

(HIGHWAYS-WITH FLOOD)

(PIERRE)-- GOVERNOR RICHARD KNEIP TODAY SAID THAT DAMAGES TO THE RAPID CITY-AREA HIGHWAY SYSTEM ARE ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 16-MILLION DOLLARS FOR IMMEDIATE RECONSTRUCTION AND EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT.

KNEIP SAID, HOWEVER, "THE LOSS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EXCEED THIS AMOUNT AS THE REAL EXTENT OF DAMAGE BECOMES KNOWN IN THE WEEKS AHEAD."

THE GOVERNOR SAID HIGHWAY DIRECTOR JACK ALLMON WAS IN RAPID CITY CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND "MONITORING THE ROAD SITUATION." KNEIP SAID ALLMON "PERSONALLY INSPECTED ALL BLACK HILLS ROADS AND BRIDGES AFFECTED BY THE WEEKEND FLOOD."

THE GOVERNOR SAID "I CAN SAY AT THIS TIME ROAD DAMAGES ARE NOT AS SEVERE AS EARLIER ANTICIPATED--WE CAN KEEP TRANSPORTATION MOVING-- HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT REMOVE THE EXISTANCE OF SOME DETOURING AND NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION."

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(LEGION--FLOOD)

(PIERRE)---STATE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER R-C GABRIELSON TOLD ALL AMERICAN LEGION POSTS IN WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA TODAY TO INITIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AIDE THE VICTIMS OF THE BLACK HILLS AREA FLOOD. HE SAID SOME 50 LEGION POSTS ARE LOCATED IN THE WESTERN SECTOR BUT URGED POSTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO BE RYDY TO HELP WITH THE FLOOD RELIEF. COMMANDER GABRIELSON ADDED THAT A STATEWIDE RELIEF FUND DRIVE WAS BEING STARTED. HE SAID THE NEED FOR FUNDS IS EXTREMELY URGENT AND HE URGED EACH OF THE STATE'S 30-THOUSAND LEGION MEMBERS AND ALL CITIZENS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND DRIVE

(PARK--FLOOD)

(CUSTER STATE PARK)---CUSTER STATEPARK SUPERINTENDENT TAL

LOCKWOOD SAYS THE 72-THOUSAND ACRE CUSTER STATE PARK IS OPERATIONAL AND  
BASICALLY UNDA MAGED BY THE FLOOD .

LOCKWOOD SAYS ALL LODGES AND CONCESSIONS  
ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND TOURISTS WILL FIND CONDITIONS IN THE  
PARK NEARLY NORMAL .

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(QUEEN--FLOOD)

(LONDON)---QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND HAS CABLED PRESIDENT NIXON HER SYMPATHY ... "TO THE BEREAVED, THE INJURED AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES" IN THE SOUTH DAKOTA FLOOD DISASTER. THAT WAS THE REPORT FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE TODAY.

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(FOOD-FLOOD)

(BELLE FOURCHE)---THE BELLE FOURCHE COMMUNITY UNITY BARBAQUE ... AN ANNUAL FREE FEED FOR SOME FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS .. WAS CANCELLED TODAYSO THE FOOD COULD BE SENT TO RAPID CITY. THE BELLE FOURCHE MERCHANTS SPONSOR THE FEED AND HAVE SAID THEY WILL COOK THE FOOD AND TAKE IT TO RAPID CITY TO FEED FLOOD VICTIMS AND VOLUNTEERS.

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(TELCO--FLOOD)

(SIOUX FALLS)---LONG DISTANCE CALLING TO RAPID CITY AND THE BLACK HILLS AREA CONTINUES AT AN EXTREMELY HIGH RATE THIS AFTERNOON. THE UNUSUAL HEAVY CALLING CAUSED BY THE FLOOD EMERGENCY HAS CAUSED THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ASK THAT ONLY CALLS OF EMERGENCY NATURE OR THOSE THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY BE PLACED IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYS OF IMPORTANT CALLS. THE TELEPHONE COMPANY SAYS PEOPLE WHO HAVE EMERGENCY CALLS UNABLE TO BE COMPLETED BECAUSE THE CIRCUITS ARE BUSY SHOULD TRY TO CALL AT LATER INTERVALS DURING THE DAY.

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