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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:

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