.01
uncertainty measured	5.354744065	4.484304825	4.296158754
	4.75	3.83	3.69
Total dose rate, Gy/ka	3.009484513	2.993786339	3.248656284
error	0.112343211	0.112570638	0.125973098
% error	3.732972	3.760143	3.877699
AGE (ka)	41.07015652	38.95401568	33.86323156
error	2.348697778	2.095003711	1.863631055
% error	5.718745623	5.378145679	5.503405815

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Table S4. Full analytical data from XRF and XRD analyses  
Soil samples

Pofile	rofile field cod	Horizon	LOI (%)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO
C	CC-01	A	12.59	58.09	1.14	21.77	9.25	0.13
	<i>analytic uncertainty</i>		0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00
	CC-01	AC	7.95	60.22	0.91	19.93	6.85	0.10
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.04	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
	CC-01	C	6.84	54.02	1.26	19.11	9.46	0.14
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.07	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00
	CC-01	PM	5.33	62.96	0.83	18.03	5.74	0.10
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.08	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00
A	CC-02	A	16.74	59.34	1.21	20.54	8.48	0.15
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.15	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01
	CC-02	AC	9.94	60.05	1.17	19.89	8.12	0.13
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
	CC-02	C	9.14	62.01	0.97	19.36	6.77	0.11
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.05	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
	CC-02	PM	8.85	61.50	1.06	19.09	7.61	0.09
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.07	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00
D	CC-03	A	7.03	64.79	0.82	17.56	6.09	0.08
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
	CC-03	C1	6.54	63.56	0.86	17.75	6.43	0.10
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.06	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00
	CC-03	PM	5.25	65.56	0.77	16.62	5.40	0.09
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.07	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
B	CC-04	A	11.30	59.92	1.18	19.11	7.94	0.15
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
	CC-04	C1	8.80	60.52	1.13	19.79	7.63	0.12
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.10	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00
	CC-04	2C2	7.09	59.94	1.01	19.81	7.33	0.10
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
	CC-04	PM	5.30	62.40	0.85	17.79	5.74	0.10
	<i>a. u.</i>		0.05	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Rock fragments								
Field code	Lithology			SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO
CC-FGB	fine-grained basalt			61.30	1.78	15.86	8.42	0.11
CC-QFL	quartz/felsic			69.52	0.03	19.14	0.23	0.00
CC-GN	gneiss			47.82	1.76	16.29	12.27	0.17
CC-PAN	porphyritic andesite			56.52	1.28	16.45	7.50	0.11
CC-FAN	fine-grained andesite			65.84	0.86	15.58	5.55	0.10
CC-MPG	micaceous pegmatitic			72.43	0.10	15.94	0.94	0.02
CC-RF-1C	(grussified granodiorite/schist, C hc			65.70	0.41	18.94	2.94	0.05
CC-RF-1C	(grussified granodiorite/schist, AC h			58.01	0.83	21.01	5.46	0.10
CC-RF-1C	(grussified granodiorite/schist, A hc			59.78	1.74	17.64	8.95	0.11

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3.23	3.48	3.23	1.66	0.14	39.83	463.15	705.05	161.87	21.73
0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.58	7.94	1.00	0.00
5.54	6.02	2.81	1.17	0.24	27.19	541.72	562.11	166.38	25.76
0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.58	1.15	0.00	0.00
2.74	3.52	3.65	2.02	0.18	47.89	544.00	772.86	148.23	17.25
0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00	4.62	1.15	0.58
2.90	2.46	2.19	2.35	0.11	86.88	330.71	941.67	285.07	31.63
0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.58	6.56	0.58	0.58
2.92	2.76	2.53	2.06	0.10	69.21	384.56	899.77	278.33	29.24
0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.58	0.58	4.73	0.58	0.58
2.51	2.73	3.18	2.01	0.10	59.06	446.10	896.59	220.11	23.11
0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.58	1.15	4.04	1.00	0.00
2.79	2.52	3.00	1.95	0.16	64.73	411.78	778.58	221.98	27.06
0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58
1.85	2.66	3.28	2.51	0.10	67.41	433.11	1034.02	224.80	27.97
0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.58	4.04	1.00	0.00
2.04	3.10	3.38	2.34	0.19	62.06	461.15	975.80	202.94	29.60
0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	1.73	2.65	0.58	0.58
2.01	3.18	3.58	2.40	0.16	57.70	465.45	1017.10	193.50	24.28
0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00	4.62	0.58	1.00
3.28	2.94	2.43	2.60	0.17	87.18	352.48	921.41	368.64	33.07
0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.58	0.58	3.21	1.00	0.58
3.11	2.47	2.44	2.46	0.10	81.14	338.43	922.10	271.55	31.07
0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.58	8.54	0.58	0.58
3.31	2.98	2.98	2.11	0.15	55.25	416.55	807.63	223.52	26.19
0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.58	0.00	5.51	0.58	0.58
3.19	3.71	3.69	2.11	0.20	46.81	483.98	688.14	164.73	17.60
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.40	2.16	0.09	0.50
MgO	CaO	Na2O	K2O	P2O5	Rb	Sr	Ba	Zr	Y
2.35	3.26	5.21	1.12	0.43	26.00	316.32	314.15	240.49	35.75
0.10	3.48	7.05	0.31	0.01	2.08	746.01	194.29	43.64	4.16
8.50	7.86	2.94	1.63	0.50	34.92	624.40	706.95	182.03	29.63
4.24	6.04	5.05	2.37	0.27	57.50	338.60	326.89	235.32	27.68
0.87	2.08	6.21	2.49	0.25	66.67	159.80	519.62	432.84	47.62
0.24	1.64	3.23	5.08	0.06	81.60	687.95	2009.12	77.47	6.20
1.09	3.83	4.82	1.85	0.11	33.04	767.19	1012.94	124.94	5.16
2.35	5.82	4.64	1.22	0.31	24.91	926.70	792.84	223.11	5.19
2.41	2.42	4.44	2.03	0.30	58.25	345.16	502.64	236.22	25.89

