

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is informed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has undertaken a Mineral Inventory Program in coordination with the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines; and

WHEREAS, said Mineral Inventory (covered by Interagency Agreement No. 16) is designed to "undertake an information search and summary of mineral resources on certain Indian lands" - including the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that the reported purpose of said studies is to "seek out, evaluate and summarize information from published literature, computer data files and unpublished sources," and that only selected information is required to be checked out in field at the discretion of the U.S.G.S. and the Bureau of Mines; and

WHEREAS, it appears that reports will be prepared from the above investigations, covering the geology, mineral resources (including energy, metals, and non-metals) production data, and the potential for economic development of identified resources; and

WHEREAS, of eleven (11) Indian reservations scheduled in the Mineral Inventory Program, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation represents approximately 75% of total acreage to be so studied; and

WHEREAS, the vital interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are involved in such a study, from which conclusions and recommendations as to potential for its future economic development on the reservation may be drawn; though such study has been designed and implemented without consultation with the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby rejects the Indian Mineral Program as it applies to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and explicitly excludes from access to all Reservation lands, and to any tribal records, the agents and contractors of the BIA assigned to do studies and surveys on said project as hereinabove described.

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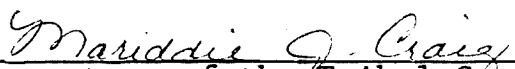
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs that:

1. The proposed study, as applied to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, is hereby a duplication of extensive prior studies; and
2. The Tribe rejects the methodology and validity of any study and subsequent conclusions based upon existing records, literature, files and any other sources in the absence of verified accuracy, authenticity, pertinence, and scientific validity; and in the absence of extensive field verification to a confidence level of at least 96% in all cases; and
3. The Tribe will in no way be legally bound by any findings and recommendations of the Mineral Inventory Program in the absence of prior consultation and participation in the needs-assessments and designs of the project by the Tribe and tribal experts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is authorized and directed to take all such action as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on May 27, 1980, duly adopted by a vote of 10 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 (h) and (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

Acting 
Secretary of the Tribal Council