

## Brevard sees 50-year storm

### Forget Bell's Beach, the 50-year storm hit brevard last weekend and sent river surf up to astronomically high levels



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*Signs  
of flood  
throughout  
Davidson  
river area*

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*Trees dam  
up the  
Davidson  
River*

Heavy rains pummeled Transylvania County last weekend through Monday. Though no injuries or major property damage was recorded, many members of our community were left with heavy home leakage and power outages.

Rosman was hit the hardest on Monday when dozens of community members had to be evacuated. Another area where people had to be evacuated was the community in Pisgah Forest on Ecusta Road. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, floods in the French Broad rose up to 22 feet which is five feet above flood level in Rosman.

In the southern part of the county, the gauge showed the French Broad running at 16 feet, a level much higher than usual. The average water speed on Monday was 9,050 cfs (cubic feet per second).

In Rosman, it reached 14,050 cfs. Robert Twomey, District Conservationist for both Transylvania and Henderson County, mentioned that he had to help evacuate people in Pisgah Forest and witnessed crop fields flooded in five feet of water.

It is too early to assess the damage to property and the rivers because the water hasn't fully subsided (as of Tuesday September 22nd). What is apparent, however, is that countless trees have fallen along the Davidson River and erosion has occurred in many places along the rivers and roads in Pisgah National Forest.

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*Ruby Throated Hummingbirds enjoy the first glimpse of sun in days outside the Pisgah Forest Ranger Station on highway 278. The station is one of many locations in the area that lost power from the heavy rains over the weekend through Monday.*

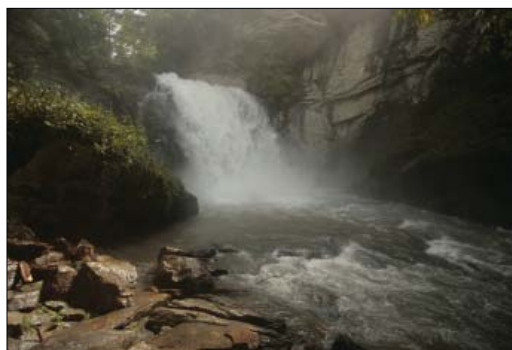


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*Looking Glass Falls, one of the most popular waterfalls in Western North Carolina at high water following the torrential rains the area received in the past week.*