



## THE RANCH CONSTRUCTION

### NEWSLETTER



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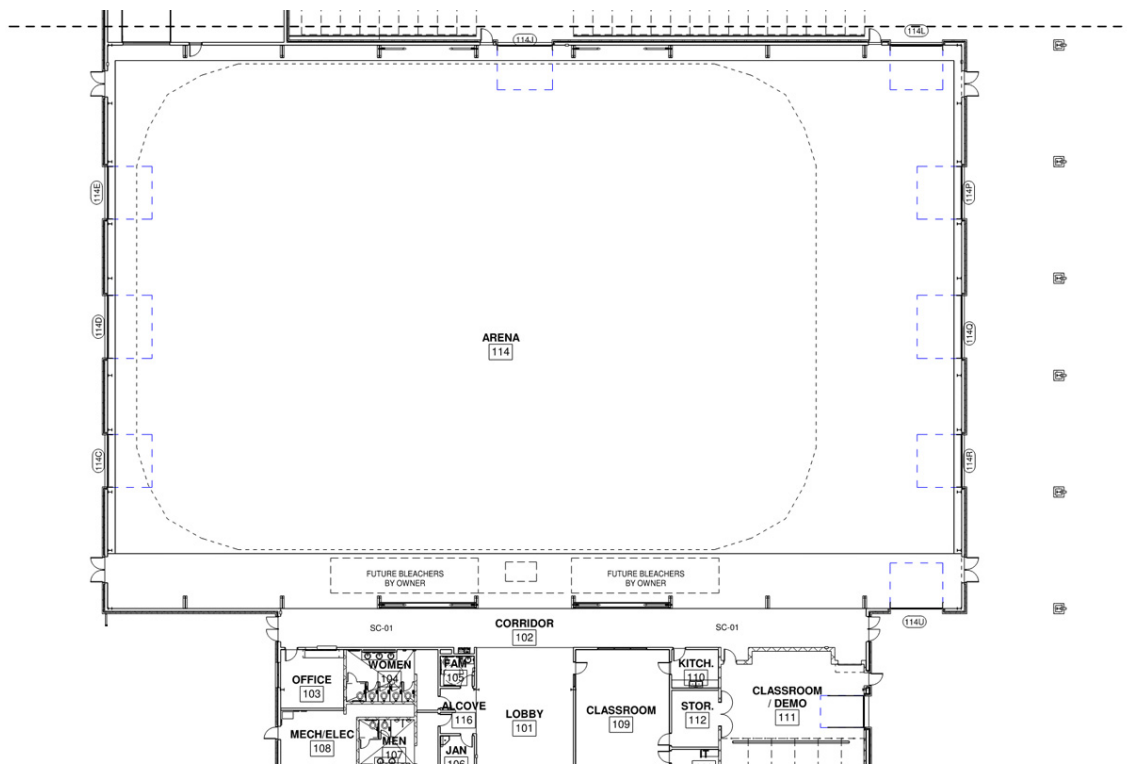
## How is the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena being built?

Constructing buildings is a very detail-oriented process, whether it be residential houses, hospitals, skyscrapers, or our 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena. Unlike our favorite DIY projects, it isn't as simple as picking up a few wooden planks and an espresso-colored wood stain from the local hardware store. It requires time, knowledge, and much patience (especially in Colorado winter weather!) While every project is different, most, including our new 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena, follow the same general steps:

**Step 1: Creating a concept and design** – The first step in any construction project is to

reach for pen and paper and create a design. The design and blueprints for the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena were done with the help of OLC Architects. Architects help to ensure the building is up-to-code and the design will be structurally-sound. Making the concept and design just right was important for our team and reflected extensive input from community members and stakeholders who will use this building in the future. The blueprints ensure that the Livestock Arena will meet the needs of our community and continue to serve The Ranch Events Complex for many decades to come.

OLC Architects designed and shaped the vision of the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena. Their blueprint is now a guide for the FCI Construction team to execute and bring the design to life.



The 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena floor plan.

**Step 2: Obtaining permits** – Once the blueprints and construction plans were complete, our team obtained building and construction permits from Larimer County to begin construction. Permits are an ongoing process throughout construction. Different permits are needed at different times to ensure code compliance and clarity.

**Step 3: Clearing and excavating the land** – This brings us to what we've been working on since the start of construction on the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena in August 2022. Once designs are complete and permits are in place, our construction team



started by clearing, leveling, and preparing the ground for a new building. Now that the area is level, the team is working on laying the foundation and installing the underground utilities for the new building and surrounding supporting infrastructure.



Aerial footage taken in August 2022 and February 2023 shows the progress of work since starting construction on the 4-H, Youth and Community Livestock Arena.

The Livestock Arena is slowly starting to come to life, and we will soon move into the next step of construction. Follow along monthly to get updates on what step our 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena is in and learn more about how buildings are built

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## Introducing Blue Arena – October 2023

OnBlue Federal Credit Union, Oak View Group, and Larimer County finalized the new naming rights of the Budweiser Event Center with County approval on Tuesday, Jan. 31. For over 20 years, Anheuser-Busch has been a great partner and will continue to have the naming rights through September. Their dedication to this market has proven to be the success of our partnership through events and entertainment, and we now look forward to Blue Federal Credit Union doing the same. Beginning Oct. 1, 2023, the current Budweiser Event Center will be renamed Blue Arena with a 10-year naming rights agreement.



