

Here is another destroyed home on the east side of US29 dual lane, north of Lovington. It was caught by 2 slides. The eaves of the roof jut out of the mud. One of the slides came from the rear, the other from the left. 14

Here are some landslides in the Lovington area back of Floyd's store. This is north of Lovington and west of US29.

This view shows deposits of sand and soil from Davis Creek, and the destroyed lane of dual highway US29 approaching the Woodsmill bridge complex.

This home at the Woodsmill intersection is a complete loss, filled to the eaves with soil and sand, most of it from Davis Creek. (pause)

At this same intersection, Woodsmill US29 and route 6, we see the east lane of the dual highway completely obliterated by the combined forces of Muddy Creek and Davis Creek. The pile of debris obscures the wash-out of the bridges south abutment.

The debris from upstream covered this bridge but had been cleaned off here for damage and safety inspection. In the distance is the brick home imbedded to the eaves by top soil. (pause)

This is a view from upstream of the debris pile-up in this bridge area of Woodsmill.

Looking toward this bridge from the middle of upstream, we can see this pile-up is massive and solidly packed for 800 feet, jamming against the bridge which is in the distance. Notice that these are mature trees. Bear in mind that highway crews had been working in this area for 20 days when this picture was taken. The first damage scenes were undoubtedly more extensive than what we now see. House fragments carried down from other areas are visible here. (pause)

Note in this slide how the swirling waters eddied and cut the soil away from the bridge abutment.

On the downstream side of this bridge complex at the Woodsmill intersection, Muddy and Davis Creek soil deposits in places were as much as 40 feet deep. The waters from Muddy and Davis Creek, join Rockfish river around the bend near the tall tree.

Here we see some workers digging away this top soil deposit to remove a tractor-trailer entombed in this area. Not realizing the magnitude of the violence ahead, the drivers apparently proceeded normally and into the flash flood.

This slide shows where one of the trucks had been removed. Eye witnesses say they saw the headlights moving down the highway, disappear amid screams of terror, and never reappear. There was no way they could signal or help. 39:10 (pause)