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News Release

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What: Wildhorse Resort & Casino 12th Anniversary Fireworks show, eastern Oregon's largest annual fireworks show.

When: 8 p.m., Saturday, March 31

Where: Wildhorse Resort & Casino, located just off I-84 at exit 216, five miles east of Pendleton

Cost: Free

Wildhorse Resort & Casino will mark its 12th anniversary with another spectacular fireworks show, Saturday March 31 at 8 p.m. above the resort grounds. The show is free and open to the public.

Once again spectators will be treated to double crossing rings, spinning wheels, giant pinwheels and other fireworks designs exploding in the sky above Wildhorse. And again, the visual display will coordinate with a musical score prepared just for the show and simulcast on KCUW radio, FM 101.1. and Wildhorse will supply 3-D glasses, free, to enhance the excitement of the fireworks.

Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, one of the world's largest fireworks companies, will again stage the show. Zambelli uses modern technology, which comes down to a CD that carries both the musical score and the show's time codes on parallel tracks, to create the brilliant coordination of music and fireworks down to a tenth of a second.

Not only does the computer technology mean a finely tuned show but it's also safer. All the rockets are loaded in their tubes prior to the show and fired electronically by the computer, so there's no reloading during the show or hand firing.

Zambelli produces some of the most famous fireworks shows in America, including the Kentucky Derby's "Thunder Over Louisville", the largest continuous fireworks show in the world, and the annual July 3 show over Mt. Rushmore, a CNN favorite that kicks off a slew of Fourth of July fireworks shows during Zambelli's busiest one-day period of the year.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or

www.wildhorseresort.com . Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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