

RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs has informed and advised the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the request of the Western Geophysical Company for a right-of-way permit to conduct seismic activities within the State Highway 60 Right-of-Way, which crosses the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is informed that such scientific activities may serve the purpose of seeking gas, oil or other natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further informed that the activities of Western Geophysical Company are intended to be conducted under the supervision of the Arizona Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has considerably reviewed the application for a State Highway Right-of-Way permit, and the potential scope of such survey or its results, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that any such survey as hereinabove described does not serve the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby prohibits the seismic, or any other exploration, as proposed, on the State Highway 60 Right-of-Way, within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, by the Western Geophysical Company, as presented in its application for a Highway Right-of-Way permit.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe therefore denies any authorization by the Tribe for any such permit within the reservation and directs that the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall also deny any such permission on behalf of itself or the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any activities undertaken by Western Geophysical Company, or the Arizona Department of Transportation, contrary to the intent and effect of this resolution shall be deemed a trespass by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, subject to criminal, civil or other appropriate action by the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is authorized to contact all appropriate persons for the purpose of carrying out this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on May 8, 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) 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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