





Main reasons for monitoring torrents



Monitoring dams and removing run off barriers are the most effective measurements to protect against hazards by torrents Austrian Forest Law 1975:

Local communities have the responsibility to monitor torrents annualy and to remove run off barriers

Austrian Law pertaining to water and waterways:

Owner of construction is responsible for maintenance

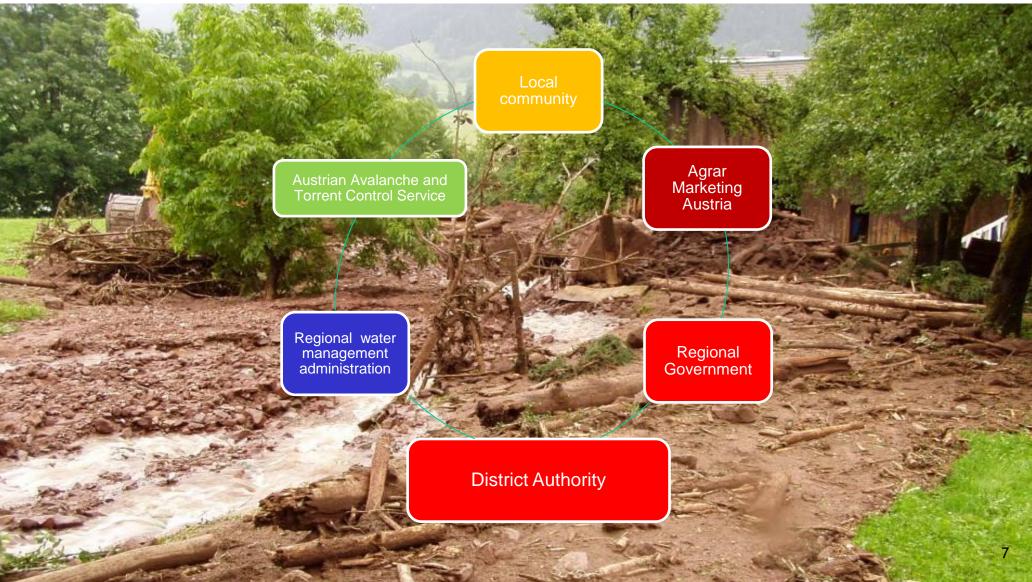
The technical water supervision is also a responsibility of the regional government

ONR 24803 defines standards for monitoring and maintenance



Monitoring torrent catchments in Tyrol - partnership







Monitoring Torrents in Tyrol role allocation



Local forester (employed by local community)

Patrols torrents periodically

Documents run off barriers and damaged dams

Finds out land owners and responsible persons

Proposes measurements for rectification of the problems

Helps organizing measurements

District office of Avalanche and Torrent Control Service

Defines sections in the torrents and assigns monitoring intervals (Annually, 5 years, no regular monitoring)

