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KDOT crews plow 565,000 miles last week

Kansas Department of Transportation snow crews plowed and treated 565,000 lane miles of highway during last week's snow storm at a cost of nearly \$3 million.

KDOT drivers operated 591 trucks around the clock in 12-hours shifts to treat and clear roads of snow and ice in every region of the state. About 1,100 snow plow operators logged more than 37,000 hours from Feb. 3-6.

"The snow amounts, wind and frigid temperatures made this a dangerous storm for our crews. I can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication in keeping the roads safe for travel," said Transportation Secretary Mike King.

"I also want to thank the many others at KDOT who supported the storm efforts, including mechanics, office staff and those who helped keep travelers informed of road conditions," he said.

Winter Storm Nika by the numbers:

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| 591 | Dump trucks |
| 565,000 | Miles treated/plowed |
| 37,000 | Labor hours |
| 8,600 | Tons of salt |
| 1,300 | Tons of sand |

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| 19,500 | Tons of salt/sand mix |
| 345,000 | Gallons of brine |
| 2,000 | Gallons of magnesium chloride |
| 500 | KDOT postings to Twitter and Facebook |
| 8,200 | Calls to 511 travel information phone line |
| 117,000/895,000 | Visits to and page views on KanDrive travel information website |
| \$3 million | Cost of storm – about \$ 1.15 per registered vehicle. |

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