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	Nb	Cs	Sc	V	Cr	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga
	23.26	6.48	19.83	160.54	101.81	35.46	75.88	74.74	85.04	27.07
	0.58	3.79	0.58	0.58	1.73	3.61	1.15	0.58	1.53	0.58
	15.21	2.53	18.11	135.07	82.93	27.88	76.41	79.67	78.22	22.45
	0.00	2.52	0.58	1.53	0.58	2.52	1.53	1.15	1.00	0.58
	16.82	-5.01	22.90	189.28	148.13	50.45	118.43	110.92	95.53	21.83
	0.58	2.52	1.15	1.53	2.00	2.00	1.15	1.53	1.00	0.58
	9.86	-1.41	14.44	113.38	63.38	46.12	55.98	48.24	75.70	19.72
	0.58	1.53	1.53	0.58	1.00	0.58	0.00	2.08	1.53	0.58
	29.23	0.80	18.82	159.75	101.70	38.04	65.26	62.86	106.50	25.62
	0.58	1.53	1.15	1.00	1.53	1.53	1.15	0.58	1.15	0.58
	23.69	1.48	18.14	150.64	94.01	36.64	61.07	63.29	114.37	25.91
	0.58	3.51	0.58	3.21	1.53	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.73	0.58
	18.34	0.74	16.14	125.47	75.57	32.28	50.99	132.43	87.68	23.85
	0.58	4.16	1.15	1.73	0.58	2.08	1.15	0.58	1.53	0.58
	18.29	0.00	15.36	138.97	73.51	14.99	44.62	53.39	87.04	23.41
	0.58	1.00	0.00	1.15	1.73	0.58	0.58	0.58	1.15	0.58
	16.13	4.30	15.42	106.48	66.69	33.70	37.29	38.72	78.52	19.36
	1.00	6.56	0.58	2.00	3.61	2.08	0.58	0.00	1.73	1.00
	18.90	0.35	16.76	118.77	60.99	32.10	37.09	46.01	87.74	19.97
	0.58	6.66	1.15	2.00	0.00	2.65	0.58	0.00	1.00	0.58
	17.94	0.00	14.42	101.32	59.46	42.57	38.35	34.48	79.51	17.94
	0.00	6.08	0.58	1.00	0.58	2.31	0.58	0.58	1.53	1.00
	29.69	3.76	18.41	149.56	101.08	34.57	78.54	55.62	130.40	23.67
	0.58	4.16	1.53	1.15	0.58	1.53	0.58	1.53	1.15	0.00
	26.68	2.55	18.27	147.29	98.31	47.88	69.44	62.50	110.01	24.85
	0.58	7.37	0.58	2.89	1.15	2.08	1.15	0.00	0.58	0.58
	19.02	3.59	16.86	135.98	92.21	33.73	71.04	67.81	531.36	25.12
	0.58	4.73	2.31	1.53	1.53	3.21	1.00	0.00	2.31	0.58
	11.62	4.93	14.78	118.62	77.09	28.16	62.65	58.78	75.33	19.71
	0.87	2.77	1.72	0.48	2.62	2.00	0.48	0.47	1.29	0.50
	Nb	Cs	Sc	V	Cr	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga
	19.50	0.00	17.33	177.66	13.00	17.33	20.58	30.33	96.41	18.42
	-7.27	1.04	0.00	9.35	3.12	-31.17	1.04	0.00	11.43	17.66
	20.11	0.00	24.34	240.24	192.61	56.09	141.81	62.44	74.08	19.05
	21.30	-4.26	20.23	149.07	93.70	34.07	53.24	40.46	106.48	18.10
	29.63	2.12	10.58	23.28	12.70	-7.41	1.06	2.12	73.02	22.22
	-4.13	2.07	0.00	19.63	5.16	-21.69	1.03	2.07	25.82	13.43
	1.03	1.03	4.13	53.69	10.33	34.07	13.42	19.62	38.20	20.65
	6.23	1.04	6.23	102.74	22.83	30.09	30.09	28.02	74.72	20.75
	22.65	7.55	18.34	181.21	21.57	52.85	21.57	29.12	97.08	22.65

