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### **Lolo Pass Visitor Center Reopens**

*Powell, ID*—The Lolo Pass Visitor Center, located on the Idaho-Montana state line along U.S. Highway 12, will reopen Thursday, March 5.

With the exception of the restrooms, the main building was closed to public use on February 13 when a visual inspection revealed that some of the trusses over the interpretive display room were starting to separate.

A structural engineering firm recently inspected the building and recommended the entire visitor center except the interpretive room be reopened.

A shoring system is being installed in that part of the building, and it is expected to reopen next week.

The Lolo Pass Winter Recreation Area features groomed snowmobile and cross-country ski trails, showshoeing trails and a sledding area. A recreation pass is required for use of the area's trails. Day passes are \$5.00 and season passes \$20.00.

The main Visitor Center is open Thursday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

For updates on snow conditions at Lolo Pass, call the visitor information line at (208)942-1234 or visit <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snotel/> or <http://www.snowtana.com/>.

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