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5-MILE ACCESS ROAD TO KASHA-KATUWE TENT ROCKS NATIONAL MONUMENT TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The 5-mile access road to the newly designated National Monument Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks will be closed to the public for two weeks beginning February 1, 2001 due to adverse weather conditions. Recent accumulation of snowfall and icy conditions has made it unsafe for the public to traverse the 5-mile dirt road (Tribal Road 92 and Forest Service Road 266) to and from the monument.

“The BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti are concerned with the public’s safety,” stated Cochiti Lt. Governor Suina. “Due to the amount of the snow on the road, conditions are dangerous for all types of motorized vehicles.” Additionally, it is advised that people delay their visit to the monument until after weather conditions improve because of light rock fall in the canyon and heavy snow accumulation.

Jointly managed by the BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti through an innovative cooperative agreement, Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks was designated a national monument by former President Clinton on January 17, 2001.

Volcanic explosions and erosion of the resulting pumice and tuff deposits has created a breath-taking collection of cone-shaped rock formations. While these “tent rocks” are uniform in shape, the formations vary in size—some standing as high as 90 feet.

For the latest information on road conditions at the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, contact the BLM at (505) 761-8700.

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