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North Fork Rancheria Resort on track to open 2008

The North Fork Rancheria of Madera County is moving forward with plans to open their proposed destination hotel and casino resort along Highway 99, just north of the City of Madera.

The destination resort, on schedule to open in late 2008, will include a hotel, spa, restaurants, gift shops, tourist information, casino-style gaming and entertainment lounges and other amenities.

As a multi-function facility, the resort will expand the existing entertainment marketplace and serve as a cornerstone of economic development for the region by attracting thousands of more people to local hotels, businesses and other tribal casinos.

In addition to entertainment, the North Fork Rancheria project will also provide a huge economic boost to a County and region that has traditionally lagged behind the rest of the State in many economic measures.

The development will directly generate an estimated 1,500 permanent, living wage jobs with benefits and another 750 temporary construction jobs.

The Tribe has estimated that the project will pump nearly \$100 million a year into the local economy in the form of wages and benefits, goods and services purchased and shared revenues.