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- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is concerned as to whether or not, proper forest management practices are being followed in the cutting of tribal timber on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received information both verbal and written, that there is a high probability that a timber cutting plan is being effectuated for the purpose of increasing the water runoff which would be detrimental to the tribal grazing lands and top soil and is contrary to a proper sustained yield cutting plan, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is extremely concerned about timber cutting by Hurricane Logging Unit in the Maverick Timber Management Block and its detrimental affect to the land because of resulting increased water runoff and destruction of the land and streams, and
- WHEREAS, the Hurricane Logging Unit is in the area of the headwaters of streams and rivers leading to the formation of the White River which eventually form the Salt River, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council had previously approved the Hurricane Logging Unit cutting plan pursuant to Resolution No. 81-125 passed on May 14, 1981 but now votes to rescind said resolution because of the receipt of new information which indicates that said cutting unit will not be beneficial to the future wellbeing of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that recision of Resolution No. 81-125 must be made effective immediately in order to enjoin any further damage pending further study of the present timber cutting program by the Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously relied upon information provided to it by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Department, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide the Tribal Council at a Special Meeting to be announced in October, 1981, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' timber cutting plans for the next fifty (50) years including, but not limited to, a discussion of adherence to the sustained yield cut, the cutting of

pulpwood, the cutting of timber around the headwaters and streams of waters on the reservation, and the cutting of timber for the purpose of increasing runoff of streams and rivers into the Salt River for eventual use by the communities of Phoenix and Tucson.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Resolution No. 81-125 in its entirety approving the Hurricane Logging Unit cutting plan is hereby rescinded effective this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cutting in the Hurricane Logging Unit be immediately stopped, effective the date of this resolution.

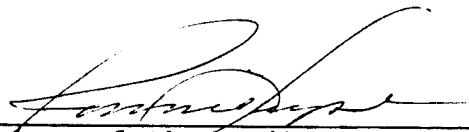
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Bud Mast of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry; Hal Butler, General Manager of Fort Apache Timber Company and the Pinetop Logging Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry is hereby notified that there will be a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council in October, 1981, date and time to be announced and that Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry should prepare, for said meeting for discussion by the Tribal Council the following: a full explanation of the sustained yield policy plan, whether or not the Hurricane cutting plan will increase water runoff, whether or not the cutting policy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is in furtherance of an overall plan to increase water runoff on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to the benefit of the Bureau of Land Management, Salt River Project, the cutting plan for the next fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) years, explanation of the pulpwood cutting plan, and to provide the Tribal Council with the result of the inventory report of reservation timber cutting conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as advertised in February, 1981.

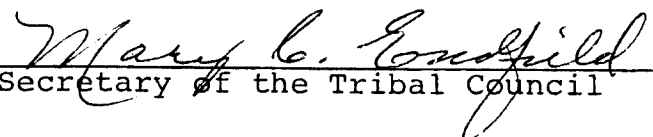
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it reminds the Bureau of Indian Affairs of its trust obligations to the White Mountain Apache Tribe to ensure that its sustained yield policy guarantees the White Mountain Apache Tribe enough timber to maintain a commercial cutting plan, and that the Tribal Council shall require proof in October, 1981 that such a sustained yield policy is being adhered to by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and that there will be a guaranteed commercial cutting inventory of timber for the next one hundred (100) years at the rate of one hundred million board feet (100,000,000 bd. ft.) per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry provide the Tribal Council a report as to the success of their forestoration program and planned future date of harvesting of said reforestation areas.

The foregoing resolution was on September 21, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to its authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f & 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