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**Cocopah begins construction on new lounge in casino
Lounge will replace the former Snack Bar**

Cocopah Indian Tribe — Upon the construction of a temporary wall overnight, the Cocopah Indian Tribe began remodeling the Cocopah Casino’s former Snack Bar area into a lounge on Tuesday, August 14. The lounge will be located near the entrance corridor that connects the Cocopah Casino and the future Cocopah Resort and Conference Center, which is slated to open in November 2007.

The temporary wall was constructed overnight to try to alleviate the intrusion of the construction activities for the casino patrons and employees. The wall will help to cut down the noise caused during the construction and to ensure a safe environment in the casino.

The lounge will be enclosed by a glass wall and will include a small stage, a bar and seating area for a maximum of 112 occupants. While the Snack Bar area and its services have been removed from the casino, the future Food Court located in the corridor connecting the Cocopah Casino and Cocopah Resort and Conference Center was designed to offer patrons a variety of food item options. The Cocopah Casino’s “Artisan Restaurant” and “Rivers Edge Sports Bar” will remain unaffected by the new changes.

The tribe hired general contractor Burke & Associates and architecture firm YWS Architects for the lounge construction.