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One Steamboat Place to begin building steel structure June 3

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — The hive of construction activity at the One Steamboat Place site at the base of the ski area this week was in preparation for large concrete pours in the week ahead. But the most dramatic action begins in early June, when workers begin erecting structural steel on the 482,000-square-foot project.

"You'll see us go vertical on June 3," Project Manager Chris Burden said. "You'll look up there in the air when those cranes start swinging steel."

Ultimately, 100 truckloads of steel will be delivered to the site, Burden said.

One Steamboat Place isn't scheduled for completion until fall 2009. When finished, it will include 80 residential units, public plazas, underground parking garages, a new ski school facility and almost 17,000 square feet of commercial space, including a fine dining restaurant.

Original plans called for the upper terminal of the Wildhorse Meadows gondola to be located in the public plaza at One Steamboat Place. However, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. President Chris Diamond told the Steamboat Today in late March that the terminal could shift to the north in Gondola Plaza. He said his company is in talks with Wildhorse Meadows to collaborate on a faster gondola.

The weight and size of the gondola would necessitate the move.

Burden said despite having to build throughout a record winter of snow, the crews from Haselden Resort Constructors are on schedule.

"We were able to accomplish what we needed to," Burden said. "It was a big winter, but they're mountain builders, and this stuff doesn't phase them."

Burden said the foresight Haselden showed in bringing a snow melter onto the site reduced the number of truck trips needed to remove snow on the tight construction site and keep the work on pace.

Current work at One Steamboat Place includes pouring caissons and building elevator and stairwell cores, Burden said. Two on-grade concrete slabs recently were poured where the parking garage will be. A 2-foot slab to support the swimming pool is scheduled to be poured Wednesday.

Skiers coming down the bottom of the trails when the 2008-09 ski season begins should see the complete steel shell of the building, Burden said. It's also possible that the exterior skin on a portion of the building's west side, near the transit center, also will be installed.

One Steamboat Place is the first of a series of projects expected to modernize the resort village at the base of the Steamboat Ski Area.

City Councilman Steve Ivancie put the project in historical perspective when City Council voted to approve the project in July 2007.

"We are transforming our base area from a 1970s and 1980s base area into a base area of 2008, 2009 and 2010," Ivancie said. "It's way overdue."