

LYTLE CREEK

Washed-out bridge strands 250

Temporary road may be ready today so Happy Jack residents can access area

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Scores of residents in the Happy Jack section of Lytle Creek in the mountains of San Bernardino County were left stranded after a severe storm destroyed the only bridge providing access to the neighborhood.

The bridge on Sycamore

Drive, which crosses Lytle Creek and serves as the sole roadway into the neighborhood, was overwhelmed by storm runoff Wednesday, resident Don Parrington said.

Water flowed over and around the structure before washing out approximately 20 to 30 feet of roadway, leaving a gap estimated at 5 to 10 feet deep.

Parrington, a 72-year-old

semiretired psychotherapist and administrator who has lived in Happy Jack for 13 years, said the collapse has left roughly 250 residents cut off, including an estimated 25 to 30 people who are elderly or disabled and unable to safely cross the washed-out roadway on foot.

“Those folks are, at the moment, isolated,” said Ryan Beckers, a spokesperson for the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

While emergency response

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The bridge on Sycamore Drive, the sole entry point into the Happy Jack neighborhood in Lytle Creek, was destroyed Wednesday by a severe storm. COURTESY OF DON PARRINGTON

WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Old, new ways speed comeback for homes



David Orozco, an investigation officer for the city of Los Angeles, inspects a section of a 1910 craftsman home in Los Feliz on Aug. 5 before crews can transport it to an empty lot in Altadena. The home is part of the Historic House Relocation Project, which takes homes slated for demolition to burned-out lots from the Eaton fire in Altadena. PHOTO BY TREVOR STAMP

From relocated rescues to AI, many methods help repopulate burn areas

Coming Wednesday

“Rising From the Ashes,” a 10-page special section, chronicles a year of heartbreak, scrutiny and recovery after the Palisades and Eaton fires.



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For the past 12 months, fire survivors have been imagining their rebuilt futures.

They can’t get back their homes lost in the Eaton and Palisades fires, but a growing number of grassroots real estate ventures have emerged in the aftermath of those January firestorms to help them envision what could lie ahead.

A year into the recovery, such ventures provide a glimpse at what neighborhood homes and structures might look like in towns where the architecture and scale of dwellings themselves were very much part of the local vibe and character.

You can see that vision emerging in an array of architectural renderings, floor plans and early building in the fire zones.

These options include relocating historical homes saved from demolition, craning in factory-built homes and shopping for preapproved plans from catalogs.

And the look of things varies, from designs that hark back to the age of craftsman and Spanish colonial styles, to more minimalist, modern takes on a home’s design.

Technology is also playing a role. Can’t decide on a home to fit your lot? Artificial intelligence can narrow down the choices by address.

The common thread here is to cut the red tape, making the process of rebuilding fast and affordable so people can get back home. Because the need for organized efforts in rebuilding homes after a significant disaster is so large, local

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SB COUNTY

New law gives life to solar project

Plan nixed in 2016 is strongly opposed by environmentalists

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A proposed solar power plant near Baker rejected by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors nearly a decade ago has been revived under a new law allowing developers to bypass local approval for energy projects and seek a green light directly from the California Energy Commission.

If approved, Soda Mountain Solar LLC would build a 300-megawatt solar plant and battery storage system on 2,670 acres of federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, about 6

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PASADENA

Bands take long route to march in Rose Parade

Performing is honor of a lifetime for many, but it can be expensive

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When you think Rose Parade, your mind goes to the floats covered in flowers and the technical wizardry behind mechanical characters that move, spin or belch smoke.

But not so if you’re a band geek. You think of horns, drums, flag teams and the like, marching for 5½ miles to throngs of spectators.

Any marching band lover or participant — but not many viewers — knows that each school or

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