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**Election official Kim Bonner checks** an electronic voting machine while setting up a polling station at the Routt County Courthouse Annex Building. Officials are preparing for a busy Election Day on Tuesday as voters head to the booth to decide who will be the next president of the United States.

**Early votes, instant results**

Officials begin to count early ballots days before election

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**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**

With the touch of a button at 7 p.m. today, the votes of thousands of Routt County voters will be known and tallied.

With 60 percent of the county's 17,850 registered voters voting early or requesting a mail-in ballot, the will of Routt County voters should be fairly evident shortly after the polls close.

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 Precinct map and polling locations  
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Although it's illegal for election officials to "tally" votes before the polls close at 7 p.m. on Election

Day, they are allowed to "process" ballots as early as 10 days before the election.

"We've been counting ballots for days," Clerk and Recorder Kay Weinland said. "But the computer doesn't give me an

answer until 7 p.m. on election night. At 7 p.m. we'll hit the button and know the numbers."

At the Routt County Elections Office, Elections Supervisor Vicki Weber has been running ballots through an optical scanner for about a week under the supervision of surveillance cameras and a resolution board of election judges. The board also is tasked with determining voter intent on ballots flagged by the optical scanner.

Weinland said the county's 4,469 early votes will be tallied immediately at 7 p.m. tonight. The county also issued 6,650 mail-in ballots. As of Friday night, 4,442 had been returned and processed. The speed with which all mail-in ballots are processed depends on when they are returned. Voters have until 7 p.m. tonight to return their mail-in ballots to the elections

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