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BRIAN RAY/STAFF

Bob Robichaud discusses the progress made so far on the construction site of the new Community Center in Steamboat Springs on Wednesday morning.

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Community Center construction will continue throughout winter

Brandon Gee
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Construction of the new Steamboat Springs Community Center, which aims to be the first building in Northwest Colorado to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, is on track for completion this winter.

"We're delivering the building in February," said Rick Gliniecki, project manager for

Fox Construction.

Exterior construction of the \$3.6 million facility, which will replace a former community center demolished to make way for an expansion of the Bud Werner Memorial Library, is almost entirely complete. On Wednesday, interior work was being done, including the hanging of dry-wall.

"All that is recycled and diverted from the landfill," Gliniecki said of the drywall.

A heavy reliance on recycled

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materials is part of the LEED certification process. LEED is a rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council as a voluntary program to define and measure "green," or environmentally friendly, buildings. LEED

buildings are awarded ratings from "certification," to silver, gold and platinum levels.

"We're going for silver at this point, but we're trying to accumulate as many points as we can to get gold," Gliniecki said. "You don't know until you submit."

Walking through the Community Center, some of the building's features — such as solar tubes hanging from the ceiling to provide lighting — are obviously green ones.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	4 in.	Total snow†	122 in.
New snow — Summit	3 in.	Trails open	146/165
Base — Mid-mountain	41 in.	Lifts open	14/18
Base — Summit	44 in.	Conditions	Powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain



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