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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument announces winter, holiday hours for visitor centers

KANAB, Utah — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) will transition to a winter schedule for the monument's four visitor centers beginning November 20.

Winter hour operations will commence as follows:

- The <u>Escalante Interagency Visitor Center</u> will provide phone services only from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, beginning November 20, 2020 through March 1, 2021.
- The <u>Kanab Visitor Center</u> will provide phone services only from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, beginning November 20, 2020 through March 1, 2021.
- The <u>Big Water Visitor Center</u> will not provide any visitor services beginning November 20, 2020 through March 1, 2021.
- The <u>Cannonville Visitor Center</u> will offer limited visitor services by appointment only. Visitors are encouraged to contact the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center outside of a scheduled appointment.
- The <u>Paria Contact Station</u>, which serves as a permit pickup location for the Paria Canyon Overnight permits and also provides visitor information for the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, is currently closed for the season and will remain so until resuming a 7-day schedule, typically around mid-March.

The BLM will also be adjusting hours for the holidays. All GSENM visitor centers will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, 2020, as well as Jan. 1, 2021, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

For additional questions about visitor services, please visit the GSENM visitor center webpage at https://www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/GSENM_VisitorCenters.

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