

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - May 2010

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
TEXAS, South Panhandle				
(TX-Z021) PARMER, (TX-Z022) CASTRO, (TX-Z023) SWISHER, (TX-Z024) BRISCOE, (TX-Z025) HALL, (TX-Z026) CHILDRESS, (TX-Z027) BAILEY, (TX-Z028) LAMB, (TX-Z029) HALE, (TX-Z033) COCHRAN, (TX-Z034) HOCKLEY, (TX-Z035) LUBBOCK, (TX-Z036) CROSBY, (TX-Z039) YOAKUM, (TX-Z041) LYNN				
	05/10/10 10:35 CST		70K	High Wind (MAX 56 kt)
	05/10/10 14:15 CST		0	
(TX-Z030) FLOYD				
	05/10/10 12:15 CST		50K	Dust Storm
	05/10/10 13:05 CST		0	
(TX-Z030) FLOYD				
	05/10/10 12:15 CST		50K	Strong Wind (MAX 37 kt)
	05/10/10 13:05 CST		0	
(TX-Z022) CASTRO, (TX-Z027) BAILEY				
	05/10/10 13:00 CST		95K	Wildfire
	05/10/10 15:30 CST		0	

High winds and blowing dust were widespread over the South Plains and the extreme southeastern Panhandle on the 10th, as a potent storm system translated over the Southern Plains and pushed a dryline quickly east of the west Texas region. Severe wind gusts accompanied a tightening pressure gradient in the wake of the passing dryline over the South Plains during the late morning hours. These winds gusted as high as 65 mph and caused minor damage.

Local officials and the media reported that tree and utility damages were common over portions of Bailey, Briscoe, Hale, and Lubbock Counties. The roof was blown off of a barn near Silverton (Briscoe County), and several flag and light poles were downed in Plainview (Hale County). A semi-truck also was blown over by the winds along Interstate 27 in Hale County. The driver was uninjured, but portions of the interstate were closed for nearly two hours.

Winds sustained as high as 43 mph in Floyd County caused a localized dust storm which contributed to a four vehicle pile-up. Dust blowing across U.S. Highway 70 between Lockney and Floydada reduced visibilities to near zero. Four vehicles collided with each other in a chain reaction that caused one man to be critically injured.

The post-dryline winds were accompanied by very warm and dry air that contributed to critical fire weather. The winds caused utility lines to arc and ignited a wildfire in native grasslands just northeast of Enochs (Bailey County). The wind-driven fire spread through 16,000 acres before it was eventually extinguished a few hours later. The fire destroyed one abandoned home and several vehicles. No injuries were reported. In Castro County, another wildfire grew to burn more than 600 acres when a vehicle drove off of the roadway near the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2567 and County Road 612 northeast of Dimmitt.

A list of measured severe wind gusts across the region included: 65 mph at Dimmitt (Castro County), 65 mph at Tulia (Swisher County), 63 mph at Silverton (Briscoe County), 63 mph at Turkey (Hall County), 62 mph at Abernathy (Hale County), 62 mph at Amherst (Lamb County), 62 mph at Muleshoe (Bailey County), 61 mph at Anton (Hockley County), 60 mph at Denver City (Yoakum County), 60 mph at Hart (Castro County), 60 mph at Levelland (Hockley County), 60 mph at Morton (Cochran County), 59 mph at Childress (Childress County), 59 mph at O'Donnell (Lynn County), 59 mph at Ralls (Crosby County), 59 mph at Reese Center (Lubbock County), 58 mph at Olton (Lamb County), 58 mph at Sundown (Cochran County), 58 mph at Tulia (Swisher County), and 58 mph at Wolfforth (Lubbock County).

Total economic losses from wind, blowing dust, and fire were estimated near \$265,000.

HALL COUNTY --- 4.0 N ESTELLINE [34.61, -100.43], 3.0 S ESTELLINE [34.51, -100.43]				
	05/12/10 16:00 CST		0	Hail (1.75 in)
	05/12/10 16:30 CST		0	Source: Fire Department/Rescue

Fire department officials reported golfball size hail along U.S. Highway 287 north of Estelline at 16:00 CST. As additional cells developed along the southern flank of the original storm, additional reports of nickel size hail were received along Farm to Market Road 658 south of Estelline. No damages were reported.

A small complex of severe thunderstorms produced an intermittent swath of large hail in the Estelline vicinity of eastern Hall County. No damage was reported.

