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Good morning everyone,

The latest from Mars Hill:

Section 17

We have prepared revised language for a Congressional bill regarding Section 17, the parcel of land that Lowell has owned since 1910, that will release some of the antiquated U S Forest Service encumbrances that create lack of clarity regarding use of the section. You can find a letter from our Sole Trustee Lowell Putnam explaining the revisions, as well as the draft of the bill itself, at <http://www.lowell.edu/local-updates>. The links are just below the page banner photo.

ADC construction

The building pad for the Astronomy Discovery Center is taking shape as a large portion of the mass excavation is complete. In the attached photo (*adc.jpg*), the pile of boulders is sitting about where the Universe Theater will reside. The blasting in the remaining area to the northwest is expected to be complete in two weeks and the building pad excavation should be complete by Halloween.

Outreach programs

We remain in Phase 2B of our re-opening, with by-reservation-only tours, as we wait for the seemingly endless Delta wave of Covid cases to subside. It appears to be doing so, albeit slowly. We are considering conditions under which we might begin to re-open our general admission programs, but have not yet arrived at specific policies or dates.

For now, we have suspended security supervision at the Mars Hill overlook, as things have been quiet lately. We will keep an eye on the situation, and we encourage residents to contact us if you observe any problems.

Best regards,

Jeff

