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**Karuk Tribe**

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**THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE APPROVES  
TRIBAL-STATE GAMING COMPACT  
BETWEEN THE KARUK TRIBE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

*Sacramento, CA* – Today the California Legislature approved legislation to ratify the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the Karuk Tribe and the State of California.

SB 1224, authored by Senator Lou Correa, ratified the tribal-state gaming compact signed by Governor Brown and Karuk Tribal Chairman Russell “Buster” Attebery on December 5, 2013. SB 1224 was approved by the State Senate on August 14 by a vote of 28-4 and the State Assembly passed AB 1224 on August 19th by a vote of 63-1.

The tribal-state compact provides that the Karuk Tribe may build and operate a Class III gaming facility in the City of Yreka once it is ratified by legislation, signed by the Governor and approved by the United States Department of the Interior.

The Karuk Tribe will develop the project in two phases. Phase 1 consists of a 36,000 square-foot gaming facility with approximately 500 gaming machines, 8 table games, a 100-seat restaurant, and on-site parking. Phase 2 will eventually add an 80-room hotel, additional parking, 20,000 additional square feet of gaming space, 300 gaming machines, and 8 table games.

Karuk Tribe Chairman Buster Attebery stated, “Today our gaming project took one very large step closer to reality due to the positive energy and commitment from our Tribal team and our local partners in the business community and civic leaders in Yreka. We are looking forward to a successful business venture that will provide multiple benefits for the entire community through job creation, increased local business revenue and an expansion of vital health and human services.”

The Karuk Tribe envisions this project not only as an engine for economic opportunity for the entire community of Siskiyou County, such as providing good-paying jobs and boosting tourism, but also to improve services to those in need in our area, such as enhanced health care and social services, that are too often lacking in rural communities. Additionally, due to funding restrictions, many services for Tribal Members and Descendants are limited to those within the Karuk Service Area. With some additional revenue that will not be bound by strict grant requirements, the Karuk Tribe will be able to more adequately serve Tribal Members and Descendants who are no longer able to live in the Karuk Service Area. We also will be excited to bring many of those Tribal Members and Descendants home with the opportunity of employment and new business ventures in the region.