



CONSTRUCTION IS underway at Three Rivers Bank on Idaho Street in Kalispell. Crews are working on a new parking lot north of the Idaho Street bank; work on a building addition will begin June 1. The \$2.8 million expansion is expected to be complete in January 2015. (Brenda Ahearn/Daily Inter Lake)

Crews dig in for local bank expansion

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An expansion project is underway at Three Rivers Bank on East Idaho Street in Kalispell. "We decided to expand

and remodel the bank," said John King, the bank's chief executive officer. Construction is underway now on a parking lot to the north. Work on a 5,100-square-foot addition to the exist-

ing building will start June 1, King said.

The addition will expand the building about 24 feet to the north, with a basement, a main level and an upper floor. Each floor of the existing building will be

remodeled, drive-through lanes will be expanded from three to four, and entrance and exits to the property will be reconfigured. "It's very exciting," King said.

The contractor on the

\$2.8 million project is Hammerquist Casalegno, the architect is CTA and all subcontractors are local, King said.

According to King, the project is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 2015.

Wildlife chief outlines griz delisting plan

HELENA (AP) — The head of Montana's wildlife agency says federal officials will seek to lift federal protections from some threatened grizzly bears in the Northern Rockies in the next two years.

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks director Jeff Hagner said Thursday he expects the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to propose rules that could remove two populations of grizzlies from the Endangered Species list.

He says one could lift protections for bears in and around Yellowstone Park in 2015. The other would be for grizzlies in the Northern Continental Divide by 2016.

Hagner says estimates show about 740 grizzly bears live in and around Yellowstone, while about 1,000 live in the Northern Continental Divide region.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Leigh Edgar did not have immediate comment Thursday.