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We saw cars demolished and imbedded in the sand. Also a small dam in this area was washed out.

This car is packed with weeds - a total loss.

Here's another house on the slope high above the roadway and the river bank - wrecked and uninhabitable. Notice how the waters cut the far slopes as they turned and rushed towards Rockfish. (pave)

Here is another home on the opposite bank of the river - again, complete destruction.

Here a heavy duty large concrete bridge connecting with routes to the south, was completely destroyed. 3 large sections of this bridge with railings intact were separated and moved away by the raging waters. The third section in the distance is upside down.

This shows the span and height of the original bridge. The town of Rockfish is in the background.

The temporary replacement bridge and road is much shorter and lower than the destroyed roadway which was up here at this level.

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The concrete blanket which protects the ~~river bank~~ from washouts, was ~~DESTROYED~~. The bed of the bridge rested on this pier. Other piers and supporting columns were destroyed.

The third section of this bridge is flipped upside down. In the background upstream are the other sections. - We leave Rockfish at this point in our story - for Lovingson.

This is the first road blockage we encountered on US29 south of Lovingson. Highway crews had done extensive cleanup work here.

Here is a waterline on one of the buildings on main street in Lovingson. The water rose here rather than come down in a flash flood manner.

North of Lovingson, these landslides along the new section of dual land US29 completely covered the hiway. If you lookd toward the trees, upper center, you will see depressions in the foliage. These gaps mark the origin of the slides. The volume of debris was great enough to close the highway here for weeks.

Residents in this area report that this landslide northwest of Lovingson covered a house completely. The house was in the foreground where there is now only soil. Children were in the house that night and a man went to rescue them. He first removed a blind boy, placed him in a tree and told him to hold fast no matter who called. Then he went back to get the other children - by that time he had to dive into water to get to the door. The blind boy says he heard a loud noise, and the man and the children never came back. A landslide had covered up the house and all in it.

~~Here is another view of this same area. Notice how the slide divided into two fingers and then merged again to engulf the house on all sides as well as overwhelm it from the back.~~