Evaluates and prioritizes monitoring results of local foresters

Assigns funding

Helps organizing necessary measurements

Accounts funding

Local Community

Informs land owners about measurements

Eviction notice against person responible for debris in torrents

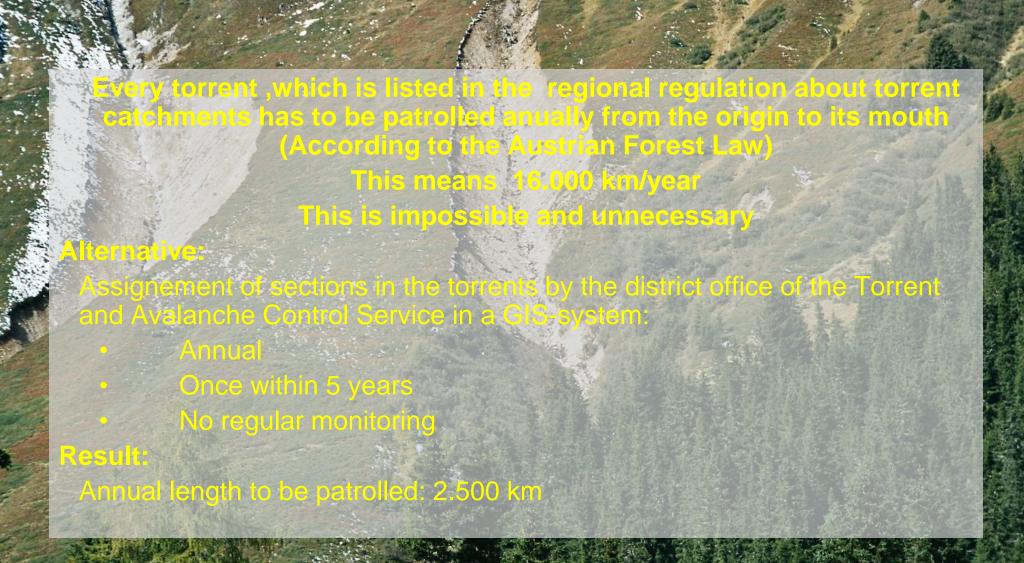
Orders measurements

Pays measurements



What kind of torrents have to be monitored?







