



PM News Brief: National Monument Expansions

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National Park Service

Cedar Breaks scenic byway and Rim Road in southwest Utah have now closed for the season. This story and more in Friday evening's news brief.

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Western officials want more land for national monuments

A group of Western elected officials is asking the Biden administration to designate more public lands as national monuments. City and county officials from the region [sent a letter](#) asking the president to use his authority under the Antiquities Act. They say they're hoping to address overcrowding and some of the effects of climate change and protected public lands are the backbone of the outdoor tourism economy — especially in rural areas. Among the signatories were the Mayors of Alta and Park City — along with council members and county commissioners from Castle Valley, Moab, Grand and Summit Counties. — *Lucia Starbuck, KUNR*