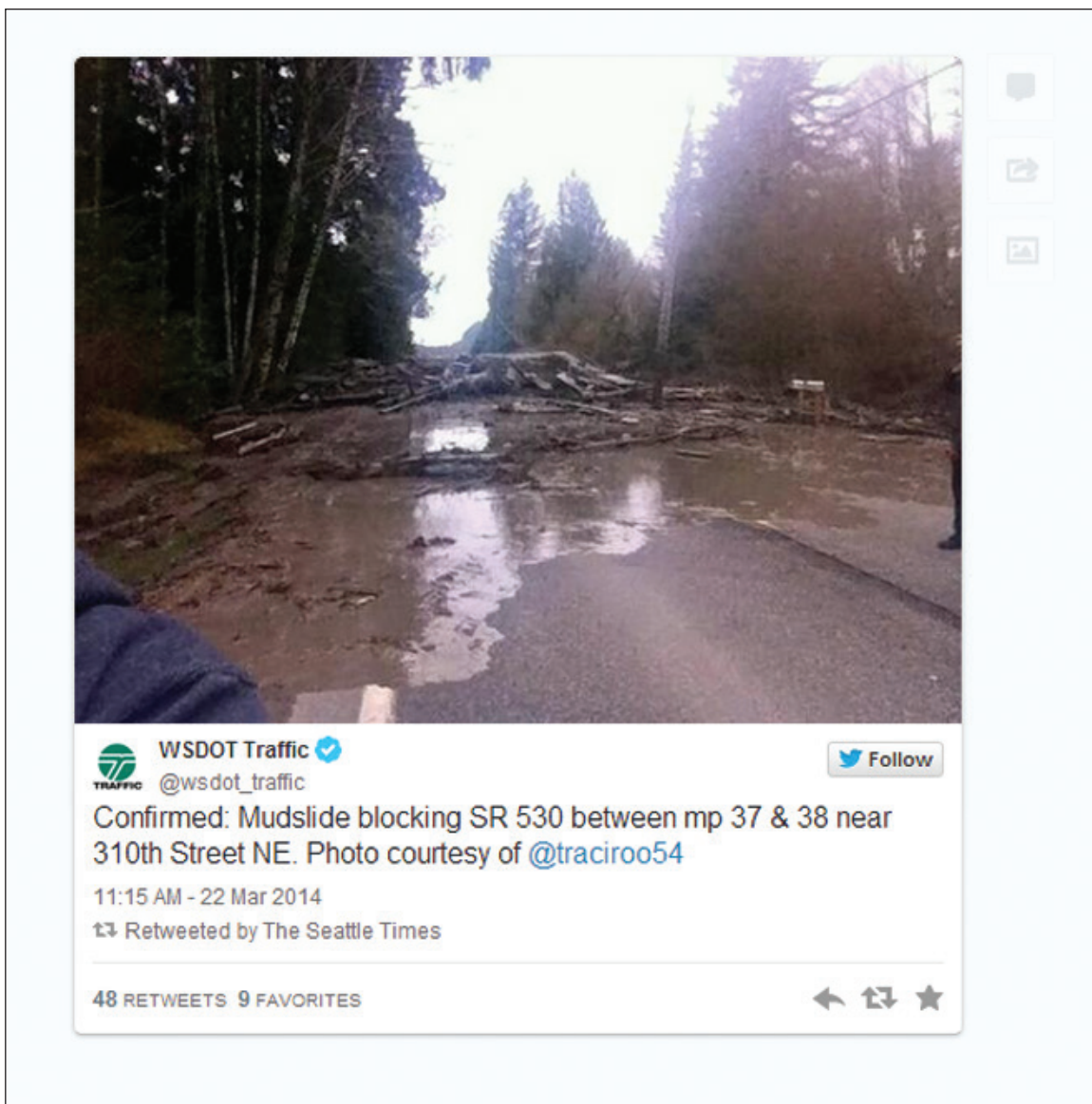


# Oso mudslide coverage online

The day's coverage started at 11:15 a.m. with our immediate re-tweet of the state Department of Transportation's first official report of a slide blocking a highway. It ended shortly before midnight with our 23rd news tweet about the devastating landslide that had taken 43 lives. In between, Times staffers would post an initial story at 11:57 a.m. and expand and update it 16 times into a comprehensive main story. It was accompanied by three sidebars, video feeds and an arresting gallery of photos

*First tweet on Saturday at 11:15 a.m.*



Officials were somewhat slow to realize the magnitude of the disaster. This first story quotes a state trooper saying at least one house has been hit by the slide, that more people may be trapped, and search-and-rescue teams are on the way.

