

“Serizawa District”

Ravages of the Kanto and Tohoku heavy rain disaster in 2015



Serizawa District when it was damaged by the Kanto and Tohoku heavy rain disaster in 2015

■ The heavy rain that devastated Kinugawa also affected Nikko

During the Kanto and Tohoku heavy rain disaster in September 2015, debris floods occurred at eight mountain streams (in nine locations) in the Serizawa District of Nikko City, damaging houses and roads. Municipal roads became impassable, seven houses were damaged (all partially-collapsed), eight roads were damaged, and 25 residents were temporarily isolated.

In a phenomenon known as training, cumulonimbus clouds lingered for a long time in the sky over Kinugawa, causing the heaviest rain ever recorded since observations began. The heavy rain caused embankments downstream from Kinugawa to break down and overflow.

Impassable road



Roads torn up by scouring



Damage to houses caused by debris floods



Accumulated driftwood

