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Travel to central, western Kansas discouraged

The massive winter storm and high winds that started yesterday in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas are continuing to cause extreme travel difficulties. Many roadways are closed in central and western Kansas with hotels being filled up and semis stranded along highways.

As of early this afternoon, westbound I-70 is closed from Salina to the Colorado border. Eastbound I-70 is closed from Hays to the Colorado border. Numerous other highways in northwestern Kansas are also closed, or have recently been closed, including stretches of U.S. 36, U.S. 40, U.S. 27, U.S. 83, K-9, K-161, K-117 and K-25. Several highways in southwest Kansas are snow packed and icy.

“There is little to no visibility on parts of I-70, and the weather conditions are worse on many highways north of I-70 in western Kansas,” said Kansas Department of Transportation District Engineer Jeff Stewart in Norton. “There is also currently no truck parking along I-70 west of Salina.”

Motorists are encouraged to check all road and weather conditions before traveling. KDOT has information in several places:

KanDrive: <http://kandrive.org/kandrive>

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