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Wildhorse Cineplex to Screen 'Common Ground' Documentary

MISSION, Ore. – The Wildhorse Resort & Casino Cineplex will screen a free, one-time showing of the regenerative farming documentary "Common Ground" at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The documentary tells the story of the "Regenerative Movement" pioneers who are creating a food system that produces nutritionally dense food while balancing the climate and bringing ecosystems back to life.

Regenerative farming focuses on improving the health of soil that has been degraded by using heavy machinery, fertilizers and pesticides.

"By fusing journalistic exposé with personal stories from those on the front lines of the food movement, 'Common Ground' unveils a dark web of money, power and politics behind the broken food system," states the documentary's website. "The film profiles a movement of white, Black and Indigenous farmers who are using alternative 'regenerative' models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save people's health and stabilize America's economy."

Lisa Ganuelas, a Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Board of Trustees member, said she's excited the Wildhorse Cineplex worked with "Common Ground" distributors to be one of the few regional theaters to screen the documentary.

"There is limited opportunity in our region to showcase what the collaborators of this film hope to share," she said. "But I am learning there are more open minds in the region that I think will gravitate to learning what 'Common Ground' has to give and help build this movement."

With the film's screening and a Q&A session afterward, Ganuelas hopes the audience leaves with a better understanding of regenerative farming, something she has dealt with while serving on the Board of Trustees.

"Through my time on the Water Commission, and more recently on the Farm Committee, I started learning of the delicate balance healthy soil has for our water cycle and the retention of this limited resource," she said. "Even more so as I learn of our geology and the aquifers we are tapping and the limited recharge that is occurring within those aquifers."

Ganuelas urges people to attend the screening as the film presents a message for the current generation to seek solutions regarding drought and climate change for future generations.

The documentary includes Woody Harrelson, Jason Momoa, Rosario Dawson, Donald Glover and Laura Dern. To view the film's trailer, visit <u>Cineplex - Wildhorse Resort & Casino</u>.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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Caption1: The documentary "Common Ground" tells the story of the "Regenerative Movement" pioneers who are creating a food system that produces nutritionally dense food while balancing the climate, healing bodies and bringing the ecosystem back to life. The Wildhorse Resort & Casino Cineplex will screen a free, one-time showing of the film at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Courtesy Photo

Caption2: A "Common Ground" screenshot shows the ways that modern agriculture can damage soil and the ecosystem. Courtesy Photo

Caption3: A "Common Ground" screenshot shows the difference between land used for industrial agriculture and regenerative agriculture. Courtesy Photo