

(SUB FLOOD)

(RAPID CITY)---THE KNOWN DEAD IN THE FLOOD DISASTER IN THE RAPID CITY AREA HAS REACHED ~~80~~⁸⁶. - UNOFFICIALLY OVER 100

AUTHORITIES REPORT ~~80~~⁸⁰ DEAD IN RAPID CITY AND SIX MORE BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN NEARBY KEYSTONE.

KEYSTONE, ~~A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 240,~~¹⁵ WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN LEVELLED BY ROCK AND MUD SLIDES AFTER TORRENTIAL RAINS IN THE BLACK HILLS AREA SENT CREEKS ROARING FAR OUT OF THEIR BANKS.

THE RAMPAGING WATERS DESCENDED WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE UPON RAPID CITY...CARRYING AWAY HOUSES AND CARS...RUPTURING GAS LINES...TOUCHING OFF FIRES...AND SPREADING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

ALTHOUGH THE WATER HAS BEGUN TO SUBSIDE, RAPID CITY STILL IS A SCENE OF CHAOS (THIS AFTERNOON) AS RESCUE WORKERS SEARCH FOR MORE VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER. STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARE RUSHING TO THE AREA. GOV. KNEIP IS ON THE SCENE. - ADDRESSK

AUTHORITIES URGENTLY REQUEST THAT NO ONE ATTEMPT TO TELEPHONE ANYWHERE IN WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BECAUSE THE LINES ARE NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY.

CANYON LAKE GONE

IRON CREEK
DALTON

PACTOLA.

TRAFFIC FROM THE EAST HAS BEEN SHUT OFF AT WALL AND EVERYONE EXCEPT EMERGENCY WORKERS IS BEING KEPT OUT OF THE AREA. THE HIGH WATER ON RAPID CREEK IS MOVING EASTWARD TOWARD THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF NEW UNDERWOOD.

DAMAGE ALSO WAS REPORTED IN NEARBY COMMUNITIES INCLUDING CUSTER AND STURGIS.