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**Mike Knack, project superintendent** for Adolfsen & Peterson Construction, chats with Assistant Superintendent David Manley inside a new addition at the Yampa Valley Medical Center. The \$13 million renovation is scheduled for completion in fall 2009.

# YVMC adds new wings

## Family Birth Center, surgical floor grow to meet patient demand

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Completing a major construction project at an operating hospital is "like trying to operate on a beating heart," Mike Knack, of Adolfsen & Peterson Construction, said Friday.

"You've got to work with the flow," said Knack, project superintendent for Yampa Valley Medical Center's ongoing

Family Birth Place and surgical services expansions.

All work has to take place without disrupting the day-to-day operations of the hospital, Knack said. Building the new surgery wing directly adjacent to its existing operating rooms means that when sensitive procedures such as back surgery are scheduled, workers temporarily grind to a halt, Knack said.

Dust containment is another concern, requiring construction

areas to be sealed off from the rest of the facility, YVMC Senior Director of Support Services Tom Lake said.

The major expansion under way at the hospital will add 16,000 square feet of new space for the Family Birth Place and surgical services. In what Lake termed the "construction domino effect," an additional 16,000 square feet of existing space will be remodeled and some departments relocated after the new

construction is completed later this year.

At the \$13 million project's completion, the hospital will have doubled the size of its Family Birth Place from five rooms to 10, with the addition of a new family waiting room and lactation center, as well as expanded nurseries and office space.

To facilitate construction, two

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area			
New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	198 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	49 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	60 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org)

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