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## News Release

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## Wildhorse Installs New High Exchange Air Systems to Casino



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Wildhorse Resort & Casino completes its installation of four new high capacity Air Exchange HVAC units designed to increase smoke reduction, odor elimination and particulate removal.

Using a 345 foot, 1000 ton crane, Wildhorse workers on Wednesday, September 17, lifted four new 4500 lbs. central air units on to their carefully installed roof mounts on the casino rooftop. The new air systems will dramatically decrease the casino air of both smoke and airborne contaminants and increase the quality of air throughout the building, most notably in the gaming area. "These new High Air Exchange Systems utilize a high tech system to monitor Co2 levels in the air," comments David Franklin, Wildhorse Facilities Maintenance Director. "When the system detects an increase in the Co2 levels, it automatically triggers the air exchanges on a regular basis every hour." Thus, if there's a lot of smoke at a particularly busy time in the casino, there will be more frequent air exchanges, up to nine full air exchanges per hour. As a result, guests of the casino will enjoy their gaming experience in a much fresher, cleaner air environment.



According to Casino General Manager Al Tovey, Wildhorse is delighted to have an air exchange system which is on par with what hospitals use for air circulation. “This new air exchange system exhausts 100% of the air from the gaming area and when combined with the Hydronic Coil System (for heating and cooling), it allows for more consistent air patterns on the gaming floor and more regulated temperatures overall.” He added, “This means all of our guests will have a great experience on the casino floor without the smell of smoke.”

The upgrades come at a significant cost to the casino, but the return is expected to be important and measured in overall guest satisfaction. “Some of our non-smoking guests have expressed concerns about the air in the smoking section of the casino, and these new high efficiency systems are the right answer to address those concerns,” comments Tovey.

The new air exchange units are scheduled to be operational by September 19.

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