

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been requested by the Fort McDowell Indian Community for assistance and support in opposing the construction of the Orme Dam which would destroy 17,000 acres or nearly two-thirds of the Fort McDowell Reservation and would require the relocation of nearly all of its people, and

WHEREAS, Orme Dam, planned as part of the Central Arizona Project, has been strongly opposed by Fort McDowell Indian Community for nearly thirty (30) years, and

WHEREAS, Orme Dam studies indicate that Orme Dam is not economically feasible and would do nothing to solve dam safety problems upstream from the Orme Dam site on the Salt and Verde Rivers, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Orme Dam would flood the traditional village area occupied by the Fort McDowell Indian Tribe for hundreds of years and would further flood their homes, churches, cemeteries, farms, pastures, recreation areas, water supply, ruins of historic Fort McDowell, mesquite woodlands, nesting sites of the bald eagle, hundreds of important archaeological sites and the last stretches of free-flowing river in Central Arizona which provides low cost recreation to 10,000 people per day on summer weekends and would also require the forced relocation of most of the Yavapai people from their centuries old living areas, and

WHEREAS, the very survival of the Yavapais as a people is at stake along with their culture, language and their way of life, and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes that it be known to the Arizona Congressional Delegation and Governor Bruce Babbitt and State political officials; as well as, special interest groups of its opposition to the proposed devastating attack on the Yavapai people.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby joins with the Yavapai people in objecting to the proposed Orme Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this resolution be delivered to the Arizona Congressional Delegation, Governor Bruce Babbitt, and appropriate State officials and newspapers to urge them to vigorously oppose this recent attempt to devastate and scatter the Yavapai people from their traditional lands.

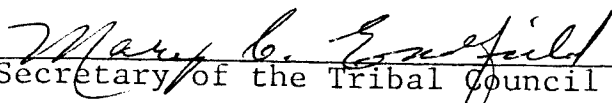
The foregoing resolution was on September 9, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i & u) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 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

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