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Concerns Raised Over Oregon Lottery Adding Line Games

The recent proposal by Oregon's Governor Ted Kulongoski to allow lottery outlets to offer video slot machines has some tribal leaders concerned. Competition is an obvious concern for many, however; some are dismayed that there was no consultation process with the Oregon tribes regarding the addition of line games to the state lottery.

The Governor's proposal for video slot machines received the required approval of the State Lottery Commission last month and will take effect later this year once a determination of how profits will be divided between lottery outlets and the state.

With state budget problems looming over Oregon's future,

the first term governor broke from his predecessor, former Governor John Kitzhaber, and has resorted to an option that has proven successful for Oregon's tribal casino's; slot machines. Governor Kulongoski announced his proposal to add slot machines, also known as line games, to help off-set the state budget shortfall.

Tribal Firewood Project

The Cow Creek Tribe provides a maximum of four cords of firewood per tribal household per year. Supplies are limited and are on a first come, first

served basis. Tribal members shall pay \$50.00 per cord; the payment must be paid prior to taking the firewood from the site.

Elders may

receive one free cord of firewood per year.

Tribal members are responsible for loading and unloading their firewood.

For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Rhonda Malone, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

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Kulongoski expects to raise an additional \$120 million from the new games, to be directed to the Oregon State Police budget that has suffered greatly over the past 25 years.

Presently, there are more than 2,000 retail outlets (bars and taverns) that are authorized to operate up to six video machines in each establishment. Adding the line games to the existing mix of games currently offered by the retailers will provide more convenient locations for Oregon's gamers who now must travel to any of Oregon's nine tribal casinos or out of state to play slot machines.

While many of the tribes in the state are focused on the new addition of line games, Cow Creek tribal leaders are more concerned with the implications that "off reservation" gaming will have on the industry's future. This issue has recently become a hot topic among state law makers and others over the current negotiations between the Warm Springs Tribe and the Governor to place a casino along Interstate 80 in Cascade Locks, (which is approximately 40 miles from

Portland, but nearly 70 miles away from the tribe's reservation). Cow Creek tribal leaders have made clear that they are not opposing the rights of the Warm Springs Tribe and their decision to pursue an "off reservation" casino site, but rather they are opposing the "off reservation" issue with any tribe. There is a fear among Cow Creek tribal leaders that an approved "off reservation casino" for one tribe will unleash a firestorm of requests by other tribes for more lucrative markets in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Medford.

Presently, all nine Oregon tribes operate casinos. Chinook Winds in Lincoln City is operated by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Spirit Mountain, west of Salem, is the largest casino in Oregon and is operated by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; the Mill Casino in Coos Bay is operated by the Coquille Tribe; Kla-Mo-Ya Casino in Chiloquin is operated by the Klamath Tribe; Indian Head Casino near Madras is operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs; Wild Horse Casino, in Pendleton, is operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla; the Old Camp

Casino in Burns, is operated by the Burns Paiute; and of course, the Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort in Canyonville, is operated by the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

The "off reservation" issue has been played out in the media, which in turn has brought more public awareness of the success that gambling has brought to the Oregon tribes and others across the nation at a time when both the federal and state budgets are at record deficits. This awareness, coupled with a growing nationwide movement among anti-gambling/anti-Indian organizations and property rights advocacy groups, may very well influence public policy and how tribal sovereign rights are interpreted.



Oregon Tribes Announce Economic Benefits

Salem – All of Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes gathered at the steps of the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 to announce the results of a study on the economic impact of tribal gaming and the benefits provided to the state economy.

The study, entitled "The Contribution of Indian Gaming to Oregon's Economy", was commissioned by the Oregon Tribal Gaming Association and was developed by ECONorthwest, a leading economic

research firm located in Portland.

The study indicates that tribal gaming in Oregon directly supported 5,328 jobs, producing \$192.4 million in wages and benefits for employees working at tribal casino's in Oregon. Tribal gaming indirectly generated another 5,640 jobs and \$156.5 million in income for workers in other sectors of the Oregon economy.

Other interesting information included in the report was the impor-

tance of tribal gaming to rural economies. Most of Oregon's tribal casino's are located in relatively rural parts of the state, however, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Spirit Mountain Casino is closest to the metropolitan area's of Portland and Salem.

Another significant finding outlined in the report is the 7.5% drop in the poverty rate among Native Americans in Oregon, compared to one percent decline in Oregon as a whole from 1990 to 2000.

Tribe participates in the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council

The Umpqua Basin Watershed Council is an organization established and recognized by the Douglas County Commissioners. This council is one of approximately 90 established watershed councils in Oregon. Incorporated in May of 2000, the council is directed by a board comprised of various local groups representing aggregate, mining, timber, recreation, city, state, county and tribal. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua is one of two tribes represented on the board. Council directors and staff work together with communities and land owners

toward effective, efficient and feasible management solutions for clean water and healthy native fish populations.

The Umpqua Basin Watershed Council helps develop and perform watershed improvement projects within the Basin. The Council also works to locate funding and technical assistance sources to make on-the-ground projects affordable and technically sound for everyone interested. The Council provides education about water quality and fish, by providing educational field tours and events.

