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Jackpot casino project issued grading permit

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ELKO — A casino project proposed in Jackpot took a big step forward when it recently received its grading permit.

The valuation for grading on the 113-acre Spanish Bit Ranch project was listed at \$1 million. The developer, Triad Resorts LLC, seeks to change the zoning of the project to accommodate a high-rise development. The preliminary hearing for that rezone proposal will go before the Elko County Planning Commission Aug. 16.

According to its Web site, the Spanish Bit Ranch will include a full-scale casino, restaurants, retail shops, a world-class spa, indoor water park, and indoor events center facility for concerts, rodeo, roping, poker tournaments, motocross and other events.

Plans also propose up to 600 rooms of mixed condo-hotel configuration. Of these, 400 will be standard hotel rooms and 100 two-bedroom lock-out vacation homes, which will be sold as quarter-ownership interests.

"This thing is going to happen. It is not going away," said Patrick Howard, managing member of Triad Resorts.

Triad has been planning the project for more than two years. The company previously generated controversy when it pushed for the town of Jackpot to incorporate. At that time, Triad said it could not build the project without extensive modifications to the Jackpot sewer system.

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For information on the project go to www.triadresorts.com.

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