



Tonto Apache Tribe To Develop Tribal Lands

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PAYSON, AZ – The Tonto Apache Tribe will develop the tribal lands that share borders with Payson, AZ, currently known as Apache Corners. Apache Corners is currently forecasted to include a family entertainment center, new restaurants, a distillery, new convenience store, a grocery store, RV Park, light manufacturing, warehousing space, and a health center with educational and workforce development training facilities. The project is expected to have a significant impact on the region:

- **Economic Impact: \$89.2M**
- **Employment: 1,043 New Jobs**
- **New Wages: \$30.5M Annually**
- **Regional Annual Tax Impact: \$9.1M**

Chairman Calvin Johnson of the Tonto Apache Nation spoke recently at the Rim County Regional Chamber of Commerce, saying in part, "We have worked the last few years on identifying economic opportunities that will diversify economic opportunity ... we have spoken to many potential partners ... we have identified specific partners for some developments while working with other partners on finalizing our plan. This development is great for the region and our tribe ... the final development will provide incredible economic benefits and growth. I cannot wait to get started."
