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The theme for this symposium was the most popular topic identified in a survey of VGS members perhaps a reflection of the interest in this area. With implementation of the Forest Practices Code in B.C., the requirement for input from engineers and geoscientists in access / transport and development issues in extractive industries has increased greatly. There has been a great deal of 'tooling-up' within the profession to cope with the increased workload, particularly in the area of terrain mapping and terrain stability assessment. That there is innovative work occurring within this field is certainly apparent from the first two papers.

Dealing with geohazards is another area which has seen a great deal of innovation in the context of forestry and resource engineering. Engineers and geoscientists often have to find low cost, low maintenance solutions to geohazard problems that are otherwise rarely encountered in more conventional geotechnics.

This symposium has given the authors an opportunity to share their experience and expertise, and to give those working in this area a flavour of what is happening outside their own field of expertise.

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