Lesson 3: Making Maps with Google Earth

Creating Placemarks, Lines and Image Overlays
The Scenario:
Post-Quake Portland

- All bridges out or reserved for emergency services only
- Ad-hoc volunteer ferry services emerge
- The Fire Department is operating barge/tugboat service for large loads
Google Earth: Not Just a Map Viewer

- Toolbar
- Temporary Places
Adding a Placemark
Editing Placemark Properties
Organizing Placemarks in Folders
Using the Ruler
Adding Paths
Image Overlays
Google Maps: No Roads
USAID has more details...
Image Overlays

• Bring image files (or scanned maps) into Google Earth

• Can be tricky to align precisely

• Multiple image overlays at the same time (like layers of tracing paper)
Adding Logos or Legends
One Caveat

To fix a logo or legend to a place on the screen, rather than a particular location and size, you have to edit the KML directly.

I’ll blog about it soon... at:
More about Maps 2.0

http://maps2.humaninet.org