



**WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO AWARDS
\$2.2 MILLION MEGABUCKS® MEGA JACKPOT®**

(Pendleton, OR – March 24, 2010) – A retired man from LaGrande, who wishes to remain anonymous, won \$2,290,838 when he hit a *Megabucks*® *MegaJackpot*® at Wildhorse Resort and Casino on Tuesday, March 23rd.

The winner said he was on his way home from the Tri-Cities area when he decided to visit Wildhorse. Although he chose the winning machine at random, the winner did say he brought his good luck charm with him. “My wife. We’ve been married for 42 years.” After investing around \$100 into the winning machine, the winner reported being surprised to learn he had won the top progressive prize. “I did not realize I had won the big jackpot!” he explained. The new millionaire went on to say he was most excited to share the news with his children. “They will think we are kidding” he commented. Immediate plans for the *MegaJackpot*® millionaire will include finishing a remodeling project, and “taking a trip to Hawaii.”

Tuesday’s *MegaJackpot*® prize is the second to be paid at the casino this year. On January 12th, Wildhorse awarded a \$144,666 *Wheel of Fortune*® quarters *MegaJackpot*®. Last year the casino paid an amazing \$1,208,464 *Twilight Zone!*® *Video Slots*® penny *MegaJackpot*®. Tuesday’s hit is the fourth *MegaJackpot*® over one million dollars to be paid at Wildhorse. Wildhorse Resort and Casino has now awarded nearly \$18 million in IGT *MegaJackpot*® prize money since 1997. In fact, Wildhorse holds the state record for largest *MegaJackpot*® paid to date. In June of 1999, the casino awarded an astounding \$9.1 million on the *Megabucks*® progressive system.

The casino, along with over 300 tribal casinos across the nation, belongs to a 17-state Native American progressive gaming network. The network is made up of casinos that carry progressive gaming systems distributed by IGT. Each time a coin is played in a linked machine,

anywhere in the network, the cumulative jackpot continues to grow. *Megabucks*[®] is a dollar progressive system in which the player bets two to three dollars at a time while attempting to line up the *Megabucks*[®] symbols that will trigger the *MegaJackpot*[®]. The *Megabucks*[®] progressive jackpot starts at \$1 million.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or www.wildhorseresort.com. Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Megabucks[®] was developed by IGT (www.IGT.com), a global company specializing in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and sales of computerized gaming machines and systems products. All IGT *MegaJackpot*[®] top awards are paid in annual installments upon verification, except *MegaJackpots Instant Winners Jackpots*[™] awards, which are paid in their entirety upon verification.

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