

Helene’s Aftermath Continues To Wreak Havoc

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Three days after Helene hit the South, the hurricane and its aftermath form a nightmare that just won’t go away.

According to multiple news sources, the killer storm has left a staggering trail of devastation, racking up untold billions of dollars in damage and killing some 102 people across Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. At nearly 40, North Carolina’s death toll is the highest. Thirty people have been reported dead in Asheville alone, according to Fox News. There are dozens of people yet unaccounted for, and many pets and other animals have lost their lives as well. Heartbreaking tales have emerged of families and their cats and dogs seeking shelter in their attics, only to drown as floodwaters have risen beyond rooftop levels in many communities. More than four million people have lost power due to crippling electrical outages.

Floods and mudslides pose a twin-headed leading danger throughout the Southeast. In eastern Tennessee, a bridge collapsed (the Kisner Bridge, over the Nolichucky River in Green County). The nearby Nolichucky Dam nearly failed, according to *The Memphis Commercial Appeal*.