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n.

The slow, downhill movement of soil or other material in areas typically underlain by frozen ground.

[Latin *solum*, soil + Latin *flūctiō*, *flūctiōn-*, a flowing (from *flūctus*, past participle of *fluere*, to flow; see **bhleu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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