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Lost Rivers Medical Center announces start on surgery center

Lost Rivers Medical Center (LRMC) begins construction on its new surgical suite. The new surgical suite will be located in Arco, Idaho, and will be constructed as an addition to the existing hospital. The new center will be the realization of a nearly 20-year dream to bring affordable, quality surgery services to the Lost Rivers Valley.

Construction on the new surgery suite began on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, and (pending weather delays) will be open for business by summer 2018. The new center will offer a wide variety of surgical services that will rival bigger hospitals in quality and prove to be a convenient, affordable, close-to-home alternative to traditional large hospital surgical services.

“Lost Rivers Medical Center is very excited to be able to finally realize this dream and all that it represents about our commitment to the valley and the amazing people that live here,” said Bradley Huerta, chief executive officer. “Our new surgical capability means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future.”

As with many construction projects this size, there will be a need to reroute the flow of vehicle traffic coming into the facility from time to time. Please watch for the signage and drive slowly. LRMC doesn't expect the construction to have any effect on the normal day-to-day operations of the hospital or clinic. We appreciate your patience and support in this endeavor.

About Lost Rivers Medical Center

Lost Rivers Medical Center was originally established in 1958 as an association. It was operated by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who operated the facility until 1975.

Currently LRMC operates as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH), the designation of which was established by law under the Medicare program. To be designated as a CAH, a hospital must be located in a rural area, provide 24-hour emergency services, have an average length-of-stay for its patients of 96 hours or less, be located more than 35 miles (or more than 15 miles in areas with mountainous terrain) from the nearest hospital or be designated by its State as a “necessary provider.” Hospitals may have no more than 25 beds.

LRMC's goal has always been, and continues to be, providing and creating exceptional experiences for our patients and customers by offering the best and most comprehensive medical care possible.

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