

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

- WHEREAS, the spruce tree stands on the reservation are presently being attacked and destroyed by the spruce bark beetle, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has gathered together a number of expertise in the various scientific disciplines to study the impact of this infestation on the reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the economic impact of this infestation is extremely serious with losses estimated from 57 million dollars to 140 million dollars, and
- WHEREAS, approximately 90% of the 40,000 acres of Engleman spruce on the reservation may be damaged by the beetle infestation which may result in almost the total commercial loss of all of the spruce unless remedial measures are planned and taken immediately, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Forestry recommends that the present allowable annual cut be modified to permit the harvesting of the maximum volume of spruce timber for the next three years commencing with 20 MMBFT for 1983; 15 MMBFT for 1984 and 15 MMBFT for 1985, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to continue the monitoring and cruising of the areas of infestation and keep the Tribal Council advised as to the progress of the infestation periodically so that future modifications of the annual allowable cut may be determined.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Bureau of Indian Affairs to modify the present allowable annual cut to permit the harvesting of the maximum volume of spruce timber for the next three years pursuant to the following schedule:

- (1) 20 MMBFT for 1983;
- (2) 15 MMBFT for 1984;
- (3) 15 MMBFT for 1985;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to continue their monitoring and cruising of this infestation and keep the Tribal Council advised periodically as to its extent.

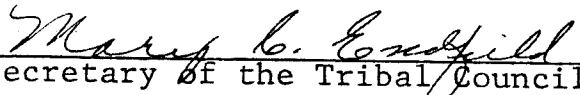
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the spruce cut pursuant to this schedule shall only be harvested by the Fort Apache Timber Company and is not to be sold to any off-reservation sawmill.

The foregoing resolution was on June 01, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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 (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

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