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## **MONTROSE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY PHASE I CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN THIS WEEK**

MONTROSE, Colorado - The City of Montrose, on behalf of the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA), is pleased to announce that construction is scheduled to begin on January 8<sup>th</sup> for the MURA's Phase I Public Infrastructure Project. Phase I of this project will construct approximately 1.5 miles of roadways and utilities within the central 40 acres of the site in support of the Colorado Outdoors Development Project. Through a competitive bidding process, the construction contract for this work was awarded to a local contractor, Ridgway Valley Enterprises. Over the next several months, residents can expect to see clearing of brush and select trees from within the project area, the installation of deep utilities (storm and sanitary sewer), and the installation of off-site utilities extending as far north as LaSalle Road. Traffic impacts will be minimal throughout this phase of the project and will generally be limited to isolated shoulder closures. Nonetheless, the City asks that all motorists and pedestrians exercise caution near the project area and to please respect all coned off areas.

Additional information on the MURA can be found on the City's website at <https://www.cityofmontrose.org/651/Montrose-Urban-Renewal-Authority>. In addition to the Phase I public infrastructure project, the City is also working on plans for the recreation trail connection from Colorado Outdoors to the Community Recreation Center and plans for fish habitat and boating improvements along the MURA's Uncompahgre River frontage. Updates on all of these projects will be made available on the website as these projects progress. The website will also soon include a webcam where residents can view the project's progress in real time.

Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer, Scott Murphy at [\(970\) 901-1792](tel:(970)901-1792). You may also send an email to [smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us](mailto:smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us) to be added to a distribution list to receive project updates directly by email.

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## **ABOUT MURA**

The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) was formed in late 2016 by a resolution of the Montrose City Council. MURA encompasses approximately 150 acres along the Uncompahgre River northwest of the downtown Montrose.

The master plan for Colorado Outdoors, the development that lies within the MURA's boundaries, includes approximately 670,000 square feet of development; the northern section being comprised of hotel and restaurant sites, with retail spanning Grand Avenue along the east end. Modern, quality housing units round out the southern end, with abundant open space and trail access adjoining the properties.

MURA and Colorado Outdoors have been working in tandem on the early phases of the public infrastructure development required to accommodate the hotel and an assortment of other businesses, as well as the planned 35,000 square foot Mayfly Outdoors manufacturing facility. An estimated \$83 million is proposed for site work, infrastructure improvements, river restoration, and open space enhancements. MURA recently announced the award of a design contract to Montrose-based Del-Mont Consultants to complete civil design studies and a detailed civil design for the first phase of the project's public infrastructure, which is expected to break ground in early 2018.

## **ABOUT COLORADO OUTDOORS**

Colorado Outdoors, LLC is a private development company headquartered in Colorado. It is focused on the revitalization of the famed Uncompahgre river corridor in Montrose, Colorado. The goal is to provide the region with three things:

- 1) A restored and enhanced river for the benefit of our community;
- 2) A compelling destination for business relocation and commercial enterprise, bringing skilled jobs;
- 3) Quality, affordable housing for residents.

More information can be found at [www.coloradooutdoors.co](http://www.coloradooutdoors.co)