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Shooting Star Casino to temporarily close amid coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

MAHNOMEN, Minn. (March 18, 2020) – In the best interest of valued guests and staff, Shooting Star Casino will temporarily close its two locations, Mahnomen and Bagley, at 5 p.m. on March 18 as a precautionary measure to fight the spread of COVID-19. The current plan is to remain closed for two weeks until Wednesday, April 1, but conditions will be reevaluated before reopening. Shooting Star wants to support their team members during this time and they will be compensated throughout the two-week closure.

"Together with our White Earth tribal leadership, we are carefully monitoring the developments and guidelines from state and federal resources," said Scott Stevens, general manager of Shooting Star Casino. "While closing our facilities is not an easy decision, we must come together as a community to slow the impact of COVID-19. We'll get through this together."

There have been no reported cases of COVID-19 at Shooting Star locations. Since the coronavirus outbreak, Shooting Star deployed plans and protocols to ensure safety and protection of guests and staff. They provided additional sanitation stations across the casinos, hotel, restaurants and event center. In addition to the already rigorous 24-hour cleaning efforts, they increased the frequency of cleaning high-touch surfaces throughout public areas. Employees have been receiving reinforced education of Centers for Disease Control recommendations to stop the spread of all viruses.

Shooting Star Casino also has postponed several concerts. Performances by Firehouse, Rodney Carrington, Smash Mouth and America have been postponed. Firehouse, originally scheduled for Friday, March 13, is rescheduled for Nov. 20, 2020. Rodney Carrington, originally scheduled for Friday, March 27; Smash Mouth, originally scheduled for Friday, April 10; and America, originally scheduled for Friday, April 24, have all been postponed and are in the process of being rescheduled.

Event tickets will be refunded to credit cards used for purchase. Ticket holders will be given an exclusive, first chance to get tickets when the new concert dates are announced. Cash purchases will receive a check refund within 7-10 business days. Please call 218-936-6706 for refund information.

"We thank our valued guests and staff for support and continued loyalty and hope they stay safe and well during this time," Stevens said. "We look forward to welcoming everyone back when we resume operations."

Continued updates will be available in the **Community Newsroom** on the Shooting Star website.

ABOUT SHOOTING STAR CASINO, HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT

Mahnomen, Minnesota-based Shooting Star Casino, Hotel and Entertainment owns and operates some of the top entertainment destinations in the greater Northwest Minnesota region. Shooting Star Casino, Hotel and Event Center in Mahnomen, Minnesota, is home to a 73,000 SF Las Vegas-style casino floor, a 15,000 SF state-of-the-art concert venue, nearly 30,000 SF of event space, a 386-room luxury hotel and spa, and award-winning dining establishments. The 21,400 SF Shooting Star Casino in Bagley, Minn., opened in August 2016. Shooting Star Casino, Hotel and Entertainment is proudly owned and operated by the White Earth Nation, the largest and most populous reservation in the State of Minnesota, encompassing 1,300 square miles and serving as the homeland for over 20,000 band members. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ShootingStarCasino.com or www.facebook.com/ShootingStarCasino.com.