



Public Works Update

October 14, 2025

1. On September 29 the Water Department distribution crew assisted first responders with an accident that occurred at 1st and Ranney streets. A motorist ran into a ditch along the road which caused the vehicle to partially roll over and pinned the driver inside the vehicle. Dustin Willey, Matt Lanning, and Damien Jowell reacted quickly and notified 911 and rushed to the scene of the accident and rolled the vehicle off the driver who was trapped inside. I have no doubt that the quick actions by these gentlemen saved the driver from more significant injuries and possibly death. Their selflessness and quick actions demonstrate a high level of personal integrity and their dedication to serving the citizens of Craig. Good job, guys!
2. The Building Department had a busy month with permits and inspections ahead of winter season. For the month of September, the team completed 132 building inspections with 90 of those in city limits and 42 in Moffat County.
3. For the month of September, the Building Department collected \$6,359 in permit fees with \$5,250 associated with building permits within city limits and \$1,109 for the county. The associated building valuations were \$334,209 with \$294,934 for projects within the city limits and \$39,275 for the county.
4. Through the month of September the City has issued 41 street cut permits with 10 of those issued in the month of September.
5. The Building Official and the Public Works Director met with Moffat County staff to explore the possibility of partnering to update the 2003 Master Plan next year (also referred to as a Comprehensive Plan). County staff expressed interest in partnering subject to approval by the Commissioners and City Council.
6. Concrete was replaced on the north side of the Center of Craig building. The old concrete was cracked, creating trip hazards, and allowing water to seep into the basement. Building Maintenance and Parks & Rec staff collaborated to complete this project.
7. The Tunatua RV park continues construction on utilities but appears to be behind schedule for opening prior to winter. Staff conducted 75 inspections on this project since it broke ground in April and worked with the engineers to review design revisions to the water and sewer systems.
8. A roof leak on the Yampa Building was investigated and repaired. Staff will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the repair in hopes of avoiding a roof replacement.
9. The Building Official worked with his team to address audit findings by CIRSA at various city owned facilities. Most of those issues have been corrected.

10. The Building Official assisted museum staff with reviewing quotes for new carpet in the basement of the facility. Restoration work associated with the new sewer service was finished (painting, shelving, etc.).
11. Environmental testing and a structural engineer evaluation were completed at the Remington Apartment building that caught fire in May. The Building Department has been in contact with the owner who said their goal is to demolish the building prior to winter.
12. The old oil disposal tank has been removed and replaced with a modern tank. Soil testing came back with some contamination and staff is working with the testing agency and the state to determine the scope of work and costs for the remediation work.
13. Road & Bridge seasonal staff last day was on September 25. This group learned and accomplished a lot over the summer months.
14. Curb and gutter replacement is finished for the year and this month the ramp approaches at 4th Street bridge were rebuilt.
15. The alley on the 600 block of Yampa Avenue behind Center of Craig was paved. Due to limited asphalt availability no other alleyways will be paved this year. Road & Bridge will continue annual maintenance on gravel alleys in the spring and fall.
16. Beginning on October 27 through November 7 citizens can drop off leaves for free disposal. Seniors and citizens with disabilities can arrange for a free pick-up with Solid Waste. The drop-off is located at Road & Bridge (1710 North Yampa). Leaves must be bagged. Staff will be posting advertisements on Facebook and in newspaper the week of Oct 13.
17. Crews are busy with fall clean-up and preparation for winter season which includes street sweeping, cleaning storm drain inlets, checking flood prone areas and culverts, etc.
18. On October 4 staff assisted Yampa Valley Electric with traffic control on Ranney Street for downed power lines from a strong wind event and removed trees that fell at East 9th Street and Baker Drive.
19. The Boys & Girls Club sidewalk concept plan was finalized and an initial meeting was held with Moffat Co. staff to discuss potential for a partnership to complete the project next year.
20. Environmental work is ongoing for the South Distribution waterline project which is funded by the Congressional Direct Spending initiative that is being administered by HUD. Archaeological and cultural field work was recently completed. The Environmental Assessment will be submitted to HUD in November. This project is planned for construction in 2026.
21. The CDPHE compliance inspections were completed which include a sanitary survey (water) and compliance evaluation inspection (wastewater). The state inspector had a few very minor findings for water which resulted in Tier 3 violations which are the least significant. One issue was related to timing with backflow devices being inspected after installation and reporting turbidity calibration results. There were no findings for wastewater.
22. The project on Mariana Way and Circle Drive was paved and is substantially complete.
23. Work at the South Glen Water Tank continues and is on schedule for completion by end of October.