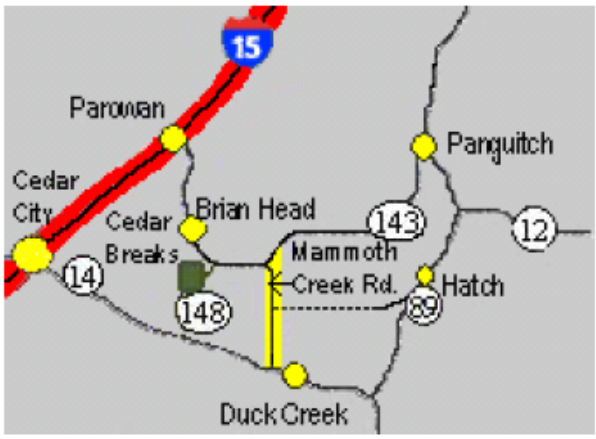
Weight Restrictions on Cedar Breaks Scenic Drive (Hwy 148)

Where?

- The Cedar Breaks Scenic Drive (State Highway 148) runs five miles through the park. It intersects with State Highway 143 and State Highway 14.



- A new road (Mammoth Creek Road) has been re-constructed and paved for year-round use. This road is about 10 miles east of Cedar Breaks National Monument, and also provides access between Highway 14 and Highway 143.

Why?

- Highway 148 is used extensively by non-recreation, "local" traffic as a route to get between Highway 14 and Highway 143. This non-recreation traffic has included commercial vehicles that routinely use the park route as a link between the two state highways.
- Overnight freezing temperatures, along with rising daytime temperatures, results in a freeze-thaw cycle in the soil of the strata underlying the road. This cycle coupled with the weight of heavy traffic rapidly accelerates the deterioration of the road margins.
- Temperature and moisture sensors were buried under the road surface. They will help us to determine when the road base has dried out enough to carry heavier vehicles without damage. **A heavy vehicle is defined as any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 26000 lbs.**
- With the anticipated opening of the road through Cedar Breaks National Monument sometime during the week of June 13th, heavy traffic will be restricted from using the Cedar Breaks Scenic Drive, also known as Highway 148. Road signs outlining the weight restrictions will be posted on all routes leading to the Monument while the restrictions remain in effect.
- There will also be additional law enforcement patrols in the area to contact and warn potential violators. As a last resort, citations will be issued to those who ignore the posted weight restrictions.
- Even when the weight restrictions are not in place, we encourage all local commuting and construction related traffic to use the Mammoth Creek road on a year round basis. This would help to provide a high quality park experience for visitors who must pay a fee for recreational use of the Monument.

For any questions or additional information about the status of the weight restrictions on Cedar Breaks Scenic Drive please call:
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