



## **POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS**

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**POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIAN RESERVATION**, Poarch, Alabama – April 10, 2008 – The Poarch Band of Creek Indians today celebrated reaching the highest point of construction on their newest business venture, Wind Creek Casino and Hotel. Wind Creek is slated to be one of the premiere destination resorts located in South Alabama, Buford L. Rolin, Tribal chairman commented, “This is the Tribe’s most ambitious endeavor to date, a tourist destination that will provide a positive economic impact to the entire area of Southwest Alabama and for the State of Alabama as a whole.”

The Resort is projected to provide over 900 hundred direct jobs for the people of Alabama and the surrounding areas, multiple jobs will be developed because of the creation of other industry due to the development. “We are committed to improving the standard of living for our Tribal Members, the surrounding communities, and the State of Alabama. The ripple effect from Wind Creek will be considerable.” stated Chairman Rolin.

The Chairman added, “Suppliers and vendors will employ many other Alabamians. These ancillary businesses will provide Wind Creek with both goods and services and the taxes from those will add millions of dollars to the tax base of our state and region. Wind Creek will increase the economic impact our Tribe already provides to the State.

The first portion of the \$250 million project to open will be the Casino, in December 2008. The Hotel will open in the spring of 2009.

Wind Creek patrons and clientele will experience the following:

- The Casino and Hotel, a 17 floor (no 13<sup>th</sup> floor) 391,061 square-foot state of the art facility will be open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.
- The Casino will offer 1600 electronic bingo games. It will be accessible from both inside and outside the Hotel.
- 236 Hotel rooms, including 4 villas and 72 above standard suites that offer upgraded amenities to Wind Creek guests.
- State of the Art Entertainment area where live entertainment will be provided both indoor and outdoor. The outdoor amphitheatre will accommodate over 1,000 patrons.
- Meeting facilities will encompass 8,000 sq foot conference/ ballroom which will include 4 breakout rooms.

Brown Chambless served as project architect, and FlintCo/Martin served as project contractor. The Wind Creek Casino and Hotel's interior design is being handled by Cagley & Tanner Design, Las Vegas, NV.

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