

**EXPLANATION**

u00	Brown gravely colluvium and alluvium
u05	Loose coarse gravel
u10	Coarse gravel, matrix-supported in places
u20	Light brown sandy silt
u25	Coarse gravel, mostly matrix supported with silt and sand interbeds
u30	Loose coarse gravel
u15	Massive sand and gravel with interbeds of sand and gravel
u10	Carbonate-cemented hardpan includes debris flow and fluvial deposits, grayish colored

--- Contact—Dashed where approximated; dotted where inferred  
 --- Local contact—added to log to indicate local orientation of strata  
 □ Radiocarbon sample location—rectangles indicate area of bulk sample  
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**SUMMARY**

In 2014, we investigated an abrupt 8.5-meter (m), right-laterally deflected stream channel located near the Greenville Fault in southeastern Alameda County, California (figs. 1–2, -121.56224° E, 37.53430° N) that we discovered using 0.5-m resolution, 2011 aerial lidar imagery flown along the active fault trace (U.S. Geological Survey, 2011). Prior to trenching we surveyed the site using a terrestrial lidar system (TLS, fig. 3) to document the exact geomorphic expression of this deflected stream channel before excavating a trench adjacent to it. We trenched perpendicular to the fault hoping to document the prehistoric history of

**Table 1. Radiocarbon ages of samples from the Kilometer-62 trench site near the Greenville Fault in Alameda County, California.**

Sample no.	Material dated <sup>1</sup>	<sup>14</sup> C age (yr BP)	Unit	Wall	gPC <sup>2</sup>	Fraction modern	81°C	Lab. no. <sup>3</sup>
GF62-2	c	130±25	u25	s-1	-25.4	0.9841±0.0028	-15.9±2.8	167558
GF62-8	c	250±25	u40	s-8	-25.7	0.9692±0.0027	-30.8±2.7	167559
GF62-11	c	835±40	u20	s-12	-29.7	0.9012±0.0040	-98.8±4.0	167560
GF62-12	br <sup>4</sup>	modern	u10	s-13	-26.3	1.0530±0.0030	53.0±3.0	167561
GF62-13	CO <sub>2</sub>	4,085±25	u10	s-4	-15.7	0.6612±0.0017	-398.8±1.7	167562

<sup>1</sup>br<sup>4</sup>, massive charcoal, burned root<sup>5</sup>; c, charcoal; CO<sub>2</sub>, bulk soil carbonate.  
<sup>2</sup>g—age in radiocarbon years using Libby half-life of 5,568 years after conventions of Stuiver and Polach (1977).  
<sup>3</sup>s, south wall, x—coordinate, nearest meter on log.  
<sup>4</sup>All of the above 81°C values are sample specific.  
<sup>5</sup>All ages obtained by accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) analysis at Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (CAMS), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California.

earthquake ruptures along the fault. However, the alluvial stratigraphy that we document in these trench logs shows conclusively that this trench did not expose any active fault trace. Using other local geomorphic evidence for the fault location, a straight fault scarp immediately north of this stream projects slightly upslope of the west end of our trench and may be the actual location of the active fault trace. Five radiocarbon samples (table 1) establish age control for the alluvial sequence documented in the trench, which may in the future be useful in constraining the long-term slip rate of the Greenville Fault. The deflection had been caused by an abrupt nontectonic termination of unit u30, a relatively thick (0.15–0.35 m) silt that is more erosion resistant than the adjacent cohesionless sand and gravel.

**GLOSSARY**

**lidar** Word origin uncertain, either (1) a combination of “light” with “radar” or (2) an acronym, light detection and ranging; it is often used to obtain detailed elevation data for topographic mapping, geomorphic interpretation of faulting, and many other applications. Terrestrial lidar scanners are highly automated devices, based on laser ranging systems, and are often mounted on robotic pan-and-tilt heads. Data is generally collected from an instrument mounted on a stationary tripod, and the instrument can automatically survey as much as a 360-degree field of view around the instrument out to a distance of 1,500 m (~1 mile).