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4	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Hf	Ta	Pb	Th	
5	32.79	65.59	6.86	26.31	4.58	5.34	-2.29	21.35	-1.91	
6	4.16	5.03	0.00	2.00	2.00	1.53	3.46	1.15	1.15	
7	21.36	49.61	6.52	23.18	5.79	5.07	-1.81	13.76	-2.17	
8	5.77	5.51	0.00	1.53	1.53	0.58	3.51	2.52	2.00	
9	26.12	60.83	7.51	31.13	7.16	4.29	-2.50	8.59	-5.37	
10	3.06	1.53	1.00	3.61	0.58	1.73	2.52	1.00	1.00	
11	24.29	51.05	4.93	18.31	2.46	3.52	1.76	9.15	-0.70	
12	1.00	2.52	0.58	2.31	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.15	2.52	
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16	39.64	79.68	9.61	34.43	8.01	6.01	1.60	18.02	-4.40	
17	5.57	4.04	0.00	1.53	0.58	1.00	2.52	2.65	0.58	
18	35.53	70.69	8.14	32.20	6.66	5.92	-0.74	16.29	-2.22	
19	6.08	3.06	0.58	2.65	1.00	0.58	1.15	1.15	0.00	
20	25.68	57.23	5.50	22.38	4.40	4.77	0.00	16.14	-4.40	
21	2.52	3.61	1.00	3.79	1.00	1.15	2.00	1.15	1.00	
22	35.47	64.73	7.31	25.96	6.58	5.12	0.73	14.99	-1.46	
23	8.50	0.00	1.53	4.16	2.65	0.58	0.58	2.08	1.15	
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27	36.57	72.78	9.68	34.78	6.10	5.74	0.72	15.06	#DIV/0!	
28	4.36	2.08	1.00	3.21	1.15	2.31	1.53	1.73	1.15	
29	48.51	87.38	10.34	39.23	7.13	4.28	-1.43	14.98	#DIV/0!	
30	4.51	2.31	0.58	0.58	1.53	1.00	1.53	0.00	1.15	
31	32.71	62.97	7.04	25.68	6.33	4.57	-5.98	12.31	#DIV/0!	
32	8.54	7.64	0.58	2.31	1.00	1.53	1.15	1.15	1.73	
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35	40.21	83.05	9.39	33.82	7.14	7.89	-4.13	24.05	#DIV/0!	
36	6.66	5.51	1.53	4.36	0.58	0.00	2.52	1.53	2.08	
37	31.80	67.61	7.68	31.07	7.31	6.58	-4.02	17.91	#DIV/0!	
38	1.00	0.58	1.00	3.21	1.15	1.00	1.53	0.58	1.15	
39	27.27	55.25	6.46	25.12	4.31	5.02	-4.31	16.50	#DIV/0!	
40	12.74	12.10	0.00	3.06	1.00	1.15	2.65	1.15	2.52	
41	22.18	48.22	6.34	23.23	4.58	4.58	-3.17	13.38	-2.82	
42	3.10	4.89	0.86	2.28	1.31	1.80	2.28	0.50	0.50	
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47	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Hf	Ta	Pb	Th	U
48	24.92	45.50	5.42	26.00	5.42	4.33	2.17	3.25	-1.08	3.25
49	0.00	4.16	2.08	6.23	2.08	2.08	2.08	10.39	1.04	5.20
50	30.69	63.50	9.52	33.87	7.41	4.23	-7.41	1.06	-3.17	1.06
51	17.04	38.33	5.32	20.23	4.26	5.32	-4.26	2.13	-2.13	0.00
52	41.27	69.85	6.35	25.40	6.35	8.47	3.17	7.41	3.17	4.23
53	9.30	23.76	1.03	4.13	2.07	4.13	1.03	42.35	-2.07	1.03
54	10.33	29.94	5.16	15.49	1.03	3.10	4.13	9.29	-4.13	3.10
55	44.62	58.11	4.15	14.53	4.15	5.19	3.11	5.19	-8.30	2.08
56	23.73	43.15	6.47	29.12	4.31	2.16	-5.39	5.39	-3.24	3.24
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2.17	2.17	150.58
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1.06	2.12	134.40
-3.19	3.19	113.93
6.35	2.12	153.45
-1.03	3.10	139.45
-10.33	2.07	265.37
-10.38	3.11	120.38
1.08	3.24	145.62