

Pawnee, Johnson counties submit disaster declarations to NEMA
(KLZA)-- Conditions including heavy snowfall, bitter cold temperatures and subzero wind chills have created issues that have left many county roads in Pawnee and Johnson counties impassable according to a joint statement from the Johnson and Pawnee County Commissioners.

The subzero temperatures are contributing to equipment breakdowns as crews attempt to clear roads.

Saturday, January 13 the Johnson County Commissioners submitted a disaster declaration to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Pawnee County Commissioners did the same on Sunday, January 14.

The needs of the counties will be assessed and the request for any additional resources that may be needed will be made to the State of Nebraska to assist in opening critical transportation routes.

Commissioners thanked the residents of the two counties for their patience and understanding as crews work through multiple challenges to reopen the roads.

Any ag producers or residents that are in need of immediate or emergency assistance due to the storms are encouraged to contact the Johnson and Pawnee County Emergency Management Agency. Ag producers may also contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 1-800-831-0550 for additional assistance.

Commissioners from both counties have expressed their thanks to the crews who have been working tirelessly to get the roads open again. They also thanked the families of the crews for their support during the long days.

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