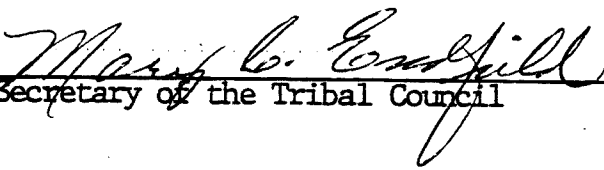


RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
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- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised of the proposed "National Rivers Inventory List of Natural and Free Flowing Rivers of the Pacific, Southwest Region", undertaken by the Department of the Interior, and
- WHEREAS, such proposed inventory lists waters of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, including those of the Little Colorado River (Province 21), the Black River the East Fork Black River, and the Salt River (Province 22d), and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is currently involved in litigation over its water rights including the above-mentioned rivers, and
- WHEREAS, water rights claims involve water development of tribal water resources, and
- WHEREAS, water resource development, including uses, agriculture, recreation, hydro-electric energy, municipal, industrial and domestic growth, is vital to the existence and productivity of the Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council directs the development planning for and on behalf of the Tribe, in consideration of both the conservation of natural or wilderness tribal waters, and the development of its water resources, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that inventorying the above-referenced river systems in any non-tribal classification system infringes upon the Tribe's right to self-government, threatens the Tribe's legal claims to such river waters, and obstructs tribally-authorized water resource development.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby strongly objects to the "National Rivers Inventory List of Natural and Free Flowing Rivers of the Pacific, Southwest Region", which proposes to include waters of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs that such tribal waters be excluded from the proposed inventory.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was on January 02, 1980 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) and (f) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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