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Winds Cause Damage, Power Outages in Ks

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Strong winds that blew through central and northeast Kansas left trees down and created power outages but no serious injuries have been reported.

Winds reaching more than 60 mph, accompanied by rain and hail hit the state late Monday and early Tuesday.

Westar reported up to 25,000 customers without power after the storm but that number had been reduced to about 6,000 early Tuesday. Power outages were reported in Shawnee, Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Douglas, Riley and Geary counties.

The Kansas Department of Transportation closed a section of U.S. 24 in Riley County Monday night because of downed power lines. The department said the road was expected to reopen Tuesday morning but warned drivers to find alternate routes for the morning commute.

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