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Amphitheater site nears completion, has summer for grass to grow

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A center-pivot irrigation system comes together Thursday at the amphitheater site at Cam-plex Park in Gillette. Once complete, the pivot will irrigate new grass at the site as the next stage of the project begins.

Ed Glazar

The amphitheater site in Cam-plex Park is cleared out and ready for grass to grow.

The groundwork has been done and the above-ground irrigation system is in place, with grass seed expected to be sown by Monday.

From that point, there's expected to be about 125 grow days for the grass seed to sprout, not far from the 128 grow days planned for, said Aaron Lyles, Cam-plex executive director.

The amphitheater site will host the nightly activities for the International Pathfinders Camporee when its 50,000-plus attendees flock to Gillette in August 2024.

The project included a number of steps and was a collaboration between the city of Gillette, Campbell County and Cam-plex, including a round of negotiations to establish the \$1.5 million budget for the project, augmented by a hoped-for \$750,000 Wyoming Outdoor Recreation grant which Cam-plex has applied for.

There's still no word on whether the grant will be received.

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