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Mission: complete[Print Page](#)*Demolition crews leave old Fox Theater***BY CARRIE HADERLIE**
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The roof of the Fox is down.

"It went very well. No surprises," Community Development Director Peter Wysocki said Monday afternoon after crews from ESA Inc. out of Denver finished a controlled drop of the collapsing roof on the Fox Theater at 112 S. Second.

Demolition crews wetted the roof and other debris before demolition began Monday morning, Wysocki said. The area had to be wet to control the spread of potentially hazardous material from wind or other disturbances. After wetting the area, the crews "picked the roof apart," Wysocki continued.

The demolition crews began packing their equipment to return to Colorado early Monday afternoon.

"The intent was to demobilize" Monday, Wysocki said, continuing that there should be no street closures today. A structural analyst was onsite during the demolition and inspected the building without the roof from a crane.

Environmental consultants from Spectrum Services took air samples throughout the day, monitoring for potential debris contamination, Wysocki added, but everything was normal.

"There shouldn't have been any issues on a day like (Monday), with the water and the snow," he said.

The \$34,756 plus a 10 percent contingency, paid by the city to ESA, Inc., was allotted from \$100,000 budgeted by the city council in mid-2008 for potential Fox Theater projects, City Manager Janine Jordan said. To spend consensus funds from the state on the final demolition, a public entity like the city will have to own the building, she said. Demolition is still slated for spring or summer of this year.

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Workers wearing protective gear hover Monday above the old Fox Theater during work to collapse the theater's decaying roof. Andy Carpenean/Boomerang photographer

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