LAMB COUNTY --- AMHERST [34.02, -102.42]

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	05/14/10 13:00 CST		0	Hail (1.75 in)
	05/14/10 13:03 CST		0	Source: Broadcast Media

Multiple reports of large hail were received from the Amherst vicinity around 13:00 CST. Initial reports indicated that quarter size hail was falling in the city at 13:00 CST. Additional reports from the broadcast media suggested that hailstones increased to the size of golfballs by 13:03 CST. No damage was reported.

LUBBOCK COUNTY --- LUBBOCK [33.58, -101.85]

	05/14/10 13:20 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	05/14/10 13:20 CST		0	Source: Broadcast Media

LUBBOCK COUNTY --- REESE VLG [33.60, -102.02]

	05/14/10 14:00 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	05/14/10 14:00 CST		0	Source: Mesonet

Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet meteorologists reported dime to nickel size hail at Reese Center.

YOAKUM COUNTY --- 13.0 NE DENVER CITY [33.10, -102.69]

	05/14/10 19:40 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	05/14/10 19:45 CST		0	Source: Storm Chaser

A storm chaser reported quarter size hail over rural portions of eastern Yoakum County.

Scattered thunderstorms developed over the western and central South Plains of west Texas and the plains of eastern New Mexico during the afternoon and evening hours of the 14th. A few storms became severe and produced large hail. No significant damages were reported.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 2.0 SE HART [34.36, -102.10]

	05/17/10 06:16 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	05/17/10 06:16 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter

Trained weather spotters reported quarter size hail in Hart. The hail was additionally accompanied by damaging thunderstorm winds.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 2.0 SE HART [34.36, -102.10]

	05/17/10 06:16 CST		30K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	05/17/10 06:16 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey

Thunderstorm winds, accompanied by quarter size hail, destroyed a center pivot irrigation system southeast of Hart.

SWISHER COUNTY --- 8.8 W KRESS [34.37, -101.90]

	05/17/10 06:35 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	05/17/10 06:35 CST		0	Source: Storm Chaser

HALE COUNTY --- PLAINVIEW [34.20, -101.70]

	05/17/10 07:15 CST		0	Heavy Rain
	05/17/10 09:15 CST		0	Source: Storm Chaser

A storm chaser reported one to three inches of water over the intersection of US 70 and Interstate 27 in Plainview. One inch of rain had fallen during the previous hour at the Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet site at Plainview.

HALE COUNTY --- (PVW)HALE CO ARPT [34.17, -101.72]

	05/17/10 07:28 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 50 kt)
	05/17/10 07:28 CST		0	Source: AWOS

The Automated Weather Observing System at Plainview measured a wind gust to 58 mph. No damage was reported.

FLOYD COUNTY --- 2.0 NNE FLOYDADA [34.01, -101.32], FLOYDADA [33.98, -101.33]

	05/17/10 08:35 CST		0.10M	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 73 kt)
	05/17/10 08:40 CST		0	Source: Mesonet

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<p>The Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet station at Floydada measured a wind gust to 84 mph. There were several reports of storm damage in Floydada. The roof was damaged to the Floyd County Historical Museum as well as a gas station. Also, the building sustained water damage with several inches of standing water inside the building. A couple of semi-trailers were blown over in addition to several large tree limbs and power poles downed in Floydada. Snow plows were additionally deployed in Floydada to remove wind-blown and drifting small hail that covered roadways.</p>				

FLOYD COUNTY --- FLOYDADA [33.98, -101.33]

05/17/10 09:00 CST	0	Heavy Rain
05/17/10 11:00 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

The emergency manager in Floydada reported widespread minor flooding in the city of Floydada. Several city streets had become impassable. The Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet site near Floydada reported over two inches of rainfall in less than two hours.

DICKENS COUNTY --- 1.0 W SPUR [33.48, -100.87], DICKENS [33.62, -100.83]

05/17/10 09:45 CST	25K	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 53 kt)
05/17/10 09:55 CST	0	Source: Mesonet

The Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet station at Dickens measured a wind gust to 61 mph. There were reports of numerous large trees blown over as well as utility poles snapped in Dickens.

DICKENS COUNTY --- DICKENS [33.62, -100.83]

05/17/10 09:55 CST	0	Hail (1.00 in)
05/17/10 09:55 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Trained weather spotters measured hail up to the size of quarters in Dickens. Nickel to quarter size hail also was accumulated two inches deep covering the road near the post office in Dickens.

DICKENS COUNTY --- DICKENS [33.62, -100.83]

05/17/10 10:00 CST	0	Heavy Rain
05/17/10 12:00 CST	0	Source: Law Enforcement

Law enforcement officials reported standing water over several roads from heavy rainfall in the town of Dickens.