**11:59 a.m.**

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**TRAFFIC ALERT:** Road work in Seattle and Bellevue is expected to cause delays this weekend. [Read details here.](#)

### Killer of Ballard student in '94 back in court



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Friends and family of Melissa "Missy" Fernandes raised her picture on Friday as a judge heard arguments on a possible reduced sentence for her killer. Brian Ronquillo, left, was sentenced again to nearly 51 years in prison for the fatal drive-by shooting at Ballard High School 20 years ago.

### Helicopter rose, spun once, went down

A preliminary report on the fatal crash of KOMO's news helicopter says security-camera videos show the craft rise slightly from its helipad and rotate once before pitching forward and plunging.

**NEW - 11:59 AM** Mudslide carries at least 1 house onto Snohomish County road

**UPDATE - 12:11 PM** China satellite finds object near jet search area

Local Russians, Ukrainians split on Putin's move in Crimea

**UPDATE - 12:11 PM** Pro-Russian forces storm Ukrainian base in Crimea

Sasquatch! Festival's July Fourth weekend canceled



12:25 p.m.

TWITTER UPDATE



The Seattle Times

@seattletimes

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Updates on the Snohomish County mudslide: [seati.ms/1h7ILTZ](http://seati.ms/1h7ILTZ) RT  
[@wspd7pio](#): Another pic of the slide

12:25 PM - 22 Mar 2014

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By 12:50 p.m., The Times reports at least 15 homes may have been wiped out. By 1:31 p.m., we report that at least four people are hospitalized.

**1:31 p.m.**

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**UPDATE - 01:31 PM**  
**Mudslide carries house onto road in Snohomish County**  
Cascade Valley Hospital in Arlington has been alerted at least 15 homes may have been wiped out in the slide. Highway 530 near Oso is blocked and first responders are on the scene.

**NTSB report: KOMO helicopter rose, spun once, then went down**

**UPDATE - 01:24 PM** China satellite finds object near jet search area

**UPDATE - 01:24 PM** Pro-Russian forces storm Ukrainian base in Crimea

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**2:15 p.m.**

Seattletimes.com posts the first detailed account by a witness, who was driving on Highway 530 when the slide hit. "In three seconds, everything got washed away," he said.



The Times reports at least two are dead, six houses destroyed and a baby airlifted from the scene. The sheriff's office still hasn't fully grasped the magnitude of the landslide, describing it as a modest 40 yards wide and 100 yards from top to bottom. We would later learn the slide was actually 23 times larger. By mid-afternoon, three reporters and three photographers are on scene, while a much larger team works the story by phone back in the newsroom.

**2:30 p.m.**

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## 2 killed, homes destroyed in mudslide



WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

At least two people have been confirmed dead in the mudslide near Highway 530, according to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. An official with the sheriff's office said at least 6 houses were destroyed. Authorities are unsure how many more were affected.

### NTSB: Helicopter rose, spun once, then went down

The report on the fatal crash of KOMO's news helicopter says security-camera videos show the craft rise slightly from its helipad and rotate once before pitching forward and plunging.

**UPDATE - 02:38 PM** China satellite finds object near jet search area

**UPDATE - 02:38 PM** Pro-Russian forces storm Ukrainian base in Crimea

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Times confirms a third victim died in the mudslide and has added video, photos and live updates to the report.

**4:35 p.m.**

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<http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/03/mudslide-carries-at-least-one-house-onto-snohomish-county-highway/>

## 3 killed, homes destroyed in mudslide



COURTESY PAULO DE OLIVEIRA

At least three people have been confirmed dead in the mudslide near Highway 530, according to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. A county official said at least six houses were destroyed. Authorities are unsure exactly how many homes were damaged and are searching for additional victims.

