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Cedar Breaks News Release

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Cedar Breaks Road Closed for the Season

Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah. The section of Utah Highway 148 through Cedar Breaks National Monument that connects Utah Highways 14 and 143 has been closed for the winter.

According to park Superintendent Paul Roelandt, the storm that hit southern Utah over the weekend brought high winds and snow that caused heavy drifting across the Cedar Breaks Scenic Drive, making the road impassable. "We have reached that time of year when expected heavy snow accumulations and constant drifting of snow across the road have made it unsafe to keep the road open," Roelandt said.

The portion of Highway 143 through Cedar Breaks National Monument connecting Panguitch with Brian Head and Parowan will remain open throughout the winter, except during and immediately after heavy snowstorms and during periods of blowing snow. For current road conditions please call UDOT Travel Information Service at 1-800-492-2400.

Although the park road is now closed, Cedar Breaks provides many opportunities for winter recreation as more snow accumulates. When sufficient snow falls, trails will be marked for use by snowshoers and skiers from the north park boundary along the north rim of the breaks, and along the Alpine Pond Trail in the park. The park's snowmobile route will also be marked, but remains closed until sufficient snow covers the unplowed road and enables the snowmobile route to be groomed through the park. Snowmobilers are reminded that snowmobiles must remain on the marked route within Cedar Breaks in order to protect park resources such as plants and wildlife, and to help provide a high quality, safe visitor experience for all park users.

Questions regarding current conditions for winter recreational activities may be directed to the park's administrative headquarters at (435) 586-9451.

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