

(ESTIMATE---FLOOD)

(RAPID CITY)---THE OFFICIAL ESTIMATE BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS TODAY SAYS THE FLOOD EARLY SATURDAY MORNING CAUSED CLOSE TO 100-MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE.

THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING SAYS ITS "PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT" SHOWS THAT TOTAL PUBLIC DAMAGE FOR BOTH RAPID CITY AND PENNINGTON COUNTY WAS ABOUT 38-MILLION-339-THOUSAND DOLLARS INCLUDING DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT 12 AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO NON-FEDERAL BRIDGES, ROADS AND STREETS.

THE DAMAGE FIGURES WERE THE FIRST CONCRETE ESTIMATES TO BE RELEASED SINCE THE FLOOD LATE FRIDAY NIGHT. GOVERNOR RICHARD KNEIP EARLIER PREDICTED FLOOD DAMAGE WOULD HIT 100-MILLION DOLLARS.

THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE FLOOD ROSE TO 209 TODAY WITH EIGHT PERSONS STILL UNIDENTIFIED.

THE O-E-P LISTED DAMAGE ESTIMATES FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY IN RAPID CITY AT 35-MILLION DOLLARS. HOMES SUSTAINED 12-AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE HOMES THREE-POINT-NINE MILLION DOLLARS.

RAPID CITY BUSINESSES SUFFERED FIVE-POINT-TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGES, WITH PERSONAL PROPERTY SET AT FOUR-MILLION DOLLARS.

A FOUR-MILLION ESTIMATE WAS PLACED ON MOTOR VEHICLE LOSSES AND MOBILE HOMES SUSTAINED A REPORTED TWO-POINT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGES.

CLEANUP IN RAPID CITY WAS ESTIMATED AT TWO-POINT-SIX MILLION DOLLARS.