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Feds Clear The Way For SW Michigan Casino

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NEW BUFFALO — A proposed casino in West Michigan hits the jackpot.

The federal government will put land from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians into trust so the tribe can build the Four Winds Casino Resort.

The land is located in New Buffalo in Berrien County.

A U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington D.C. upheld the band's right to open the casino.

Construction begins immediately. The casino hopes to open in about a year and a hotel and convention center will follow six months later.

Tribe officials say the casino will create at least three thousand new jobs.