Cedar Breaks National Monument Area of Concern:

Link to Cedar Breaks National Monument Water Rights Settlement Agreement:

https://waterrights.utah.gov/cgi-bin/docview.exe?Folder=COMPACT000003

The “area of concern” is spelled out on page 5, paragraph 8 of the agreement and further documented in appendix C

Executive Summary:

Page 91-92, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Natural Resource Condition Assessment, 2018

Cedar Breaks NM has retained water rights for all water resources in the monument as described in the Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Utah Division of Water Rights 2000). The monument is allowed to deplete up to 2 acre-feet of water per year from the Sevier River Basin and 3 acre-feet per year from the Cedar City Valley drainage (Figure 4.6.4-5). Per the agreement, the monument “has reserved a right to all water underlying, originating within or flowing through Cedar Breaks National Monument, including perennial, intermittent and ephemeral streams, springs, seeps, lakes, ponds, ground water, and other natural sources of water, pertaining or belonging to the reserved lands, that was unappropriated as of the dates of the reservation of the lands now within the boundaries of the monument...” (Utah Division of Water Rights 2000). The only appropriated water rights prior to the 2000 agreement were the water rights to develop Blowhard Spring and Twin Spring for administrative and visitor use by the NPS. A state water right appropriated in 1933 was terminated via 2000 agreement so that the Figure 4.6.4-5. Map of water rights for Cedar Breaks NM. 9192 monument has full control of water rights within the monument as outlined in the agreement**. Furthermore, a wetland resources protection zone was established within 0.40 km (0.25 mi) of the eastern boundary of the monument, so that no new applications for water development will be awarded unless the applicant demonstrates no adverse effects within the protection zone (Figure 4.6.4-2)**. Since the monument retains water rights for the lands within the NPS boundary and the monument is considered the headwaters for both drainages, we consider this measure of water quantity to be good. Confidence is high.