Monitoring torrent catchments Graduated scheme



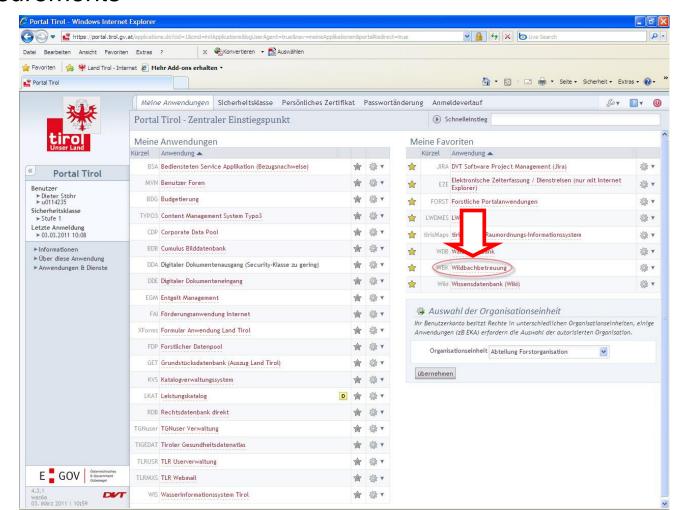


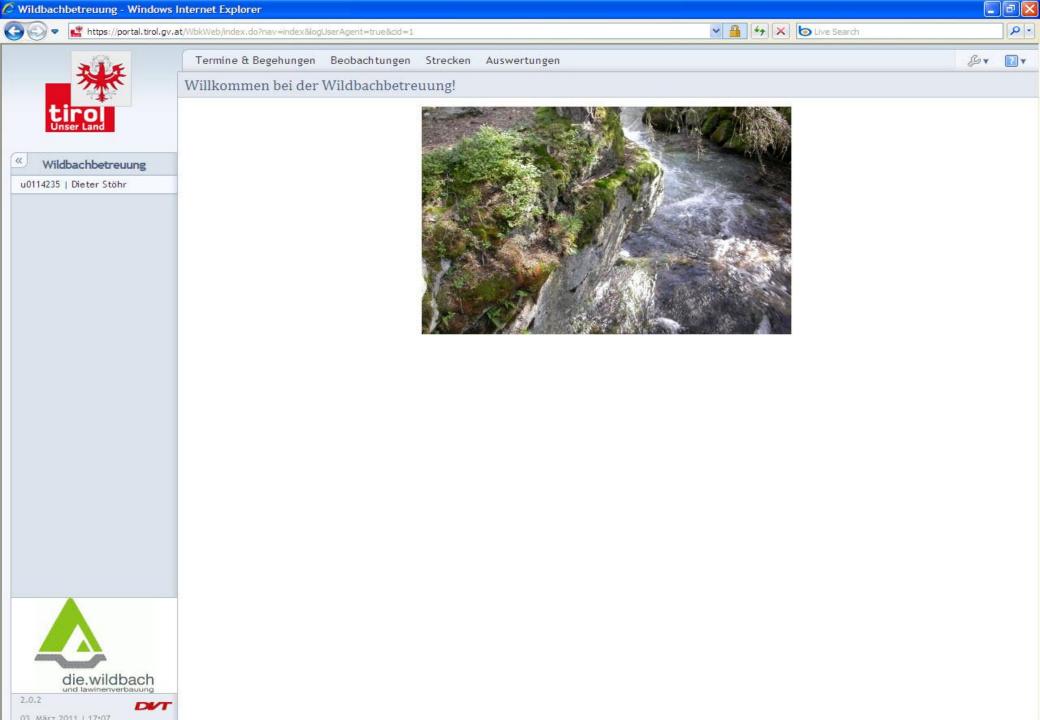


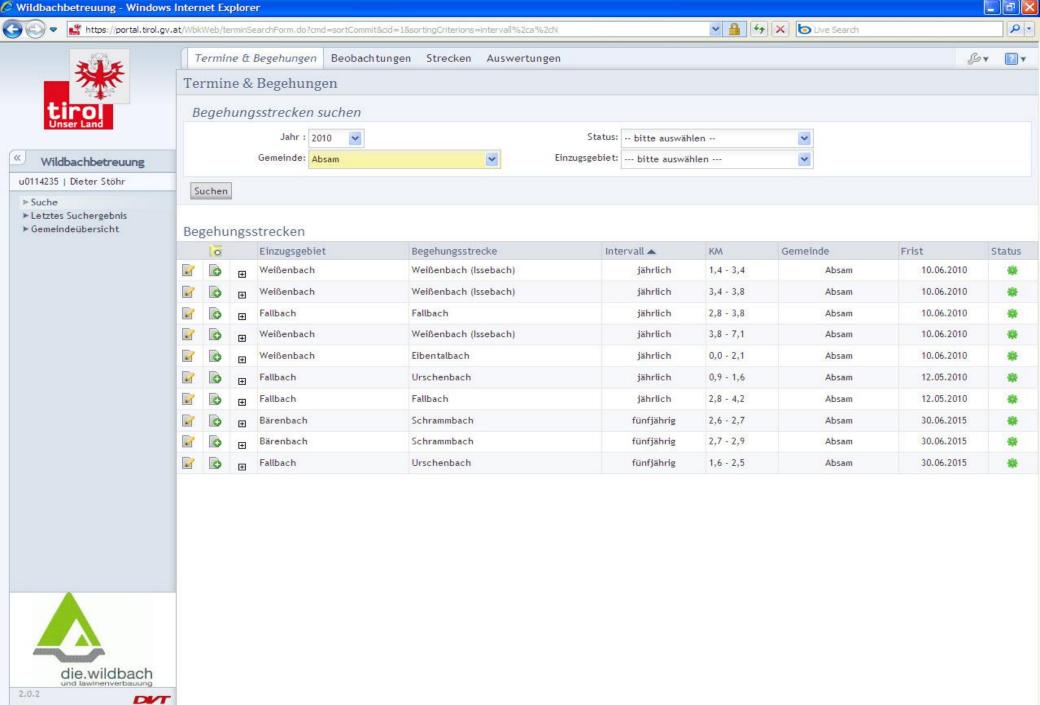
