Activity 10C: Mass Wasting in California

- 1. Watch this video highlighting mass wasting in Yosemite National Park.
 - **a.** Which mass wasting type is common in Yosemite?
 - **b.** What is one of the likely causes of mass wasting in the park? *Hint: consider the rock type and appearance.*
 - **c.** How does the park geologist determine which boulders are older vs. younger?
- 2. Navigate to this USGS page, and watch a GIF illustrating the Mud Creek landslide which impacted Highway-1 between 2017-2018. What type of landslide does this appear to be?
 - **a.** How can you tell?
- **3.** Open the <u>browser version of Google Earth</u> and fly to 34°21'53.78"N, 119°26'41.90"W. Zoom out to an eye altitude (Camera) of 1,800 ft. What type of mass wasting is this?
 - **a.** How can you tell?

- **4.** This area has experienced two major mass wasting in the last 30 years (1995 and 2005). Does the area appear stable?
 - a. Why or why not?
- **5.** Next, fly to Portuguese Bend, CA. You will need to zoom in and out and move along the coast here. Does the area appear stable?
 - **a.** What features or signs support your conclusion?