

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Tribal Council must approve the contractual sale of timber from the following four timber sale units: (1) Elk Canyon; (2) Black River-Willow Creek; (3) Perry Creek; and (4) Limestone, in order to allow the Fort Apache Timber Company, owned and operated by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, to harvest timber from said sale units; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted a schedule of reduction of the annual allowable cut for the next five years for the Fort Apache Timber Company as follows:

SCHEDULED REDUCTION OF THE ANNUAL ALLOWABLE CUT  
FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS FOR FORT APACHE TIMBER COMPANY

\*All Figures are Net Log Scale (NLS)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Current AAC MMBF-NLS</u>	<u>Reduced AAC MMBF-NLS</u>
1986	82.8	75.2
1987	75.2	67.6
1988	67.6	60.0
1989	60.0	52.4
1990	52.4	45.0

and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe authorizes the following logging units, as presented in the proposed contracts, for the sale of timber, and subject to minor changes and administrative adjustments by the Approving Officer, be sold to the Fort Apache Timber Company as described below:

<u>Logging Unit</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Estimated Volume</u>	<u>Recommended Stumpage Rate</u>
Elk Canyon	All	To be Established	Currently Approved (Royalty Rate)
Black River- Willow Creek	All	" " "	" "
Perry Creek	All	" " "	" "
Limestone	All	" " "	" "

and,

WHEREAS, said reduction of the annual allowable cut is, in the Tribe's view, in conformity with the congressional mandate that Indian forests be maintained and harvested on a sustained yield basis; and

WHEREAS, said reduction of the annual allowable cut to 45 million board feet, in the Tribe's view, represents the permissible annual allowable cut based upon the scientific analysis and sound forestry principles as the maximum allowable cut for the Fort Apache Indian reservation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe will suffer a sharp reduction of income as well as unemployment resulting from the reduction of its annual allowable cut to 45 million board feet; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs PAO has represented that it will support the White Mountain Apache Tribe in their efforts to obtain a timber supply from outside the reservation to maintain employment and income from the production of forests products at their present levels due to the prior practice of harvesting 93 million board feet annually; and


WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe further desires to increase the Bongberg-Hall Risk Point Rating to six (6) risk points for all cut ponderosa pine, and utilize presently approved cutting prescriptions for non-ponderosa pine coniferous species on the Reservation; and

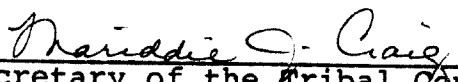
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council's adoption of this resolution does not constitute willing acceptance of the 1985 Forest Management Plan for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation prepared by the BIA, but rather is mandated by the critical necessity to provide logs for the on-going operation of the Whiteriver and Cibecue Sawmills.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Chairman and the Secretary of the Tribal Council, to execute the aforementioned timber sale contracts subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a deduction not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the gross receipts received from the Purchaser, will be accrued in the Road Suspense Account. This accrual will continue until the Road Suspense Account is funded to the extent required to provide the road construction fund reserve authorized by the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on June 16, 1986, duly adopted by a vote of 6 for and 1 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 Bylaws 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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