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WHY GOVERNOR JOHN KITZHABER SHOULD AGREE TO TWO CASINO SITES FOR WARM SPRINGS

- ✓ The Warm Springs Tribes, along with the United States as its trustee, has <u>always</u> exercised exclusive jurisdiction on the Warm Springs Reservation.
- ✓ The Tribe and the U.S. provide all public safety and services on the Warm Springs Reservation, and this is the only Oregon reservation where that is the case.
- ✓ The Warm Springs Tribes has the largest population and by far the largest land base of any Oregon tribe, but would still have less machines and games than some of the much smaller tribes.
- ✓ There is virtually no non-tribal related activity on the Reservation.
- ✓ There are virtually no residents of the Reservation except Tribal Members and those associated with Tribal Members or the U.S.
- ✓ Indian Head Casino provides essential employment to Tribal Members and affiliates on the Reservation.
- ✓ The Hood River Casino will provide significant employment, but very little to Tribal Members.
- ✓ The Tribe should not have to give up employment on the Reservation for economic development that must be located off the Reservation in order to succeed.
- No other Tribe in Oregon is in the position to forego gaming on sensitive trust lands and provide major public use of those lands in exchange for agreement for gaming on newly acquired lands in the immediate vicinity.
- ✓ There are no other tribal trust lands in Oregon similarly situated.
- ✓ No other Tribe in Oregon is similarly situated.
- ✓ The expansion of Indian gaming within Oregon can be limited by agreement on the number of machines and games provided for each TRIBE.

Positive Attributes of Proposed Gaming Expansion by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for the Tribal Community

The most positive attribute of gaming expansion, particularly within the Columbia Gorge area, is the high revenue return from the project. First year operations estimate gross gaming revenue at \$60 million.

If gross gaming figures are accurate, net income could range from \$15 to \$20 million per year.

This business development will assist in reducing the Tribe's economic dependence on natural resources.

Given time, an influx of cash to the Tribe from the gaming enterprise could potentially fund additional economic growth and development on the reservation. Perhaps even investments off the reservation.

The casino will assist in sustaining, possibly rejuvenating, essential programs offered to the membership.

The city of Cascade Locks publicly support the Tribe's casino project. This is evident in a completed survey to the residents and resolutions passed by city council as well as the port authority.

There will be employment opportunity for those tribal members who wish to relocate. A tribal member hiring preference policy will be established.

The Tribe as a whole will not jeopardize its sovereignty. Any commitments will be defined in the Tribal/State Compact and specific only to the gaming enterprise.

A community fund will be established for Cascade Locks and the surrounding area through the Tribal/State Compact. Tribal leaders will hold seats on the Board that determines the spending of the fund, thus maintaining partial control of the fund.

There would not be any significant reduction in the Tribe's present land base. Land would have to be taken into trust for gaming purposes and trust responsibility extended to any property acquired.

Not building on current land held in trust east of Hood River, land that lies within the Scenic Gorge Area, reaffirms the Tribe's commitment to the environment and preservation of lands.

It is believed there are no other circumstances similar to the Tribe's proposal by other Indian Tribes within the State of Oregon or perhaps in the U.S. Consequently, the Tribe should take advantage of the uniqueness of the proposal and forge ahead to completion or until endorsements are no longer there to carry the proposal forward.

Positive Attributes of Proposed Gaming Expansion by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for Cascade Locks and the State of Oregon

Upgrade to ambulatory service. Provides required coverage to community and casino as well as responding to I-84 assist calls.

Upgrade to fire service. Provides required coverage to city, surrounding area and casino. Enhances present equipment/vehicles.

Purchase of power and water from city sources. Line extension and predevelopment costs to be absorbed by casino.

Discussions with city about the feasibility of increased law enforcement for the area and how the casino can assist in bringing these additions to Cascade Locks.

Casino will work with city officials to "site" facility in area beneficial to community in order to reduce traffic congestion and control required improvements.

Work with the city to promote and influence a banking institution to place an office in Cascade Locks.

Discuss and define with city and community members charitable areas in need. I.e. school programs, community programs, food banks, etc.

Acceptance by Tribe to fund Community Fund set forth in Compact that assists Cascade Locks and surrounding area.

Definition provided for funding of disordered gambling program and support/assistance in the education process of such to the populace.

Architectural sensitivity of casino facility will harmonize with scenic gorge area and environment.

Creation of a memorandum of understanding by and between the Tribe and city of Cascade Locks that is incorporated into Tribal/State Compact.

Agreement that defines usage, preservation, exchange, etc. of tribal trust land situated east of Hood River within the Scenic Gorge Area.

Estimated employment needs project approximately 514 jobs will be created. A large majority of the jobs are "trainable" positions, making them available to a wide audience.

Jobs will be offered to an area where a decline in wage averages and increase in unemployment have been occurring.

The casino's ancillary expenditures will attempt to use local goods and services to the extent they are available and competitive to outside businesses.

In addition to direct hires of the casino, data emphasizes other employment will be created as a result of development and construction as well as personal income being indirectly generated during this phase.

Spending will increase in areas of local eating and drinking establishments, hotel and lodging places, food stores, miscellaneous retail outlets and gasoline service stations.

It is presumed the casino would eventually spur additional businesses to open in Cascade Locks targeting the retail trade sector based on the influx of disposable income both locally and out of area.

The city and county area will see a positive impact in local spending fueled through income earned by casino employees in addition to dollars spent by visitors from outside the area.

The casino will offer to its employees medical, dental and vision plans and retirement/savings programs as part of their compensation package.

Statistics show there has been no increase in the crime rate where casinos have opened in the State. And no evidence that Cascade Locks would be contrary to the point.

(Certain aforementioned statements are based on an Economic Impact Study conducted by ECONorthwest, Portland.)

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- TRIBE WILL DEVELOP A NEW GAMING FACILITY IN HOOD RIVER COUNTY, WITHIN TRIBES' ABORIGINAL TREATY CEDED AREA.
- IN THE EVENT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON ALTERNATE SITE, TRIBE WOULD NOT DEVELOP A CASINO ON EXISTING TRUST LANDS EAST OF HOOD RIVER.
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