STONEWALL COUNTY --- 3.0 NE ASPERMONT [33.18, -100.19]

05/17/10 11:15 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 52 kt)
05/17/10 11:15 CST	0	Source: Mesonet

A Texas Tech University West Texas mesonet station at Aspermont measured a gust to 60 mph. The winds were at times accompanied by large hail. No wind damage was reported.

STONEWALL COUNTY --- 1.0 E ASPERMONT [33.15, -100.21]

05/17/10 11:18 CST	2.50K	Hail (1.75 in)
05/17/10 11:18 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Golf ball size hail was reported at the Texas State Highway Department in Aspermont. The Texas Tech University West Texas mesonet station in Aspermont sustained damage from wind-blown hail. At the mesonet station, all of the radiation shields were smashed, a 4 inch plastic rain gauge was broken, and the rim of a metal rain gauge was bent.

During the morning hours of the 17th, an organized convective complex moved southeastward over the extreme southern Texas panhandle and the west Texas South Plains and Rolling Plains causing hail and widespread damaging winds. Numerous reports of large hail were received, with several cities deploying snow plows to remove accumulated hail on roadways. The most significant impacts were in the Floydada vicinity of Floyd County, where several buildings were damaged and a couple of trucks were overturned by thunderstorm winds measured as high as 84mph. In addition, several utility poles and trees were downed. Minor street flooding also was reported around the area.

Total economic damages were estimated to exceed \$155,000.

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Thunderstorm winds removed a large section of roof from a metal barn in Floydada on the morning of the 17th, and resulted in other instances of structural damage in the city. Photo courtesy: Jody James - National Weather Service - Lubbock, Texas.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 5.0 E HART [34.38, -102.03]

05/21/10 17:00 CST	0	Hail (1.75 in)
05/21/10 17:00 CST	0	Source: Broadcast Media

The broadcast media relayed reports of golfball size hail east of Hart. No damage was reported.

SWISHER COUNTY --- TULIA [34.53, -101.77]

05/21/10 17:19 CST	0	Hail (1.00 in)
05/21/10 17:19 CST	0	Source: Law Enforcement

The Tulia Police Department reported quarter size hail in Tulia just before 17:20 CST.

BRISCOE COUNTY --- 9.9 WNW SILVERTON [34.54, -101.45], 5.0 N SILVERTON [34.54, -101.30]

05/21/10 18:47 CST	0	Hail (1.75 in)
05/21/10 19:24 CST	0	Source: Public

Multiple reports of large hail that ranged in size from nickels to golfballs were received along a swath from MacKenzie Reservoir to near Silverton, both from the public and the National Severe Storms Laboratory SHAVE project. Quarter size hail was reported at the MacKenzie Reservoir marina at 18:47 CST. Additional reports indicated that nickel size hail had covered the ground and stripped trees along Texas Highway 207 northwest of Silverton by 19:15 CST. At 19:24 CST golfball size hail was reported five miles north of Silverton. No property damage was reported.

An isolated supercell thunderstorm developed over portions of northern Lamb and southern Castro Counties during the late afternoon hours of the 21st. Through the evening, the storm produced a swath of large hail as it moved east-northeastward and impacted

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portions of Swisher and Briscoe Counties. Storm chasers observed the storm's entire lifecycle until it finally dissipated near Caprock Canyons State Park in eastern Briscoe County. Despite displaying a beautiful rotating updraft, the relatively high-based storm never threatened to produce a tornado.



Golfball size hail impacted portions of extreme southeastern Castro County at 17:00 CST on the 21st. Photo courtesy: Michelle Rice via KFDA-TV - Amarillo, Texas.

FLOYD COUNTY --- 8.0 N LOCKNEY [34.24, -101.43]

05/24/10 15:15 CST	0	Hail (1.75 in)
05/24/10 15:15 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Skywarn storm spotters reported golfball size hail north of Lockney along Farm to Market Road 378. No damage was reported.

MOTLEY COUNTY --- MATADOR [34.02, -100.82]

05/24/10 16:30 CST	0	Hail (0.75 in)
05/24/10 16:30 CST	0	Source: Public

The public reported penny size hail in Matador.

MOTLEY COUNTY --- 11.0 E MATADOR [34.02, -100.63]

05/24/10 17:06 CST	0	Hail (1.00 in)
05/24/10 17:06 CST	0	Source: Fire Department/Rescue

The Matador Fire Department reported quarter size hail along U.S. Highway 62/70 in eastern Motley County. Rotation was additionally visible at the cloud's base.