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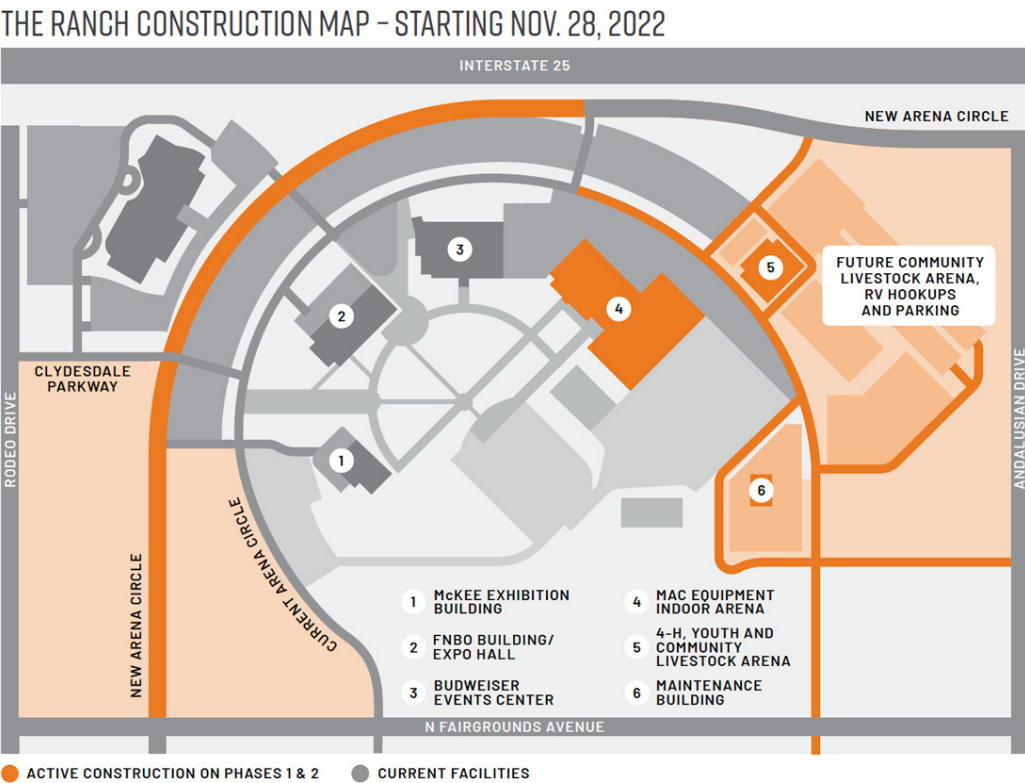
## Construction Updates and Zones

Due to ongoing work on Arena Circle, the MAC Equipment, Inc. Arena & Indoor Pavilions, and the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena, access to The Ranch Events Complex have shifted. Visitors may use the south entrance and the newly opened Andalusian Drive to access events at the Complex. A new intersection light at Andalusian Drive and Fairground Avenue is operational and will increase safety and efficiency for visitors entering and exiting for events. Visitors are reminded to follow all signage and flaggers to navigate the construction and access parking and trailer areas. The north entrance is currently closed to accommodate active construction.

In addition to roadway improvements and work on the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena, construction on the Maintenance Building is well underway. As of January, the full steel structure of the Maintenance Building and Larimer County's



Department of Natural Resources Land Stewardship offices has been erected, and work continues to complete the exterior structure of the building.



## Current Construction Photos





Aerial footage of The Ranch taken in February shows the location of the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena and improvements coming to the Maintenance and Department of Natural Resource Building. Just east of the arena site and north of the maintenance building, construction is also underway on the new RV hookups and additional trailer parking.

## Upcoming Events at The Ranch

Mile High Select Sale | Feb. 19

Red Cross CPR Training | Feb. 20

EZ Horse Shows Jackpot Reining Horse Show | Feb. 23-26

Northern Colorado RV and Outdoor Show | Feb. 23-25

An Evening with Styx | Feb. 23

Colorado Eagles vs. Abbotsford Canucks | Feb. 24 & 25

Bits 'N Pieces Dog Workshop | March 1

The Thorn | March 1

Master Gardener Training | March 2

Colorado Eagles vs. Calgary Wranglers | March 3 & 4

Fort Collins Quilt Guild Sew Day | March 4

Mountain State Cattle Company Team Roping | March 4 & 5

Cinch Ranch Sorting Regional Finals | March 11 & 12

22nd Annual Spring Holistic Fair | March 11 & 12

Harlem Globetrotters | March 12

Bits 'N Pieces Dog Workshop | March 15

Tracy Lawrence & Clay Walker | March 16

Colorado Show Circuit Hunter Jumper Horse Show | March 17-19

Find a complete list of upcoming events on [The Ranch Events Complex](#) and the [Budweiser Events Center](#) calendars.

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