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(SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO) As the storm comes to an end, clean up has become the most pressing matter at this time. The Colorado Department of Transportation is still working on the state highways; while the county road & bridge crews are continuing to work to clear county roads to allow residents to travel to town.

County road & bridge crews worked late into the night Thursday clearing streets and places for the trucks to park that were staying in Springfield over the night. Baca County road & bridge crews will continue to work Friday and Saturday to clear local roads for travel. Cities are continuing to clear their roads for travel as well.

Approximately 50 people utilized the shelter that was established at the Springfield United Methodist Church during the storm. Local hotels and motels were filled to capacity, so the shelter was opened to accommodate additional stranded travelers.

Fire and Emergency Medical Service agencies have been working very hard to keep up with the accident calls and their everyday emergencies calls that still come in during a disaster.

Baca County emergency personnel along with the Colorado State Patrol responded to a crash south of Springfield Thursday night that resulted in one fatality. Another patient from the crash was taken to Stratford Texas by Springfield EMS to meet a Life Star helicopter. The patient was then flown to an Amarillo, Texas, area hospital for care. The crash is still under investigation by the Colorado State Patrol.

The Baca County Division of Emergency Management has been working closely with the Colorado State Division of Emergency Management at the State Emergency Operations Center throughout the storm, and continues to coordinate recovery efforts with those agencies.

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