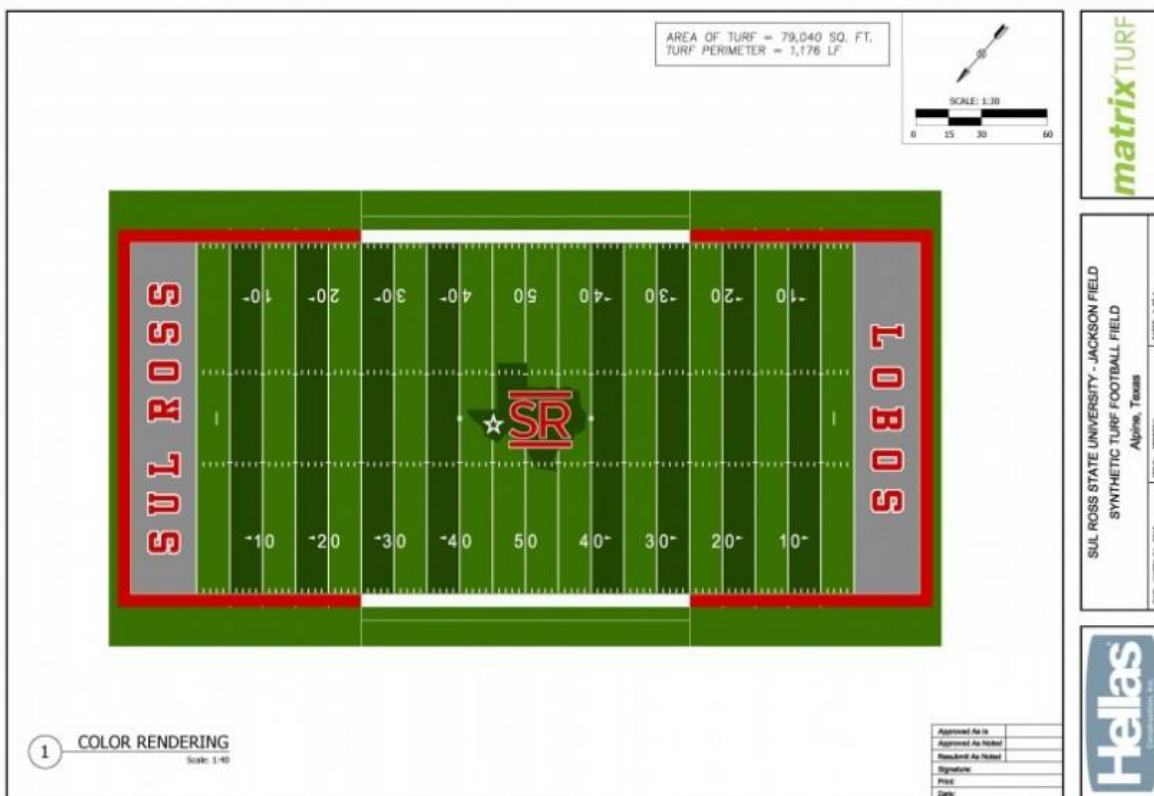


Jackson Field Turf

Sul Ross State University's 2016 home football season will begin on new turf.

When the Lobos meet Arizona Christian University at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at Jackson Field, they will step on a new artificial playing surface, thanks to a fund-raising effort by alumni and friends. A \$100,000 gift from Wayne and Jennifer Thorp, **Mertz**on, provided the foundation for the \$700,000 project.

Sul Ross has agreed to secure financing to fund the majority of the cost, to be paid off in eight years. Since the project cost must be paid totally from private gifts or non-state appropriations, pledges for future funding will be needed to repay the bond.



Demolition has begun and the project is scheduled to be complete prior to the 2016 season.