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Cover Photograph. © Perthshire Picture Agency. PPA: www.ppapix.co.uk: The A85 in Glen Ogle was blocked by two debris flows on 18 August 2004. The southern slip occurred first and as advice was being offered to motorists by Operating Company staff a second landslide occurred to the north of the first. The two landslides effectively trapped 20 vehicles and 57 occupants were airlifted to safety by RAF and Royal Navy helicopters. The northernly debris flow can be seen to the left of the photograph. In its latter phases it surmounted a spur of rock and an unoccupied Operating Company vehicle that had been parked in the lee of the spur was swept over the edge of the road and some distance downslope before it came to rest against a tree. Text by M. G. Winter.