

RV storage business coming to GRIC

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After four years of on-again, off-again progress, Rande Leonard will be breaking ground April 1 on his RV storage facility on the Gila River Indian Community at 32nd Street and Pecos Road.

The project will eventually top out at more than \$3 million spread out over 27 acres. He originally broke ground in 2004 but complications connecting to city water and city streets, combined with other difficulties, delayed the project until recently.

The original plans called for a service station and repair facility, but Leonard, an Ahwatukee Foothills resident, said uncertainty over the location of the South Mountain Loop 202 caused him to scrap that idea.

Instead he plans a mini storage facility along with a premium and budget recreational vehicle storage area and custom garages for vehicles.

“There are a lot of people in our community who have hobby cars, street rods or collector cars,” Leonard said, adding that he was still finalizing some of the architectural details, but that the entry way would be of rock and fit in well with development in Ahwatukee Foothills.

It is the first development on Gila River Indian Community land south of Pecos Road, in the Ahwatukee Foothills area.

As part of the site preparation, Leonard received a burn permit from the tribe and plans a bonfire Saturday morning to get rid of debris before work begins next month.

The project is expected to be up and running by June.

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