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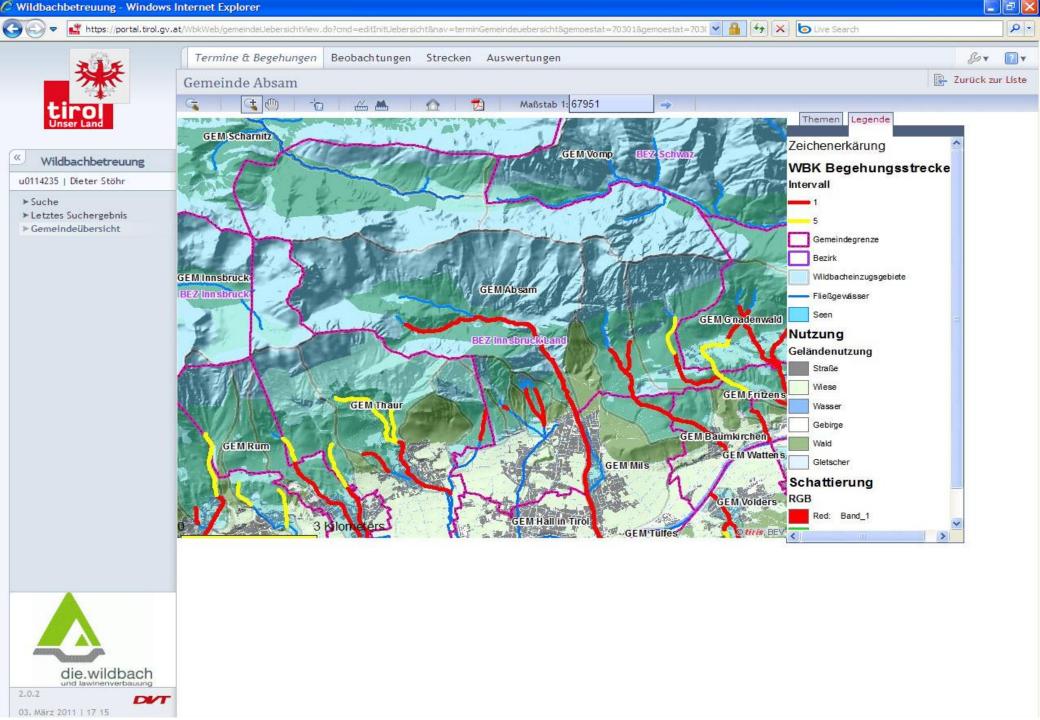
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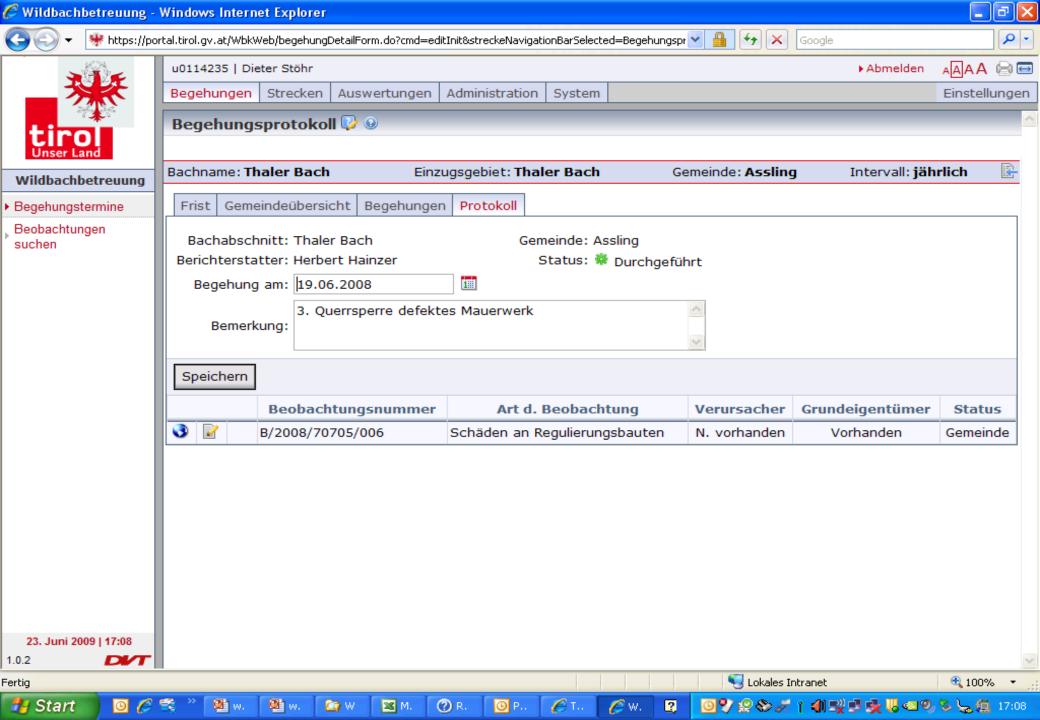


