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Guymon City Council Approves Rifle Range

The Guymon City Council last week conditionally approved plans for a rifle range, to be build adjacent to the city's pistol range in the Sandy Gulch area near the Game Preserve. "We are not planning on opening this gun range until all the safety precautions are in," said Billy Eagan. "All the baffles will have to be in, all the berms, all the side berms, all the back stops. Everything will have to be there." A new problem that has come up is a new flood plain map adopted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which puts part of the rifle range in the flood plain. "We probably ought to take care of the elevations and we need to submit them for approval to the state," said City Manager Ted Graham. "It's just one of the new processes since they adopted the new flood plain." There's a flood area the flows from the east of the range down to the dry Beaver Riverbed, which goes right through the shooting area. That's something that may or may not be addressed by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and FEMA. Any structure has to be built one foot above the special flood hazard elevation. It would require an elevation certificate pre- and post-construction. "Anything that we do to alter the existing flow or conditions then we have to submit that," Graham said. The council said they would submit it to the OWRB as soon as possible showing that they would put in an underneath drainage of the berm wall on the south and southwest sides of the range.

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