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CORRECTION

Steamboat's total seasonal snowfall, from Sept. 1 through Wednesday, is 76.6 inches. Thursday's *Steamboat Today* reported that the seasonal snowfall between downtown and the mountain area is 58.1 inches, which is the amount of snowfall just in December. Another 1.1 inches can be added to both numbers due to fresh snowfall recorded Thursday morning.

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Philo Shelton, the new director of the Steamboat Springs Public Works Department, is photographed at his office in City Hall on Thursday morning. Shelton is conducting an inventory of the city's infrastructure before he formulates any concrete plans for the department.

Shelton sizes up Steamboat

New public works director evaluating city infrastructure, projects

Brandon Gee
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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Since starting his new job earlier this month, Steamboat Springs Public Works Director Philo Shelton has been getting a crash course on the city.

"There's plenty to learn," said Shelton, who held the same position in Black Hawk before City Manager Alan Lanning

lured him to Steamboat. "Every town has different aspects you have to learn. ... It's a good variety of work. There's usually never the same issues or problems."

Besides vowing to improve the department's customer service, Shelton is conducting an inventory of the city's infrastructure, reviewing proposed projects and meeting consultants before formulating any

concrete plans. In February, he will hold a workshop with the Steamboat Springs City Council to discuss projects.

The current building boom in Steamboat puts pressure on a public works system, but Shelton said he is comfortable with the workload.

"As far as commercial development," Shelton said, "Black Hawk's development is very similar."

A primarily residential development, however, likely will present some of Shelton's most significant challenges. The proposed Steamboat 700 development west of the city could create more than 2,000 new homes and expand city limits.

"The whole city's going to go through a major process with

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	2 in.	Total snow†	143 in.
New snow — Summit	.5 in.	Trails open	150/165
Base — Mid-mountain	45 in.	Lifts open	17/18
Base — Summit	47 in.	Conditions	Packed 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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