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#### **(S.D.)-Blizzard Cleanup Costing Northern Hills Cities**

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SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) - Snow removal costs in the northern Black Hills communities of Lead, Deadwood and Spearfish approached \$1 million after the Oct. 4 blizzard that dumped as much as 5 feet of snow in the region.

Lead City Administrator Mike Stahl says that the storm was "spectacularly unexpected." He says there hasn't been a storm like it in October for many years.

Officials with the three cities say their snow removal budgets are strained, and they'll be looking to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help.

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