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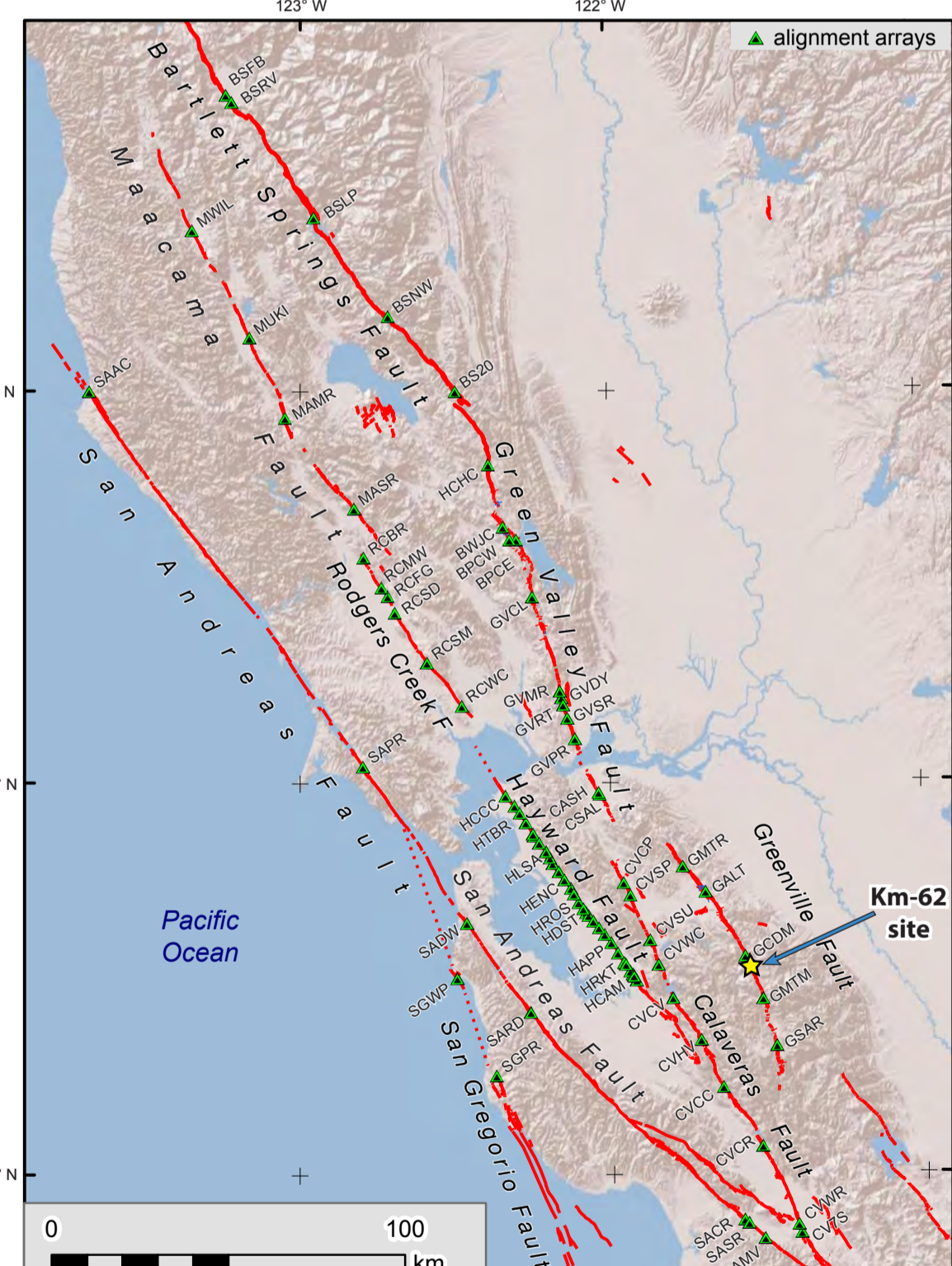
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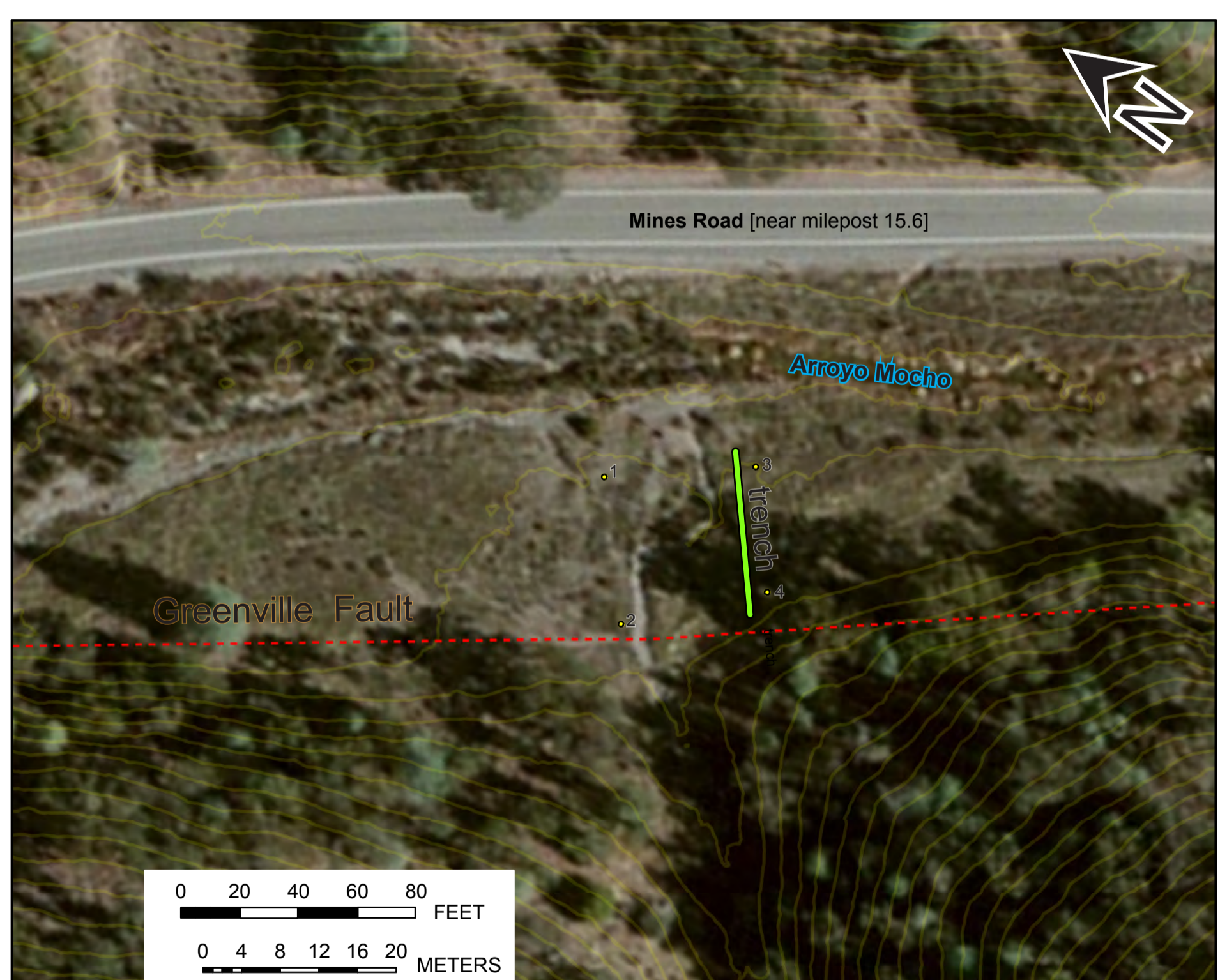
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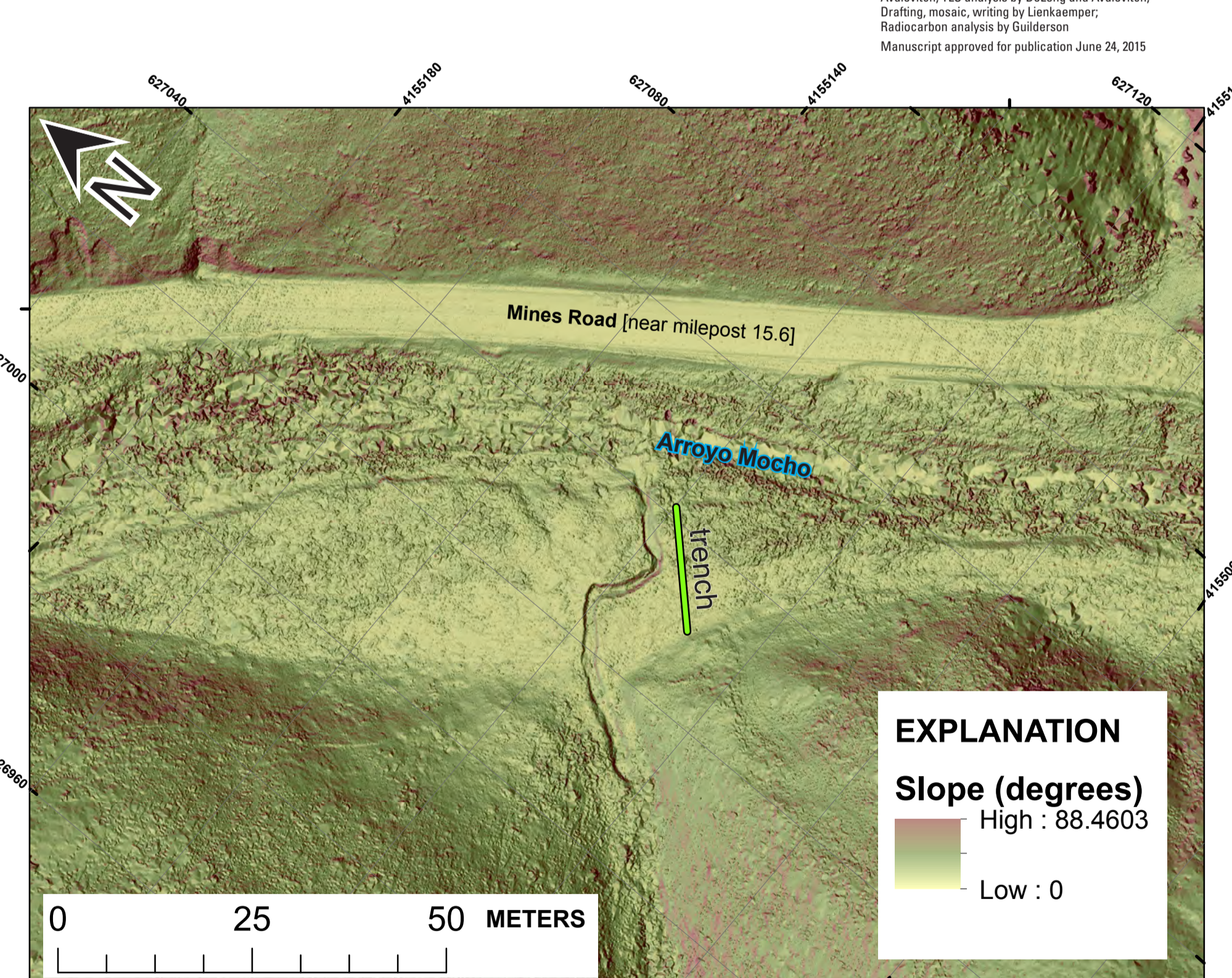
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**Figure 1.** Map showing location of the Kilometer-62 (Km-62) trench site near the Greenville Fault, Alameda County, California (yellow star), and alignment arrays (green and black triangles) in the San Francisco Bay region used to monitor fault creep. Active faults in red (U.S. Geological Survey and California Geological Survey, 2006), locations of the Green Valley Fault (Lienkaemper, 2012), Bartlett Springs Fault (Lienkaemper, 2010), and Greenville Fault (Lienkaemper, unpublished mapping) are also shown (base image source, ESRI), km, kilometers.



**Figure 2.** Orthophoto map imagery (source, ESRI) with contour overlay showing location of 2014 trench (lime-green line) at the Kilometer-62 site near the Greenville Fault, Alameda County, California. Survey markers (numbered yellow dots) were used as the control points for trench survey; marker 1 served as base station of terrestrial lidar system survey. Topographic contours (yellow) are at 1-meter (m) intervals. Fault location inferred from geomorphology is based primarily on straight linear scarp northward of small stream channel (Arroyo Mocho). Scale is 1:500.



**Figure 3.** Terrestrial lidar system survey image of the Kilometer-62 trench site near the Greenville Fault, Alameda County, California. Area shown is the same as figure 2. Universal Transverse Mercator projection, Zone 10N; World Geodetic System 1984 datum.

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