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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

### **Tribal, community and energy leaders visit Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center construction site, designed for net-zero energy use**

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**WHAT:** The Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center is a 60,000-square-foot medical clinic under development by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Tribal leaders have worked closely with Energy Trust of Oregon to incorporate a very high level of energy efficiency into the building design. The building is enrolled in Energy Trust's Path to Net Zero offer, which means it was designed to operate at least 40 percent more efficiently than required by current energy code. It is the first Path to Net Zero project in Eastern Oregon and Oregon's first tribal Path to Net Zero project.

Tribal and community leaders, along with Energy Trust representatives, will tour progress at the construction site.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 5, 2017, 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, Ti'mine Way adjacent to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Governance Center. From I-84, take the Casino Exit and proceed down Market Road (passing the casino) to the Mission intersection; turn left onto Mission Road and then follow the signs into the Yellowhawk construction site. Park near the construction trailer.

**WHO:** Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation representatives  
Representative of Wenaha Group (Project Management)  
Jason Terry, Kirby Naglehout Senior Project Manager (General Contractor)  
Lori Wyman, Pacific Power Community Representative  
Michael Colgrove, Energy Trust Executive Director  
Amber Cole, Energy Trust Director of Communications and Customer Service  
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**VISUALS:** Opportunities to see and photograph building construction in progress and preview energy-efficient building systems

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **Path to Net Zero**

Net-zero buildings have the potential to create as much energy as they consume over the course of each year. To design and construct a Path to Net Zero building, project teams first establish a clear energy-efficiency target. Energy Trust's Path to Net Zero offer supports the entire design and construction process, from project kick-off through completion and occupancy.

### **Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center's energy-efficiency features**

Planned for completion in fall 2017, the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center will include several energy-efficiency features, including:

- The latest LED lighting technology and lighting controls
- A high-performing mechanical system using variable refrigerant flow technology to manage heating and cooling of the building and water heating system
- A dedicated outside air system with heat recovery
- A high-performance building envelope
- A solar array, with long-term plans for an additional solar installation

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