The Umpqua Basin Watershed Council is a nonprofit, non government 501 (c) (3) voluntary corporation that is charged with restoring and enhancing water quality and fish habitat within the Umpqua Basin in Southwest Oregon. A watershed is the area of land where all surface and ground-water drains into the same body of water, such as a river, wetland or the ocean. Watersheds can be millions of acres, like the Columbia River Basin, or less than a dozen for a single small stream.

For more information on the Umpqua Basin

Watershed Council, please visit their website at www.ubwc.org or call Amy Amoroso, Natural Resources Director at the Cow Creek Government Offices (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.



Photograph: North Umpqua River

Cow Creek Jackets



Cow Creek black zip, lined jacket.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians jackets are available for sale:

- ♦ **Black zip, lined jackets with the logo on the front left, for \$50.00 + shipping & handling.**
- ♦ **Fleece jackets with the logo on the front left, for \$20.00 + shipping & handling.**

Various colors and sizes are available. For more information or to order, contact Rhonda Malone at, (800) 929-8229 or (541) 672-9405.



Fleece jacket.

Parenting Corner

Children Ages 5-12

Parenting classes are available for parents of children ages 5-12. The parenting classes will be held at the Cow Creek Government Offices, in the classroom, from 6:00-7:00pm, March 24 & 31, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2005.

You will learn:

- Non-violent discipline techniques that work,

- Ways to improve communication with your child,
- Responsibility and other important values,
- How to handle problems as they come up,
- Coping techniques with difficult topics such as drugs, violence and sex,
- How to defuse power struggles with your child,
- How to stimulate independ-

- ence as your child grows,
- Ways to encourage your child to be their very best.

Dinner and childcare for children ages 12 and younger will be provided. To register, contact Rhonda Malone, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.



Pre-Teens & Teens

Parenting classes are available for parents of teens and pre-teens. The parenting classes will be held at the Cow Creek Government Offices, in the classroom, from 6:00-7:00pm, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, June 2 & 9, 2005.

You will learn:

- How to talk with your teen

about violence, sex, alcohol, and drugs,

- *Current teen issues,*
- *Solving problems together,*
- *Reinforcing your teen's courage and inner strength,*
- *Building your teen's sense of responsibility,*
- *Communicating effectively (with or without your teen's assistance),*

- *How to discipline teens.*

Dinner and childcare for children ages 12 and younger will be provided. To register, contact Rhonda Malone, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.



Head Injury prevention

Helmets can prevent head injury during winter sports. Nationally in 2002, nearly 70,000 children under age 14 were taken to emergency rooms for injuries resulting from winter sports, including nearly 23,000 from snow boarding ; 18,000 from drinking; 14,000 from ice skating; 13,000 from sledding; and 1,500 from snowmobile crashes according to national figures released by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

"Many of these injuries could be prevented if children wore helmets while enjoying winter sports; a bike helmet works great for sledding, and there are ski or snowboard helmets for other winter sports," said Washington State SAFE KIDS Coordinator, Mary Borges. "It is also important to stay in designated areas while enjoying winter sports."

According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, helmets worn during snow sports could prevent or reduce the effects of 53 percent of the head injuries suffered by children younger than age 15.

Sledding is a popular sport during the winter. In addition to wearing a helmet, there are several other things you can do to make sledding safer:

- Sled in areas free from obstacles and away from traffic.



- Only sled with devices that have easy steering.

- Inspect sleds regularly for worn, dam-

aged or loose parts that could break or snag at high speeds.

- Sled sitting up, feet first.
- Never ride a sled being pulled by a motorized vehicle.

More information on the winter sport safety is available on the National SAFEKIDS Campaign Web site, (http://www.safekids.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=16832&folder_id=183). Information on unintentional injury among children is available on the Department of Health

Injury Prevention Program Web site, (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Injury/Default.htm>).



Tobacco Cessation Class Schedule

There will be Tobacco Cessation classes held at the Cow Creek Government Offices as listed:

March 18, 2005 4:00pm–5:30pm

March 22, 2005 5:00pm–6:30pm

March 23, 2005 5:00pm–6:00pm

March 29, 2005 5:00pm–6:00pm

April 1, 2005 4:00pm–5:00pm.

Additional classes will be held April 5, 8, 13, and 20, 2005. For further information, call Andrea Davis, at (541) 672- 8533 or (800) 935-8649.



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IMPORTANT NOTICES

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Tribal Identification Cards are available to all tribal members upon request. To obtain an I.D. card, contact Carol Ferguson at the Cow Creek Government Offices at 1-800-929-8229. You will be sent an application which you should fill out and sign. Enclose a photo and mail the material back to the Tribal Govern-

ment Offices for processing.

Properly filled out applications will be processed with the Tribal Chairman's signature and mailed back to you.

TRIBAL JOBS LINE

Tribal members interested in employment opportunities at any of the tribal businesses can call the Tribal Jobs Line at 1-800-676-0854 to hear a pre-recorded listing of openings. The Tribal Jobs line is updated on a weekly basis and pro-

vides instructions as to where and how to apply.

ADDRESS UPDATES

Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address at the Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices. Those who have minor children who are not living in their households also should make sure their children's updated addresses are on file with the Tribal Government Offices.

If you know of any Tribal members who have not been receiving correspondence from the Tribal Government Office, please recommend that they call the toll free number (1-800-929-8229) or write to the Cow Creek Tribal Government Office, 2371 NE Stephens Street, Suite 100, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

REMINDER

All Johnson O'Malley functions are smoke free.