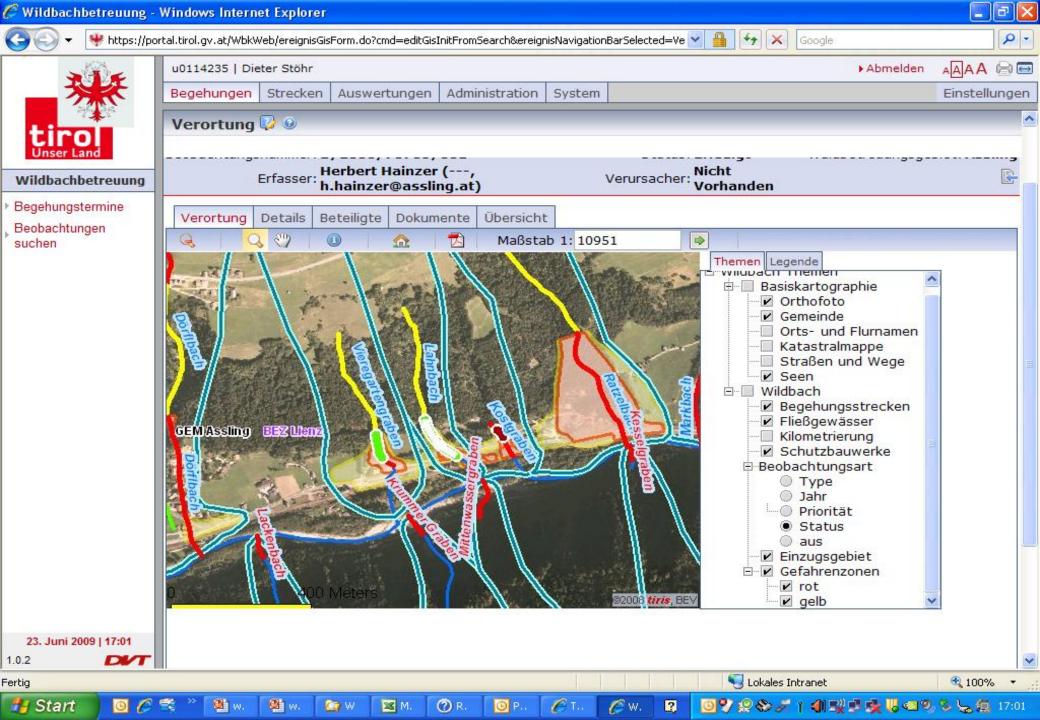


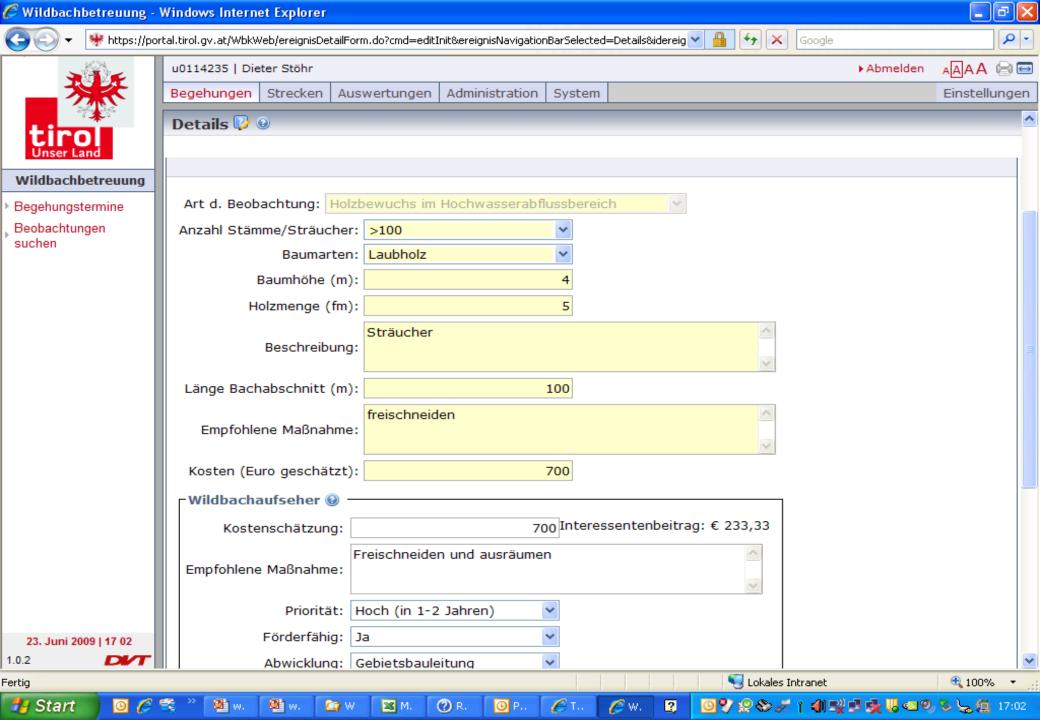


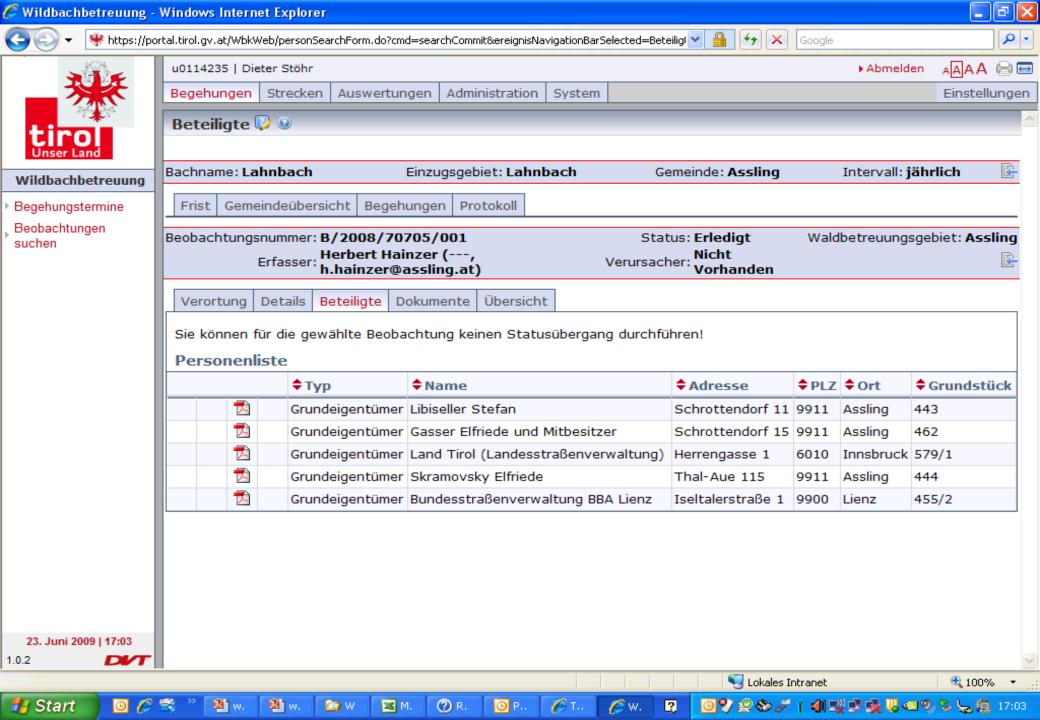
