

NEW CHEF BRINGS FRESH APPROACH TO WILD SAGE RESTAURANT

*Rusty Parrot appoints Jeffrey Blackwell Executive Chef for
AAA Four Diamond-rated Restaurant*

Jackson Hole, Wyoming—October 8, 2005—Jeffrey Blackwell has been appointed Executive Chef at the AAA Four-Diamond Wild Sage Restaurant in the Rusty Parrot Lodge & Spa, announced Rusty Parrot General Manager Jim Promo. In his role as Executive Chef, Blackwell will oversee the intimate 26-seat Wild Sage restaurant, focusing on organically grown products, local produce and meats, and sustainable fish and proteins.

“Jeffrey will be a great addition to the Wild Sage,” says Promo. “He brings a fresh perspective to creative American cuisine.”

Blackwell’s interest in food began at an early age, learning to tong for oysters and trot-line for Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab on Maryland’s inland bays and salt-marshes. His professional career started at the Greenhill Yacht and Country Club in Quantico, Maryland, then continued at the Four-Star, Four-Diamond Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Maryland. Eventually his cooking skills and interest in American regional cuisine brought him to the West, where he landed positions in some of the finest resort communities in the U.S., including Beaver Run Resort in Colorado; Irwin Lodge, an exclusive powder skiing lodge between Crested Butte and Aspen; and Gretchen’s restaurant at the legendary Sun Valley Lodge in Sun Valley, Idaho, as well as at McCormick’s Fish House and Bar in Denver’s historic Oxford hotel. Most recently he served as Executive Chef at the Inn at Lost Creek’s 9545 restaurant in Telluride.

The Wild Sage is the only restaurant in Jackson to receive AAA’s 2004 Four-Diamond rating. Dinner in the Rusty Parrot’s intimate 26-seat gathering room, with its river rock fireplace, is served in full view of an exhibition-style kitchen. The restaurant has been featured on The Food Network, and in *The New York Times*, *Elle Décor*, the *Chicago Sun Times*, and *Cowboys and Indians* magazine.

Recently named number one hotel in the continental U.S. and Canada by *Travel + Leisure* readers, The Rusty Parrot Lodge & Spa, was built in 1990 by owner Ron Harrison who envisioned a different type of lodge near the shopping, art galleries, and restaurants of Jackson’s Town Square. A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the lodge has been widely featured on programs including the Weekend edition of the Today Show, PGA Tour Sunday, and in publications like *Conde Nast Traveler’s* 2005 Gold List, which named it one of the world’s best places to stay. *Ski* magazine touts the Rusty Parrot Lodge as one of the “Ten Best Small Hotels,” and *USA Today* voted it one of the “Ten Best Places to Snuggle in Front of a Fire.”

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