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**KALISPEL TRIBE ANNOUNCES NORTHERN QUEST EXPANSION  
WITH NEARLY 200 NEW HOTEL ROOMS COMING IN 2023**

**November 19, 2020 – Airway Heights, WA – The Kalispel Tribe is proud to announce it will soon be breaking ground on a new expansion project that includes the construction of a new hotel wing featuring nearly 200 additional hotel rooms at Northern Quest Resort & Casino.**

“While 2020 has been a difficult year for the hospitality industry, we continue to weather the storm and look toward the future,” says Northern Quest General Manager Nick Pierre. “For the past several years, we’ve been running at consistently high occupancy in our hotel. And while meetings and events business has taken a big hit in the past eight months, we are confident things will bounce back in the coming months and years, returning us to the kind of demand we were seeing in 2019 and early 2020. Back in March, the COVID-19 global pandemic forced us to delay our announcement of this project, but as we close out 2020, we are excited to move forward with an eye on maintaining our excellent reputation as an entertainment destination in Eastern Washington.”

The new hotel will be located west, but adjacent to the current hotel tower. It will add more than 190 additional rooms and suites, bringing overall hotel capacity to more than 440 rooms. The new structure will include five connected buildings inspired by the concept of a Native American fish weir. Weirs were often constructed by groups of Tribal Members and used as a community-focused fishing technique where Native peoples could gather to fish, trade and celebrate. The new hotel rooms will be similar in style to the current Northern Quest hotel rooms, with generous spaces, large windows, comfortable beds and the much talked-about luxurious four-jet spa showers. A skywalk will connect the current hotel on the northwest side to the new addition.

The Kalispel Tribe plans to break ground on the new project in March 2021, with completion scheduled for early 2023. In addition to the hundreds of temporary construction jobs this project will bring to the Spokane area, the expansion project will bring approximately 150 permanent new jobs to the Airway Heights property. The Tribe’s master plan includes the potential addition of a more than 30,000 square-

foot conference center, depending on the demand for groups and meetings business in the coming months and years.

“Since the Kalispel Tribe opened Northern Quest in 2000, we have had a history of making calculated investment decisions when others are putting projects on hold,” says Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority Chief Operating Officer Phil Haugen. “We broke ground on the original Northern Quest hotel in 2008, during the largest recession this country has seen in recent years. We are proud to say that project proved to be a huge success for the Tribe. The hotel became the foundation for continued resort expansion, creating world class entertainment options for the Spokane region. We’re excited about the possibilities this project will bring in 2023 and beyond.”

The Kalispel Tribe has hired the design-build team of Lydig Construction of Spokane, Integrus Architecture of Spokane and Ankrom Moisan of Seattle. Other design-build partners include Coffman Engineers, Parametrix, MW Engineers, and The Society (hospitality interior design). “We’re excited about our local partners for this project and look forward to bringing the new hotel to fruition,” says Pierre. “Every project we’re adding at the Northern Quest property brings us one step closer to realizing our vision of becoming the ultimate destination resort.”

Watch for additional announcements and progress updates at [www.northernquest.com/future](http://www.northernquest.com/future).

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### **About Northern Quest Resort & Casino**

Located just 10 minutes west of downtown Spokane, Northern Quest Resort & Casino is the only tribally-owned resort in the Inland Northwest to be awarded both the AAA Four Diamond Award and the Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star rating. Northern Quest welcomes visitors with a contemporary urban setting and 250 luxurious guest rooms and suites. Be pampered in the upscale La Rive Spa, one of only three Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star rated spas in Washington State. Satisfy your hunger at one of more than a dozen restaurants and lounges offering everything from burgers to fine dining, including the AAA Four Diamond Masselow's Steakhouse, the only Four Diamond restaurant in Eastern Washington. Cheer on your favorite team with the largest LED HDTV screen (measuring 30 X 10 feet) east of the Cascades. Try your luck with true Las Vegas-style gaming, enjoy world-class entertainment and bring the whole family! Kids will love Kids Quest and Cyber Quest, our new children's entertainment center and state-of-the-art arcade. At Northern Quest, you'll find great food, entertainment and fun for everyone!

### **About the Kalispel Tribe of Indians**

Once one of the poorest Native American tribes in the United States, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians is now one of the top private employers in the Spokane region. The historically humble and hospitable tribe operates Northern Quest Resort & Casino, the region's premier destination resort. Tribal health and social service programs, supported by the resort, have increased the quality and life expectancy for tribal members and surrounding communities near the tribe's reservation along the Pend Oreille River. The tribe maintains a number of business enterprises, provides approximately 2,000 jobs, and has donated more than \$19 million to regional non-profit organizations. Find out more about the Kalispel Tribe's rich cultural history and their progression at [www.kalispeltribe.com](http://www.kalispeltribe.com).

### **About the Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority**

The Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority (KTEA) is the Economic Development arm of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. KTEA has the responsibility of ensuring the success of all Tribal enterprises and provides leadership committed to the Tribe's goal of economic independence, integrity and diversification. KTEA oversees the Tribe's largest enterprise, and one of our region's largest employers, Northern Quest Resort & Casino, as well as various Tribally-owned or franchised operations including two Chevron fuel and convenience stores, two Fatburger restaurants, The Deli, Kalispel Linen Services and Kalispel Upholstery Services. Additionally, KTEA oversees the HR, marketing and technology aspects of all governmental and business functions of the Tribe. KTEA is always scanning the horizon for new business and growth opportunities. Our goal is to create sustainable businesses that serve the long-term interests of the Tribe and its community partners. Above all, KTEA strives to be good stewards of the environment.

### **About the Kalispel Development Company**

The Kalispel Development Company (K-DEV) manages real estate and business development operations for the Kalispel Tribe. K-DEV pursues each new endeavor confidently, having managed more than a quarter of a billion dollars in project value for commercial, industrial, infrastructure and retail-related industry on behalf of the Kalispel Tribe. K-Dev is currently developing nearly 300 acres adjacent to Northern Quest Resort & Casino. Inquire about development opportunities with our team by visiting our website at [www.kalispeldevelopment.com](http://www.kalispeldevelopment.com) or emailing [info@ktea.com](mailto:info@ktea.com).