

## Highway 12 Floods

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Friday, February 29, 2008 the Department of Roads was getting ready for the possibility of closing Highway 12 East of Niobrara. Highway 12 was closed at 1:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and reopened one lane March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. As Spring comes closer the ice is going out of the waterways and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Headquarters and other office sites in Niobrara have to find alternate routes both to and from the offices. The photos shown here were taken Monday, March 3, 2008 after one lane had been opened. The PTN Environmental Protection Department was unable to get real time photographs due to safety reason. On the EPD webpage there is emergency information on how to deal with flooded areas. Please check it out as the flooding season is here. Also remember we are not quite done with winter so keep your Winter Emergency Kit in your car.



Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. one lane of Highway 12 opens.



Over the weekend trees were pushed off Highway 12 to where the Bazile Creek had subsided to 2 feet from the highway



¼ mile from where the Bazile Creek went over Highway 12.



Flood waters by the Bazile Creek Bridge about 2 feet South of Highway 12.