

We left Piney River and headed north on route 151 towards its junction with 56 near Roseland. Approaching the intersection, we noted huge mountain slides on the face of the mountains around Tyro, Massie's Mill and near Lovington.

Near Roseland intersection we see where the phone company made part of their 40 mile replacement of cable. Full service was restored to the area in 4 days.

Looking toward Roseland we see how the waters from Massie's mill flooded the area and washed out the road.

From the same point we look westerly towards Massie's Mill and the Priest mountain. The damage to farmland and crops is evident. The water was up to the banks in the foreground and completely covered the bottomland in this picture to a depth of 30 feet.

This still swollen Tye River was above this bridge and covered the road completely, extending all the way to the ridge in the distance.

As the Tye River washed through here that night it stripped crops and soil from this rich bottomland, leaving large areas of rocky sand. The waters were as high as the yellow flowers in the foreground. The red vehicle in the center is from Massie's Mill. When rescuers entered Massie's Mill they learned that all transportation had been washed away or damaged beyond use.

Entering Massie's Mill; at the left we see the roof of Massie's Mill school. Exterior damage was evident and damage to the interior was extensive.

In the center of this picture is all that remains of a sturdy field-stone mountain home. There were 2 other houses here also. The Coffey family lived in the stone house. We took a photograph found nearby, to the postmaster of Massie's Mill. We felt it would help in identification. She said it was a snapshot of Mr and Mrs Coffey. He had a box at the post office - he and his wife were alive. They lost their home & all their possessions. They'd be glad to get the photograph.