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Coquille Indian Tribe to break ground on new Travel Center this spring

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Coos Bay – The Coquille Indian Tribe announced plans to break ground this spring on a new Travel Center that will expand services for guests, create jobs, and strengthen the Tribe’s long-term economic future.

Planned along Highway 101 directly across from Ko-Kwel Casino Resort | Coos Bay, the new Travel Center will provide easy access for travelers moving through the region while complementing the Tribe’s existing hospitality and entertainment destinations.

The project represents another important investment in infrastructure designed to support regional tourism while providing convenient amenities for community members and visitors. Plans for the Travel Center include fuel services, retail offerings, and additional features that will be announced as development progresses.

“Every investment we make is rooted in our responsibility to provide opportunity, stability, and prosperity for our Tribal citizens,” said Brenda Meade, Chairman of the Coquille Indian Tribe.

“This development strengthens our economic foundation while generating the revenue that supports essential Tribal programs, services, and opportunities for current and future generations. Investments like this strengthen the viability of our enterprises, expand economic opportunities, and provide meaningful benefits to our community. We are proud to welcome visitors to our homelands with the quality and hospitality that define the Coquille people.”

The development is expected to generate construction employment in the near term and permanent positions once operations begin. In addition, the Travel Center will increase local commerce, create new partnerships with regional vendors, and provide services that residents and visitors alike will benefit from — further demonstrating the Tribe’s role as a strong economic engine for the South Coast community.

“This Travel Center is a strategic addition to the Tribe’s growing business portfolio,” said Margaret Simpson, Coquille Economic Development – Chief Executive Officer. “Its prime location on Highway 101 creates a powerful gateway for regional tourism, capturing traveler traffic, encouraging guests to explore our properties, and reinforcing the South Coast as a

destination. Just as importantly, it allows us to reinvest in our people, support local businesses, and contribute to the vitality of the broader community we share.”

Additional project details, timelines, and hiring information will be shared as the groundbreaking date approaches.

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About the Coquille Indian Tribe:

The Coquille(Ko-Kwel) Indian Tribe flourished in Oregon’s southwestern corner for thousands of years, cherishing the bountiful forests, rivers and beaches of a homeland encompassing over one million acres. In 1954, Congress declared the Coquille Tribe “terminated.” 35 years later the Tribe was formally restored to federal recognition in 1989. Today the Tribe numbers more than 1,200 members and it has regained more than 10,000 acres of ancestral homeland, proudly managing the bulk of it as sustainable forest. The Tribe provides education assistance, health care, elder services and (where needed) housing assistance to its people, while contributing substantially to the surrounding community’s economy. Its various enterprises employ approximately 1000 people, and its community fund is the region’s leading local source of charitable grants. For more about the Coquille Indian Tribe, visit coquilletribe.org.

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