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# **Karuk Tribe**

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### **GOVERNOR APPROVES KARUK GAMING COMPACT** *Yreka Casino One Step Closer to Reality*

**Yreka, CA** – Yesterday Governor Jerry Brown signed the Karuk Tribe's Gaming Compact moving the Tribe's effort to open a casino in Yreka one step closer to reality. "The timing couldn't be better," said Karuk Chairman Buster Attebery, "this area is in dire need of jobs and economic development." The proposed casino is projected to create 350 jobs in Siskiyou County which still suffers from an unemployment rate of over 10%. The jobs would be open to both Tribal members and non-Indians.

The Tribe plans to 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 add an 80-room hotel, additional parking, 20,000 additional square feet of gaming space, 300 gaming machines, and 8 table games.

The Tribe's goal is for the project to boost economic opportunities for everyone in the region. According to Attebery, "We are committed to hiring local vendors and businesses when possible. We see this project as a major economic driver for generations to come."

The next steps in the process will include bringing the Compact before the California State Legislature to be ratified and also completing intergovernmental agreements with the City of Yreka, Siskiyou County and the California Department of Transportation. The Tribe hopes to clear these hurdles and break ground in the summer of 2014.