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**WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO AWARDS**  
***WHEEL OF FORTUNE*<sup>®</sup> *MEGAJACKPOT*<sup>®</sup>**

(Pendleton, OR – January 13, 2010) –Wildhorse Resort and Casino awarded a \$144,666 *Wheel of Fortune*<sup>®</sup> quarters *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup> on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

The winner, a Umatilla County resident who asked to remain anonymous, said she was in town for a business trip and was at the casino with a coworker. The winner reported that she didn't have any specific expectations of the winning machine. "Someone else was playing and didn't win. They left, and I put my money in that machine" she said. After investing only \$20, the winner said her first thought upon realizing her win was her daughter's wedding in June. The winner added that she was excited to share news of her good fortune with her husband, and plans to use her winnings to "pay off my bills, yeah!"

Tuesday's *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup> prize is the first be paid at the Wildhorse this year. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the casino awarded an amazing \$1,208,464 *Twilight Zone!*<sup>®</sup> *Video Slots*<sup>®</sup> penny *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup>, the third *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup> over one million dollars to be paid at the casino. Wildhorse Resort and Casino has now paid over \$15.4 million in IGT *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup> prize money. In fact, the Wildhorse Resort and Casino holds the state record for largest *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup> paid to date. In June of 1999, the casino awarded an astounding \$9.1 million on the *Megabucks*<sup>®</sup> progressive system.

Wildhorse, along with over 300 tribal casinos across the nation, belong to a seventeen-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.

The *Wheel of Fortune*<sup>®</sup> quarters progressive is one of the most popular systems in Native America, and features an exciting bonus spin that has come to be one of the favorite facets of the game for players and fans alike. *Wheel of Fortune*<sup>®</sup> has a starting jackpot of \$100,000. In order to win the *MegaJackpot*<sup>®</sup>, a player bets three quarters at a time while attempting to line up the

*Wheel of Fortune*® symbols on the machine's payline. *Wheel of Fortune*® 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*™ which are paid in their entirety upon verification.

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Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.1 million slot jackpot. 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](http://www.wildhorseresort.com). Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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