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Big Springs I-80 Clean-up Costs

Here is the latest estimate of total costs according to the Nebraska Department of Roads:

Clean-up by Contractor (Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln)	\$ 135,000
Clean-up by State Forces (Nebraska Department of Roads)	\$ 128,800
New Bridge and approaches (planned)	\$ 600,000
Temporary Road (being considered for local accommodation while bridge is being replaced)	\$ 350,000
Total	\$1,213,800

- 650-700 tons of debris was removed from I-80 after a semi-truck loaded with food products crashed into the bridge piers May 23, collapsing the structure.
- Plans are to replace the bridge built in 1969 with a 2 span bridge eliminating shoulder piers. The median pier will need to be rebuilt. The new bridge will be 28 foot wide (the demolished bridge was 22 foot wide).
- Interstate 80 was closed at 9:30 p.m. CDT on May 23, 2003. Traffic returned to normal at 11:00 p.m. CDT on May 25, 2003.
- States forces along with a private contractor provided manpower and equipment. These costs are best estimates at this time.

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