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TORRENTIAL RAINS STRUCK LARGE AREAS OF THE BLACK HILLS TONIGHT...AND A FULL EMERGENCY ~~ALERT~~ OPERATION IS UNDERWAY AT NEWSTIME TONIGHT TO DETERMINE THE FULL EXTENT OF THE FLOODING AND TO RESCUE PERSONS STRANDED ALONG ~~W~~ SWOLLEN CREEKS.

ALL AREA NATIONAL GUARD UNITS HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT... ALONG WITH ALL OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. FLASH FLOODING HIT BOULDER CANYON BETWEEN DEADWOOD AND STURGIS... LITTLE ELK CREEK IS CAUSING SEVERE FLOODING IN THE ~~NEMO~~ NEMO AREA...AND RAPID CREEK ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ABOVE RAPID CITY HAS RISEN FOUR FEET WITH THE DOWNPOUR...AND IT IS STILL RAINING TONIGHT--HEAVILY--IN THE STRICKEN AREAS.

AUTHORITIES ARE URGING NO TRAVEL IN THE HILLS AREAS HARD HIT BY RAINS. BRIDGES ARE REPORTED WASHED-OUT OR BADLY UNDERCUT IN MANY SPOTS. AS THE WATER HAS RISEN TONIGHT IN RAPID CITY--AND AS THE RAIN CONTINUED-- TRAVEL IN WESTERN RAPID CITY WAS BEING RESTRICTED. PERSONS LIVING ALONG RAPID CREEK ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR A FURTHER RISE IN THE CREEK AND MORE FLOODING AS THE WATER CREST MOVES DOWNSTREAM AND RAINS CONTINUE.

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AT NEWSTIME EVACUATION OPERATIONS ARE UNDER-WAY AT THE DANGER POINTS. AS THE FLOOD STORY BEGAN UNFOLDING THIS EVENING, THERE WERE MANY REPORTS OF DRAMATIC CLOSE-CALLS TO MAN AND VEHICLES. AT THIS HOUR, WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURIES. LIVESTOCK LOSSES HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND SOME BUILDINGS ARE REPORTED BADLY DAMAGED IN HARD-HIT AREAS.

COLONEL CHALBERG OF THE NATIONAL GUARD SAYS THE BOY SCOUTS ~~ATMIXED~~ IN THE NEMO AREA ARE SAFE. HE BELIEVES THE GIRLS SCOUTS--ALSO AT CAMP--ARE SAFE, BUT WORD HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BACK FROM RESCUERS HEADED FOR THE GIRL SCOUT CAMPSITE.

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