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Opening of Wa She Shu Casino Marks Landmark Tribal Gaming Partnership

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The casino, whose name means 'The People's Place', is the result of a unique tribe-to-tribe business relationship between the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Atmore, Alabama.

The 13,500 square foot facility boasts a 4,600 square foot gaming floor featuring 130 state-of-the-art games. Visitors will also be able to enjoy a restaurant that comfortably seats 80 guests as well as a bar. An additional 4,000 square feet is designated for future expansion of the gaming floor. In addition to the construction jobs that the casino development produced over the past few months, the completed Wa She Shu Casino is generating approximately 70 new jobs.

The revenues from the casino will provide funding for essential services for Washoe Tribal Members including infrastructure needs and healthcare. The complete project investment totaled an estimated \$8 million. The Wa She Shu Casino is adjacent to the Wa She Shu Travel Plaza which the Tribe opened earlier this year, also in partnership with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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