



## **New Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino General Manager is Announced**

HENDERSON, NV, August 28 -- Joseph DeSimone Jr., owner of the Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino (<http://www.railroadpass.com/>) and Henderson based real estate firm, First Federal Realty DeSimone (<http://www.desimonecommercial.com>) announced today the appointment of the property's new General Manager, Joe Wilcock.

Mr. Wilcock brings over 35 years of experience working in the casino industry at properties including Caesars Palace, Caesars Tahoe, Sands, Dunes, Golden Nugget, Mirage and Treasure Island. He grew up in the restaurant business under the tutelage of his father, a chef. He attended Washburne Culinary School in Chicago and cooked in such prestigious kitchens as The Drake Hotel and The Standard Club of Chicago. He owned a successful restaurant and catering service in Las Vegas. While studying at the College of Hotel Administration at UNLV, he worked at the Tropicana and Frontier Hotels. Joe has a B.S. degree in Hotel Administration and an MBA in finance from UNLV. He teaches Casino Management classes at The William F. Harrah College at UNLV and also serves on the Executive Board of the PLS Center at The International Gaming Institute.

Joe and his wife Linda, have been married 40+ years, and they reside in Henderson, Nevada. His son, Chris works in the casino industry, and daughter Kelly, is a violinist and teacher in the Doral Charter Schools in Las Vegas.

"We welcome Joe to our team and look forward to him demonstrating his wealth of experience, enhancing casino operations. He will help us to continue delivering positive guest experiences every time," said DeSimone.

The Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino is Nevada's longest running casino and just celebrated its 86<sup>th</sup> year of operations. Its prime location makes it one of the area's most significant development projects. It is located on the Interstate 11 bypass, which is currently under construction. The bypass is a fifteen mile stretch of Interstate 11 circumventing Boulder City, which saves motorists thirty minutes travel time between the O'Callaghan-Tillman Bridge and Railroad Pass. The massive freeway project will cost \$320,000,000 and is expected to be completed by Fall 2018.

The Railroad Pass is expanding its operations to include a \$10 million Railroad Pass Travel Center on 24 acres. With an 8,000-sq. foot Chevron convenience store, multiple fuel pumps for cars and semis, 100 new parking spaces, a truck scale and more amenities.



### **About the Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino**

Historic Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino is the nation's longest operating casino. Continuously operating since 1931, the property has a strategic location between Nevada cities, Henderson and Boulder City and a close proximity to the Las Vegas Valley. The ideal location is just a few minutes from Hoover Dam Lake Mead National Recreation area, excellent golf courses and outdoor adventures including hiking and bike trails. Locals and visitors alike will find 120 guest rooms and suites and RV and boat parking. The property offers three restaurants: the Box Car Buffet, the Iron Rail Cafe and the local's favorite, the DeSimone's Steakhouse. The casino offers table games, video poker and penny slots, a players club and a race and sports book. The property is located at 2800 South Boulder Highway, Henderson, Nevada 89002. For more information visit the property's website [www.railroadpass.com](http://www.railroadpass.com).