

UNM to undergo some sprucing up

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The UNM-Gallup campus will be receiving some much-needed infrastructure improvements during a nine month project that begins this week. The first part of the construction will involve the installation of new water lines which will increase the volume and flow of water into and out of the campus, and will provide the additional water needed for the second phase of the project which involves the installation of fire sprinklers in several campus buildings. The current utilities infrastructure has almost reach its water capacity and requires a pumping station to boost pressure within the campus.

The benefits of this project are far-reaching and will allow for anticipated campus growth. As with any construction project, however, there may be some minor inconveniences that campus employees, students and visitors should be aware of. There will need to be some digging and trenching to expose and replace existing water lines. Safety will always be the top priority so as the pipe replacement occurs there may be instances of traffic re-routing or reduction to a single lane in some cases. All construction areas will be clearly marked so please allow for slight delays as you enter and exit parts of the campus. As with any utility project, there is always the slight chance that there may be water or power outages. We will do our best to let everyone know with plenty of notice.

Construction started this week in the area in front of Gurley Hall. As early as next week, work will begin in the intersection between the gymnasium and Calvin Hall Center. Again, please use caution and patience when approaching these areas and refer to signage and/or traffic officers in construction zones. A few parking spaces in the Calvin Hall lot and the Nursing lot have been designated as staging areas for the construction trailers.

Once the water lines have all been replaced and capacity expanded, the second phase of sprinkler installation will begin in the following areas:

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Zollinger Library

Early Childhood Family Center

Lions Hall

Gurley Hall – oldest section

Gymnasium

Every effort will be taken to minimize the impact of this project on operating functions but there may be inevitable minor disturbances. As the project progresses we will give regular updates and let you know in advance which sections will be impacted each week.

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