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### **\$1.2 million clearing project to begin along U.S. 160 in Barber County**

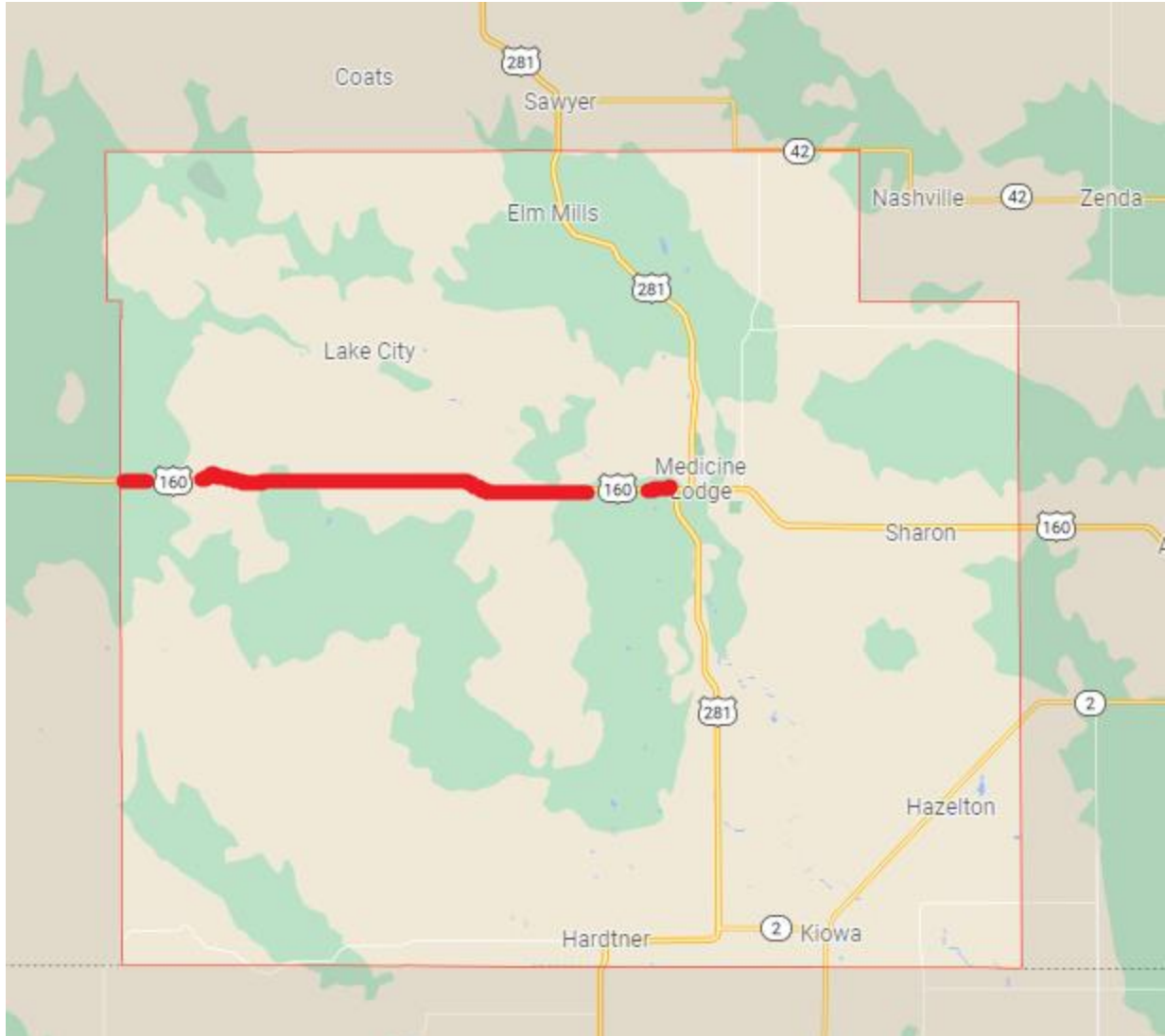
Work on a \$1.2 million project to clear trees along U.S. 160 in Barber County is expected to begin around Tuesday, Jan. 11.

The Kansas Department of Transportation project will be along U.S. 160 from the Barber/Comanche county line east to the U.S. 281 junction on the west side of Medicine Lodge. The length is 22.4 miles. Most of the trees, stumps and roots being removed from the KDOT right of way for this project are dead or are invasive cedar – all of which can feed wildfires.

During the work, traffic will be restricted to one lane in places by flaggers and a pilot car, so motorists should be prepared to slow down and stop and follow the pilot car as directed. Motorists should be prepared for delays of up to 15 minutes. The work is expected to be completed around March 19.

Prado Construction LLC, of Valley Center, is the primary contractor for the \$1,231,054 project.

**The map below shows the project location, marked in red.**



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