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COTTLE COUNTY --- 12.0 W PADUCAH [34.02, -100.51]				
	05/24/10 17:25 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	05/24/10 17:25 CST		0	Source: Park/Forest Service
Texas Parks and Wildlife officers reported quarter size hail in the Matador Wildlife Management area west of Paducah. The Paducah Fire Department additionally observed a funnel cloud several miles south of the preserve minutes before.				
BRISCOE COUNTY --- SILVERTON [34.47, -101.30]				
	05/24/10 18:24 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	05/24/10 18:24 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Skywarn storm spotters reported quarter size hail in Silverton.				
HALL COUNTY --- 4.0 WSW MEMPHIS [34.70, -100.60]				
	05/24/10 19:47 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	05/24/10 19:47 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Storm spotters reported quarter size hail along Texas Highway 256 southwest of Memphis.				
Isolated to scattered thunderstorms developed along and east of a dryline over the central and eastern South Plains of west Texas during the late afternoon and evening hours of the 24th. A few of the storms evolved into supercells over the northern Rolling Plains. Large hail up to the size of golfballs, and at least one funnel cloud was observed. No significant damage was reported.				
PARMER COUNTY --- 4.0 E BOVINA [34.52, -102.83], FRIONA [34.63, -102.73]				
	05/25/10 14:30 CST		0	Hail (1.75 in)
	05/25/10 14:45 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
Law enforcement in Parmer County reported quarter size to golfball size hail along U.S. Highway 60 from four miles east of Bovina to Friona.				
BAILEY COUNTY --- 2.0 NW PROGRESS [34.30, -102.84], 1.0 SE PROGRESS [34.27, -102.81]				
	05/25/10 14:43 CST		0	Hail (1.25 in)
	05/25/10 14:53 CST		0	Source: Storm Chaser
A storm chaser reported half dollar size hail along U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County. By 14:51 CST, the hail was intermittently mixed with very large 3.75 inch hail stones. No significant damages were reported.				
BAILEY COUNTY --- 2.0 NW PROGRESS [34.30, -102.84]				
	05/25/10 14:51 CST		10K	Hail (3.75 in)
	05/25/10 14:53 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Trained weather spotters reported very large hail of 3.75 inches in rural Bailey County. Minor damage was reported to vehicles along U.S. Highway 84.				
PARMER COUNTY --- 1.0 SE LARIAT [34.32, -102.91]				
	05/25/10 14:55 CST		1K	Hail (2.00 in)
	05/25/10 14:55 CST		0	Source: Public
The public reported large hail to the size of 2 inches which destroyed a car windshield.				
PARMER COUNTY --- 5.0 S BOVINA [34.45, -102.90], 4.0 E BOVINA [34.52, -102.83]				
	05/25/10 15:49 CST		0	Hail (1.75 in)
	05/25/10 16:07 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
Bovina police department reported golf ball size hail south and east of Bovina.				
PARMER COUNTY --- 3.0 W BOVINA [34.52, -102.95], BOVINA [34.52, -102.90]				
	05/25/10 16:31 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	05/25/10 16:38 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
PARMER COUNTY --- 2.0 NNE BOVINA [34.55, -102.89]				
	05/25/10 16:41 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	05/25/10 16:41 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement

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A trained weather spotter reported quarter size hail northeast of Bovina.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 10.0 WNW DIMMITT [34.61, -102.48], 5.8 S SUMMERFIELD [34.65, -102.51]

05/25/10 17:39 CST	0	Hail (1.75 in)
05/25/10 18:00 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

A trained weather spotter reported golf ball size hail in rural portions of Castro County.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 2.0 W DIMMITT [34.55, -102.36]

05/25/10 18:50 CST	0	Hail (1.75 in)
05/25/10 18:50 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Trained weather spotters reported golf ball size hail in Dimmitt.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 2.0 W DIMMITT [34.55, -102.36]

05/25/10 18:52 CST	0	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.20 mi , W: 50 yd)
05/25/10 18:53 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Skywarn storm spotters and numerous storm chasers photographed a tornado just west of Dimmitt shortly after 18:50 CST. The tornado was brief and remained over open fields. The tornado appeared as a slender condensation tube that stretched to the ground. No damage was reported.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 4.0 NE DIMMITT [34.59, -102.27]

05/25/10 19:11 CST	0	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.10 mi , W: 20 yd)
05/25/10 19:11 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Storm spotters observed the first of two brief dusty tornadoes that developed under a deeply occluded bowl-shaped lowering northeast of Dimmitt at 19:11 CST. These spin-ups occurred over open range land and no damages were reported.

