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Four Rivers expands to Winter Garden

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Four Rivers Smokehouse restaurant plans to open a new location in Winter Garden in March, it's second in Central Florida.

The new 2,780-square-foot, 88-seat barbecue eatery will be in an outparcel on South Dillard Street in the Tri-City shopping center, which formerly housed Top Wok restaurant. Orlando-based general contractor The Friedrich Watkins Co. expects to start work on the project next month. The project cost was not disclosed.

Four Rivers signed a 10-year lease for the space Aug. 4. Frank Ayers of **Realty Capital** in Orlando represented the tenant in the deal, while Carolyn Karpinski of Signet Realty Corp. in Port St. Lucie represented the landlord, Valley Stream, N.Y.-based Dew Seven LLC.

Four Rivers' original restaurant in Winter Park has been open since October 2009. Owner and pit master John Rivers also sells a line of sauces and rubs.