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Honorable Jeff C. Mitchell  
Chairman  
The Klamath Tribes  
P.O. Box 436  
Chiloquin, Oregon 97624

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Dear Chairman Mitchell:

On January 5, 1998, we received Amendment IV to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between The Klamath Tribes (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated December 31, 1997. We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable John Kitzhaber  
Governor of Oregon  
254 State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97310

cc: Portland Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment  
Supt., Chiloquin Sub-Agency w/copy of approved Amendment  
[REDACTED]  
Pacific NW Regional Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment  
Portland United States Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF  
CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE KLAMATH TRIBES  
AND THE STATE OF OREGON**

**AMENDMENT IV**

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Klamath Tribes and the State of Oregon executed on December 16, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 24, 1995. The terms of this amendment are in addition to and, except as specifically provided herein, do not supersede any of the provisions of the original compact, or Amendments I, II, and III thereto.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendment III to the Compact which provide for regulation of house banked blackjack at the gaming facility, and

**WHEREAS**, the State agrees that the circumstances justify this Amendment,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Tribes and the State hereby approve the following amendments to the Compact:

I. Paragraph X of Amendment III is amended as follows:

The provisions of Section V of this amendment expire on December 31, 1997.

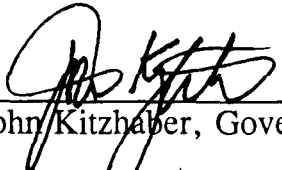
March 31, 1998. Unless an extension of Section V of this amendment or a permanent amendment governing the operation of house banked blackjack has been negotiated and executed before the expiration of this amendment, the Tribes agree to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

II. This amendment is effective as an extension under paragraph X of Amendment III of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribe that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

THE KLAMATH TRIBES

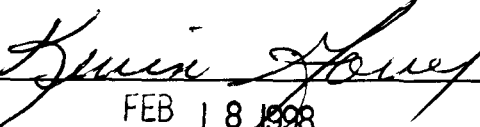
  
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John Kitzhaber, Governor

  
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Jeff Mitchell, Chairman

Date: 12/30/97

Date: 12/31/97

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

By:   
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Date: FEB 18 1998