CASTRO COUNTY --- 3.0 NE DIMMITT [34.58, -102.28]

05/25/10 19:14 CST	0	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.10 mi , W: 20 yd)
05/25/10 19:14 CST	0	Source: Storm Chaser

Storm spotters observed the second of two brief dusty tornadoes that developed under a deeply occluded bowl-shaped lowering northeast of Dimmitt at 19:14 CST. These spin-ups occurred over open range land and no damages were reported.

LAMB COUNTY --- 4.0 SE LITTLEFIELD [33.88, -102.27]

05/25/10 23:09 CST	0	Hail (0.88 in)
05/25/10 23:09 CST	0	Source: Storm Chaser

TERRY COUNTY --- 4.0 W BROWNFIELD [33.18, -102.35]

05/26/10 02:41 CST	0	Hail (0.88 in)
05/26/10 02:41 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

Isolated supercells developed in eastern New Mexico along a dryline during the middle afternoon hours of the 25th. The supercells intensified as they moved into the southwestern Texas Panhandle and western South Plains in association with an upper level shortwave trough translating over New Mexico. Very large hail was reported with the initial supercells in the Panhandle, along with reports of funnel clouds. By early in the evening, much of the convection had dissipated, but a single supercell evolved and tracked across Parmer and Castro Counties. The supercell morphed into a classic tornadic supercell before it eventually dissipated in northeastern Castro County. Severe hail was reported with the storm and several brief and weak tornadoes were observed near Dimmitt.

Several thunderstorms additionally developed across the western South Plains during the early morning hours of the 26th. However, only small hail was reported with this cluster of thunderstorms.

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A brief tornado was observed west of Dimmitt (Castro County) at 18:52 CST on the 25th. Photo courtesy: Marcus Diaz - Storm Chaser - Amarillo, Texas.

LAMB COUNTY --- 1.0 S LITTLEFIELD [33.91, -102.32]

05/26/10 16:13 CST	0		Hail (0.88 in)
05/26/10 16:13 CST	0		Source: Trained Spotter

Skywarn spotters reported pea to nickel size hail just south of Littlefield just before 16:15 CST.

LUBBOCK COUNTY --- 10.0 ESE LUBBOCK [33.52, -101.69]

05/26/10 17:53 CST	0		Hail (0.88 in)
05/26/10 17:53 CST	0		Source: Public

LUBBOCK COUNTY --- 10.0 ESE LUBBOCK [33.52, -101.69]

05/26/10 18:06 CST	0		Hail (1.00 in)
05/26/10 18:06 CST	0		Source: Public

Multiple reports of large hail were received from the Ransom Canyon area of eastern Lubbock County around 18:00 CST. Initial reports indicated that nickel size hail covered the ground at 17:53 CST. By 18:06 CST, the storm had intensified and hailstones grew to the size of quarters.

Several isolated thunderstorms developed during the evening hours across the South Plains and Rolling Plains. A few of the storms across the central South Plains developed small and quarter size hail.

LAMB COUNTY --- 2.0 SSW SPRINGLAKE [34.20, -102.31]

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	05/31/10 17:30 CST		0.10M	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	05/31/10 17:30 CST		0	Source: Public

Severe thunderstorm winds destroyed a well house, uprooted a tree, and blew over a center pivot irrigation system on a farmstead west of U.S. Highway 385 southwest of Springlake. No injuries were reported.

LAMB COUNTY --- 6.0 S OLTON [34.09, -102.13]

05/31/10 18:40 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 53 kt)
05/31/10 18:40 CST	0	Source: Mesonet

The Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet site south of Olton recorded a 61 mph thunderstorm wind gust at 18:40 CST. Although minor power outages were reported in the area, no reports of damage were received.

HALE COUNTY --- PLAINVIEW [34.20, -101.70], 1.0 S PLAINVIEW [34.19, -101.70]

05/31/10 18:45 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 50 kt)
05/31/10 18:50 CST	0	Source: Mesonet

Broadcast and print media relayed reports of minor damage from thunderstorm winds in Plainview shortly before 19:00 CST. Damaging thunderstorm winds downed a number of large tree limbs and utility lines in the city. More than 2,000 residents lost electrical power at 18:45 CST, and electrical power was out for approximately two hours. A Texas Tech University West Texas Mesonet site just south of Plainview recorded a 58 mph wind gust at 18:50 CST. No injuries or structural damage was reported.

Scattered thunderstorms developed over the extreme southwestern Texas Panhandle and the northwestern South Plains during the late afternoon and early evening of the 31st. A small linear complex emerged from the convection, and resulted in damaging winds as it moved eastward over portions of Lamb and Hale Counties. The most significant impacts occurred in Plainview (Hale County), where downed utility lines left upwards of 2,000 customers without electrical power for approximately two hours.