



Confederated Tribes and Bands
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YAKAMA NATION SUPPORTS RESPONSIBLY SITED TRIBAL CASINO PROJECTS

Yakama Nation applauds Umatilla and Tulalip Tribal Casino expansions

YAKAMA NATION AGENCY, YAKAMA RESERVATION – The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (“Yakama Nation”) formally express its support for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation’s (“CTUIR,” “Umatilla”) and the Tulalip Tribes’ (“Tulalip”) expansion of their tribal gaming facilities.

The \$100 million investment will enhance CTUIR’s hotel and casino experience with an additional hotel tower, convention and gathering center, and a new restaurant. Tulalip’s expansion will consist of a \$60 million investment into new interior design, gaming opportunities, and a new food & beverage opportunity – the expansions are underway with anticipated completion in 2027.

In a statement, Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman Gerald Lewis said:

“We are excited by neighboring tribes’ investments in their resorts and gaming facilities on behalf of their people. Both Umatilla and Tulalip have created world-class experiences that draw guests from all over the region while enabling them to provide critical services to their enrolled members. Yakama Nation is wholly supportive of any tribal gaming operation located within a Tribe’s own legal territory – Umatilla and Tulalip’s expansions are great examples. We look forward to the continued success of both the Wildhorse Resort & Casino and the Tulalip Resort & Casino.”

“The investments and accomplishments that are observed across Indian Country are inspiring and create a beacon of hope for our people. Indian Country has been strong and persevered for generations, and we will continue to thrive and provide for generations to come.”

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