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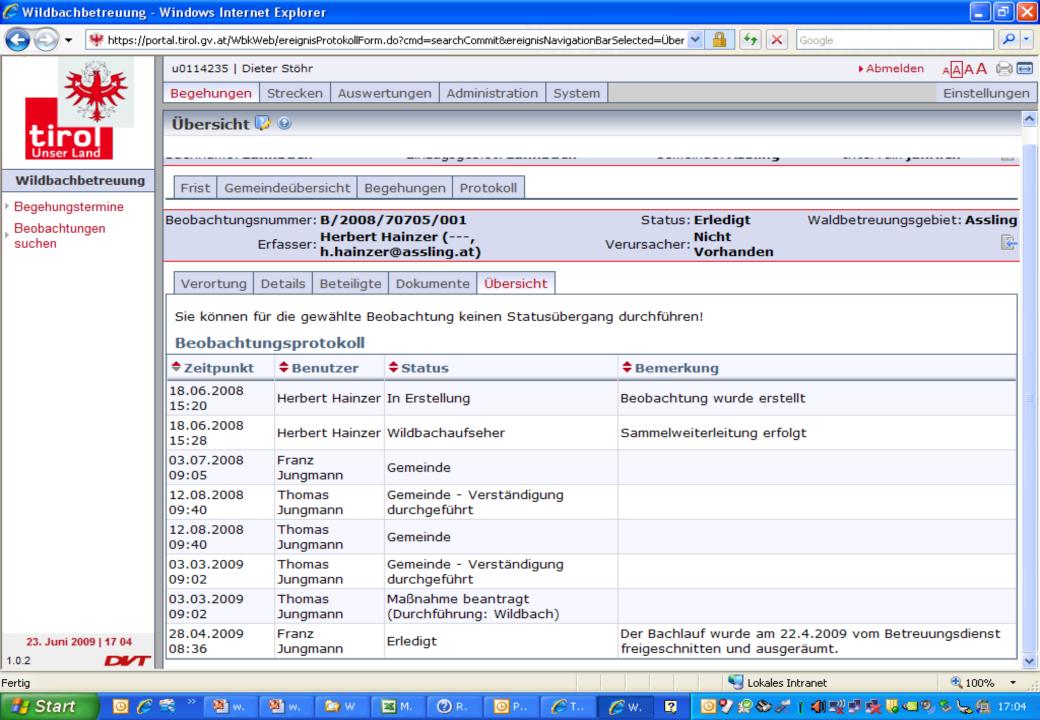