Raw video from eyewitness **NEW** Photos Live updates

## NTSB: Helicopter rose, spun once, then went down

The report on the fatal crash of KOMO's news helicopter says the chopper rose slightly from its helipad and rotated once before pitching forward and plunging.

**UPDATE - 04:22 PM** China satellite finds object near jet search area

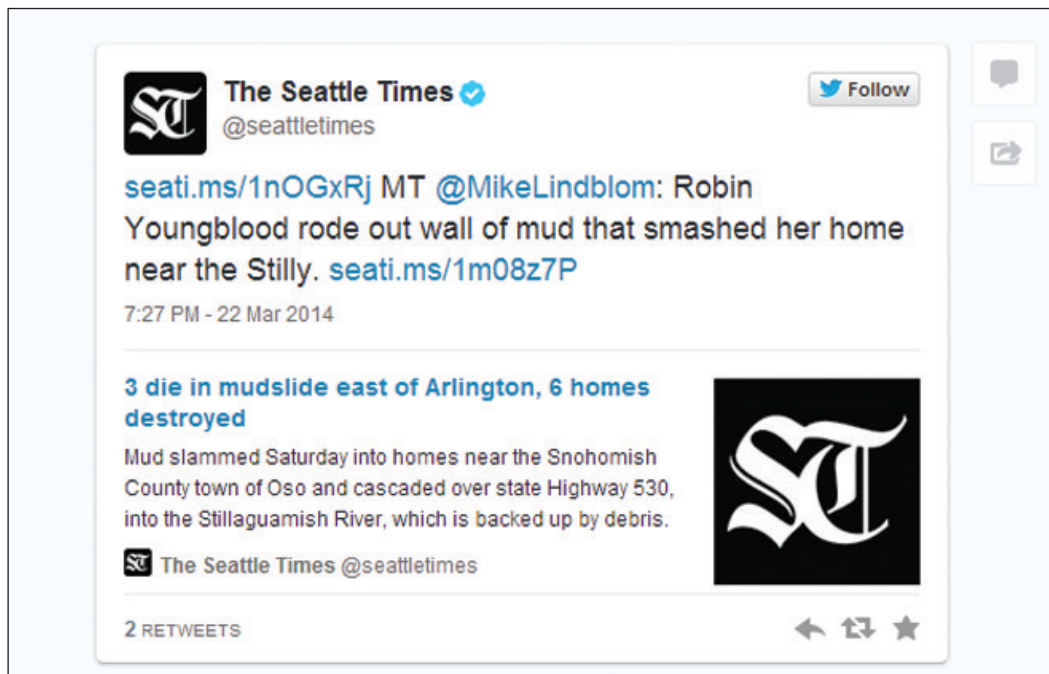
**UPDATE - 04:22 PM** Pro-Russian forces storm Ukrainian base in Crimea

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Outside a hospital door, after the news media had cleared out from a news event, Seattle Times reporter Mike Lindblom obtains the first interview of a survivor from the neighborhood buried under “the pile.” She had slipped out of her hospital room to grab a smoke and let him come back to her room.

**7:27 p.m.**

**TWITTER UPDATE**



9:51 p.m.

TWITTER UPDATE





Seattletimes.com publishes four new  
or updated stories about disaster.

**9:35 p.m.**

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## 3 killed in mudslide; some residents urged to evacuate



MARCUS YAM / THE SEATTLE TIMES

A mudslide today along Highway 530, near Oso, sent a huge chunk of this hill into the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. Search and rescue crews continue to look for survivors. The slide killed at least three people and injured almost a dozen. At least six homes were destroyed. Officials are urging people to stay away from the area.

- Raw video
- Photos
- Officials to nearby residents: 'Find another place to stay tonight'
- Fatal slide likely tied to recent rains
- Survivor tells of loud crack, wall of mud, house 'in sticks'

The Times continues reporting throughout the night.  
The last update on March 22 comes in a news tweet  
just before midnight, our 23rd that day  
about the deadly landslide.

**11:48 p.m.**

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