

Snoqualmie Casino Celebrates 10 Years of Growth and Achievement



Having lost its federal recognition in 1953 and finally regaining it in 1999 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, nothing could mean more to the Snoqualmie Tribe than creating financial security and access to resources, services, education, and career opportunities for their members and families; something achievable through gaming operations. In 2008, the Snoqualmie Tribe opened the Snoqualmie Casino in Washington State amidst the turmoil of an economic recession and uncertainty.

Ten years later, not only would Snoqualmie Casino become the valley's largest employer by providing more than 1,000 jobs, but Snoqualmie Casino has also become renowned for its sophistication and elegance in a crowded gaming market. In its pinnacle year of operation, Snoqualmie Casino reached a new level of achievement by being recognized as one of Washington's Best Workplaces (250+ full-time employee category), in the *Puget Sound Business Journal's* annual survey.

"We are very fortunate to work for an employer who cares so deeply about our community and the Snoqualmie Valley," said Brian Decorah, who serves as President and CEO.

"The experience we provide to each guest is a direct reflection of the Snoqualmie Tribe. It is because of this, that we are relentless in our efforts to improve the property and in providing a signature experience for our guests."

The casino underwent four large-scale renovations in its tenth year of operation beginning in March. Mist Bar, the centerpiece of the Snoqualmie Casino, underwent a dramatic redesign which includes a programmable tiered LED lighting structure. Next, the Snoqualmie Casino opened a fully-enclosed non-smoking slots room for guests who seek a true non-smoking gaming experience. The Snoqualmie Café and Deli opened this past October providing a quick-serve dining option open 24/7 for guest convenience in an atmosphere decorated with commemorative tribal art. The final upgrade project this year, opened on the day of the 10th Anniversary, featured a new Private Gaming Salon; a semi-private table game room for VIPs and celebrities that expect a state-of-the-art, yet customized and exclusive gaming experience. The Private Gaming Salon includes an electrochromic glass wall that allows the visibility to change from a transparent state to opaque to provide an enhanced level of privacy.

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"All of these renovations are part of our vision to maintain our award-winning property as the premier gaming destination in the Northwest," said Decorah. "We are extremely proud of our property and the level of service that our guests have come to expect from Snoqualmie Casino over our first decade of operation."

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With recognition as one of Washington's Best Workplaces, Snoqualmie Casino continues to provide the highest level of excellence as an employer, entertainment destination and community partner. Most importantly, with each milestone, Snoqualmie Casino continues its promise of providing future sustainability for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. ♣

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