

Thunder Valley bets \$56M in upgrades to beat competition

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Thunder Valley Casino Resort on Friday showed off \$56 million in upgrades and additions to its hotel and casino, a massive effort to retain long-time visitors, attract high rollers from all corners of the nation and get a leg up on future competition.

On Friday, resort officials took media members on a hard-hat tour of the ongoing construction efforts in the casino area. That included a new 25,000-square-foot, smoke-free poker room and bingo hall, plus a planned expansion of the current poker room to new a high-limit slots area.

Officials also confirmed completion of the previously announced effort to finish three floors of its 17-story hotel, adding 111 rooms to the property.

California Indian casinos have long had an impact on Tahoe and Reno establishments.

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