The SR 530 Mudslide Near Oso, Washington: Response and Recovery

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The view from the drive in

The area before the mudslide
What one family, who happened to go to a baseball game that day, has left

My son, Curtis, who 4x4’d us into the area
April 14, 2014 – Day 2

• 11:15 a.m. – checked in with Nancy (therapy dog team member)
Bonding

Posters children put up at the local store

Thank you
so much
for saving
our community.
Children's thank you posters

Thank you for helping the family in the mudslide!

Random photo
The true heroes lived and worked in their community as loggers

These are not my little black heels
Searchers dig through debris

Rescuer walking through water
Orange “X” indicates the house had been searched

Search and rescue grid search
Lessons Learned

- Make a deployment backpack and keep it ready
- Bring your pocket guide – Preparing for a Federal Deployment
- Expect the unexpected – wearing hip waders and walking in fecal matter in the water
- Keep a journal of activities you are involved in
- Take pictures of yourself in action (where allowed) and include the people you worked alongside

Lessons Learned (cont.)

- Strong partnerships work
- Family assistance center!
- Mental health plan!!
- Sharing information
Questions?

Thank you

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