Results Length of torrents to be patrolled

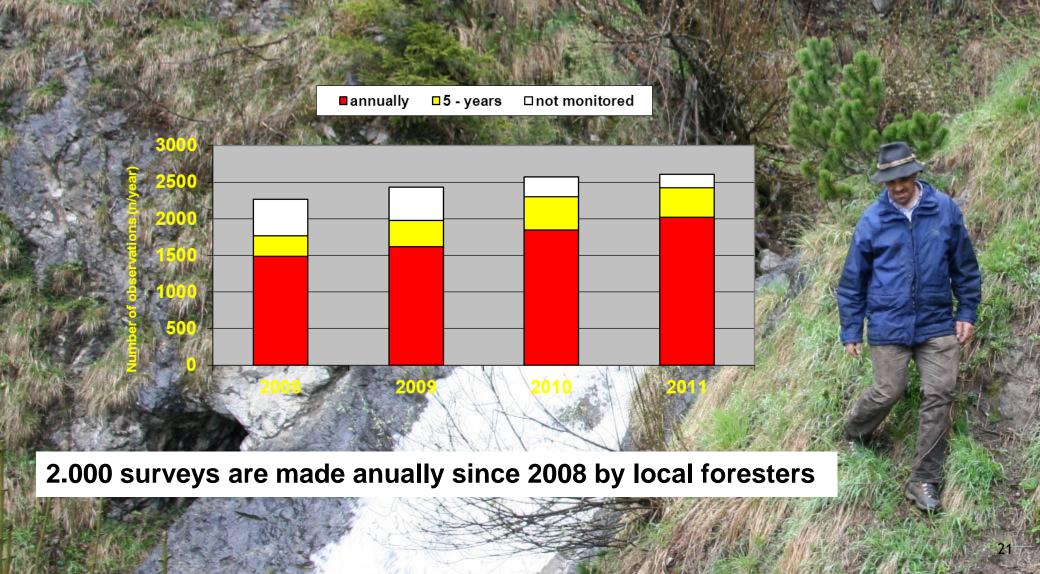








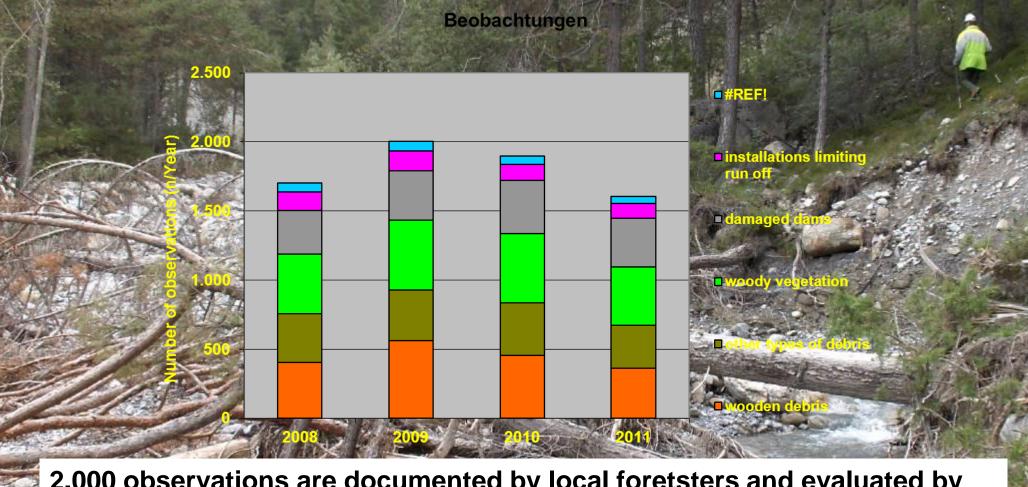






Number of observations documented





2.000 observations are documented by local foretsters and evaluated by members of the Torrent and Avalanche Control Servicee



Number of measurements already finished





More than 1.500 run off barriers and damaged dams could be repaired since 2008 by the cooperation of local communities, Torrent and Avalanche Control Service and Tyrolean Forest Service



