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DoveLewis Construction Project: The Latest Victim of Portland's Wet Weather

All we needed were a few days of dry weather in January to stay on track. But the continuous wet weather forced us to make some costly decisions this month about the tricky construction of the new DoveLewis main hospital in NW Portland.

R&H Construction came up with a creative strategy to get our building done during Portland's typical rainy season: build the walls first, then the permanent roof to create our own dry environment for the huge amount of concrete and internal detail work the job demands. To complete the plan, all we needed were 3-4 dry days. But we didn't get them, and there's no end in sight. So Thursday, January 19th, workers installed a temporary roof to cover the ground enough to allow for the major concrete pour for the interior first floor (170 cubic yards of concrete!). With the temporary roof in place, the concrete work will now begin Friday, January 20th. Workers will pour half of the giant slab Friday and the other half Monday, January 23rd. Starting first thing in the morning Friday, a new truck full of concrete will arrive every 35 minutes until the day's pour is done. A giant laser screed and a huge rotating drum will be used to level the floor. (A great sound/visual opportunity!)

All of this puts us nearly a week behind schedule. Without this decision, we were facing even more costly delays. The cost for the temporary roof is almost \$7,500. **This building project is funded 100% by donations**, most of which come from your local viewers/listeners/readers in the Portland area. We have been raising money for the project for approximately one year.

Crews began work on the site in September, 2005. If the construction schedule can stay on track we plan on moving in late summer/early fall.

To schedule an interview and tour of the construction site and concrete work, contact Tiffini Mueller at 503.341.2740 or by email: tmueller@dovelewis.org.

Founded in 1973 as a non-profit organization, Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital serves nearly 14,000 animals each year and is supported by treatment fees and donations. The hospital is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in NW Portland, as well as evenings and weekends at Plaza 205. Celebrating the human-animal bond, Dove Lewis is known for its community service programs such as the Stray Animal and Wildlife Program, Blood Bank, Animal Assisted Therapy and Education, and Pet Loss Support.