



## News Release

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### FIRST-WEEK NUMBERS SHOW CASINO HOPPING

(July 15, 2008) – Downstream Casino Resort opened 10 days ago to a throng of more than 10,000 visitors in its first hour and saw 109,000 visitors in its first full week, a numbers report showed.

The resort's casino building with five restaurants and two bars opened at noon July 5. According to today's first-week numbers report:

Through Sunday, July 13:

- 460,000 hands were dealt by table games
- 33,500 Q Club sign ups were completed
- 109,000 individuals had visited the property
- 2,600 cars were parked by the valet service

Through Saturday, July 12:

- 16,000 beers were sold
- 23,000 total beverages were sold
- 16,000 meals were served, not including the Employee Dining Room (Downstream feeds its 1,200 employees daily, free of charge)

“I don’t know if these numbers impress anyone else, but we’re certainly impressed,” said John Berrey, chairman of the Downstream Development Authority.

“These kind of numbers are fun to look at, but at the same time we are keenly aware that we have a long way to go as a resort property,” Berrey said. “Still, it’s always nice to know that you’ve started strong.”

The resort’s 222-room luxury hotel with a conference center and outdoor pool is scheduled to open in November, which will complete the \$301 million Phase I of Downstream Casino Resort.

### **About Downstream Casino Resort**

Downstream Casino Resort is a Las Vegas-style, upscale, destination resort ideally located just off I-44 at the spot where Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma meet – a historic zone known as the Tri-State Area, about seven miles west of the city of Joplin, Mo.

The resort is owned and operated by the Downstream Development Authority of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. The resort’s executive management team is comprised of seasoned gaming and hospitality industry veterans from across the country.

On the July 5, 2008, opening of the 1,000,000-square-foot Phase I, Downstream was the first Native-American casino to open with all of its restaurants and bars operating at full capacity. It opened just 10 months, 26 days after groundbreaking.

Visit the Downstream website at: **[downstreamcasino.com](http://downstreamcasino.com)**

