

Papé Group to remodel store in Valley

Bobcat, Hyster dealer plans to reconfigure facility, move rental operation to front

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Eugene, Ore.-based Papé Group Inc. plans to do a \$500,000 complete remodel of its building in Spokane Valley, where it operates a Bobcat and Hyster equipment dealership.

Emmett Forman, the Spokane office's general manager, says the company intends to reconfigure the interior of the 18,000-square-foot building, at 5518 E. Broadway. Forman says the 25-year-old building is due for some updating, and the company would like to improve the layout of the building for its various uses.

He says the company will move its growing equipment rental business to the front of the store and modernize its second-floor offices and workstations, employee cafeteria, parts and service areas, and showroom space.

Papé has hired the Spokane Valley office of Pasco-based Horizon Construction Systems Inc., to do the work. Papé Properties, an affiliate, designed the project and owns the building, Forman says.

The second floor will be remodeled first, and employees with offices there will use job trailers on the property during the work. Once that work is complete, the main floor will be gutted, including removing walls, and remodeled with a new layout, he says.

Demolition was expected to begin this week, and Forman says he hopes the remodel will be complete by the end of the year. He says the store will remain open for business throughout the project.

About 35 people work for Papé in Spokane, Forman says. The company rents, sells, and services a variety of machinery used in warehouse and construction settings, as well as inventory storage systems. The company goes by the name Papé Material Handling Inc. here.

Papé Group comprises a number of machine and equipment sales, service, and rental companies, including the recently acquired Seattle-based Engineered Products Inc., and has locations throughout the West.

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