

D&RGW

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Rumors circulating in Salida Tuesday about the demolition of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad's depot building at the foot of F Street remained unsubstantiated late Tuesday.

Avery Structures of Buena Vista was rumored to be starting the demolition on Wednesday but a spokesperson for ASI said only that the company had been asked by the railroad to "look at" the building. The person assigned to the task was not in the office.

A telephone call to the D&RGW produced the information that Chuck Burroughs, an engineer with the railroad, is in charge of the project but he was "out of town" and unavailable for comment. Several other railroad personnel said they had no information on the plans for the depot.

The subject of the depot arose at Monday's city council meeting when Major Ed Touber reported he had broached the subject with railroad officials in negotiations on other matters. Touber said he was told the structure was unavailable.