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KAH-NEE-TA EMBARKS ON ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING PROJECT

Project will save Kah-Nee-Ta nearly 390,000 kwh while lowering carbon footprint

(Warm Springs, Oregon) – Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino has recently completed a major lighting retrofit of its Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, Casino and Conference Center. Gerard Lighting Group of Portland and Ryan Lighting Group served as consultants on the retrofit project.

The project will save approximately 195 tons of CO₂ per year and approximately 389,852 kilowatt hours will be saved with the lighting upgrade. “As we look forward to increasing our environmental responsibility and initiatives, the lighting project was a step in the right direction,” says Jeff Dean, Kah-Nee-Ta’s Purchasing Manager and captain of the green team.

The project was headed up by Gerard Lighting Group of Portland. Gerard Lighting Group works with companies to lower their energy costs. “Kah-Nee-Ta uses a wide variety of interior and exterior lighting for its facility. The challenge has been to find the best new technologies for both interior and exterior applications,” said Mike Gerard, President of Gerard Lighting Group. Kah-Nee-Ta received a utility rebate from the Bonneville Power Administration and Wasco electric. Warm Springs Ventures and Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises also assisted on the project.

Kah-Nee-Ta has implemented several green initiatives in the past year, including adding Recycling bins on property, a reusable linen program for guest rooms and offering eco-friendly bath products. “Our next step is to lower our usage of electricity and other natural resources,” says Dean.

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino is a destination resort in Central Oregon. The resort in Warm Springs offers a gaming casino complete with slot machines and live blackjack, an 18-hole golf course, the full service Spa Wanapine, two swimming pools, including a double-Olympic size natural hot springs-fed pool, horseback riding and complete meeting and convention services, and a variety of lodging options including resort lodging, teepee camping and RV sites. For more information and reservations, call 1-800-554-4786 or visit www.kahneeta.com.

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