



This frame from video shows the rescue of a 14-year-old girl from the wreckage of a home after heavy rains trapped dozens of people in Montecito, Calif.

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Many Californians in the area hit hardest by this week’s deadly mudslides did not heed warnings for hours and days by emergency officials encouraging them to evacuate their homes. The massive streams of debris destroyed or damaged 400 homes and killed at least 17 people.



Matt Udkow/Santa Barbara County Fire Department

An aerial view shows mudflow and damage to homes in Montecito, Calif.



Mike Eliason/Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Kerry Mann navigates the large boulders and mudflow that destroyed the home of her friend in Montecito, Calif. The woman who lives in the home had not been seen since the early hours of Tuesday.



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Teresa Drenick stands in her sister’s home damaged after heavy rains off Glen Oaks Lane, while Sean Bornwell retrieves some of her sister’s personal belongings in Montecito, Calif. Drenick’s sister had been missing since early Tuesday morning.



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A member of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s swift water rescue team is hoisted back to a helicopter after rescuing three people and a dog from the Santa Ana River near the borders of Rialto, Colton, and Riverside, Calif.



Photos by Mike Eliason/Santa Barbara County Fire Department

LEFT: A dog search and rescue team walks into an area of debris and mud flow due to heavy rain in Montecito, Calif. MIDDLE: Mud and debris flow on the roadway due to heavy rain in Montecito, Calif. RIGHT: A Mercedes-Benz hood ornament stuck in the mud after the vehicle was washed away and destroyed by floodwaters in Montecito, Calif.