

Emergency Services Campus Update

November 2024

The mild fall weather in September and October of 2024 provided an excellent window to make progress on our new emergency services campus just north of the Town of Crested Butte. As of mid-November the shell for the new home of the Crested Butte Mountain Rescue Team, also known as CB Search and Rescue (CBSAR), is complete. The building shell is a pre-engineered metal building that will include garage space for the entire CBSAR fleet of vehicles and trailers as well as training, mission planning and shop spaces. Windows and doors for that building are expected soon and once the building is dried-in the construction crew expects to pour the concrete floor and begin interior framing and mechanical work. This building, located on the back of the site, will likely be substantially complete next spring and will be used as a staging area for the overall project as work continues.

The foundation and structural steel for the new fire station and fire district headquarters was completed in October. The roof and second floor decks were completed shortly thereafter. As of mid-November, work is underway on the roof parapets and siding to allow for the installation of the permanent roof. This work will essentially occur from the top down. Work on the roof and sides of the fire headquarters is expected through the end of the year with the goal of getting that building dried-in as soon as possible.

A significant amount of infrastructure and site work has already occurred with foundations, a large water tank for fire suppression and utility work already completed. Well drilling for the site is expected sometime in November while the sewer connections will likely be delayed until spring. Natural gas service and telecommunications lines will also be completed in the spring. Both buildings will be served by large solar arrays, however, those are not expected to be installed until later in the project. Initial conversations have occurred with the Town of Crested Butte on how to connect trails and sidewalks to the site.

As the winter continues you can expect the buildings to look more and more complete from the outside as the work shifts to the inside. Interior work including framing, mechanical systems and electrical work will continue with doors, windows and walls and interior finishes expected to be underway by the late spring and summer. Finish grading and landscaping will also occur next summer. Significant work is underway now to finalize interior finishes, furniture and appliances.

As a reminder, the buildings are designed to the 2021 ICC Building Code including the 2021 Energy Code ensuring maximum energy efficiency and a low carbon footprint. Heating and cooling for interior spaces will be done with a variable-refrigerant flow (VRF) air-source electric heat pump system with supplemental natural gas heat for the garage spaces. Significant solar generation is also planned for both buildings. Meeting rooms available for use by the public will be included in both buildings and a public sidewalk will be built along CR-317 for eventual connectivity into Crested Butte.