

Lack Of Land Title Holds Up Breaks Road Construction Plans

The matter of obtaining title to certain lands on the rim of Cedar Breaks National Monument in order that new road construction can be undertaken was again brought before the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting in Parowan last week. Charles J. Smith of the National Parks Service, Superintendent of the Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks and Cedar Breaks National Monument and Randall L. Jones, of the Union Pacific Company, met with the commissioners to discuss the matter.

They pointed out that \$250,000 has been allocated by the Parks Service for the immediate construction of a scenic road around the rim of the Breaks, but that this project cannot be undertaken until all lands within the monument is owned by the Park Service.

A total of 120 acres of land, owned by Parowan livestockmen, is involved, and most of the land owners have indicated that they do not wish to sell. However, they have expressed a willingness to exchange their holdings for land of equal grazing value. The County Clerk was authorized to work with a committee named by the Parowan Exchange club to work toward acquiring the land mentioned. The land is to be paid for by the County with the understanding that the county will be reimbursed by the Parks Service.