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## How to read this guide

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The Donghekou landslide, caused by the May 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake in Sichuan County, China. This extremely large landslide buried hundreds of people and caused a landslide dam to form in the Dong He River. Photograph by Lynn Highland, U.S. Geological Survey.

