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(Neb.)-Late-Winter Storm Continues Trek East Through State

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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Authorities are discouraging travel in eastern Nebraska and much of Iowa western Iowa as a late-winter storm heads east.

Portions of Iowa Highway 141 and U.S. highways 59, 30 and 20 in western Iowa were reported impassable on Monday. But Interstates 80 and 29 are open for traffic.

Sections of both interstates were closed for a time on Sunday as heavy snow was blown by strong winds, creating whiteout in many spots. Officials reported several multiple-car accidents Sunday along a 200-mile stretch of Interstate 80 that runs east and west through the two states.

Authorities in Nebraska blamed the weather for at least one fatality. The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office said 22-year-old Justin Muhm lost control of his southbound vehicle Sunday on icy Nebraska Highway 43 near Bennet.