

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been advised that some of the logging trucks being operated by logging companies doing business on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation pursuant to contracts with the Fort Apache Timber Company are being operated in an unsafe condition and are at times exceeding the speed limits set on reservation roads, and are creating the potential for accidents and injuries on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been informed that some logging companies are of the opinion that they need not comply with any safety standards, and need not be licensed and registered to operate their vehicles on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Police Department has appeared before the Tribal Council and has requested Council assistance in enforcing speed limits and ensuring compliance with safety standards by logging trucks operating on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that these logging trucks should comply with established safety standards and speed limits in the interest of protecting life and property on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further of the opinion that the Fort Apache Timber Company should use its influence with these logging contractors to ensure compliance with safety standards and speed limits, and should enforce the terms of its logging contracts which require the logging work to be carried in a manner which meets or exceeds all normal industry standards in the area, including safety standards.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Fort Apache Timber Company to take whatever measures it deems necessary to ensure that its logging contractors are operating their trucks in accordance with acceptable safety standards and are operating their trucks on reservation roads within posted speed limits, and if speed limits are not posted, within reasonable speeds based upon the condition of the road and the consideration of other safety factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fort Apache Timber Company is hereby directed to report to the Tribal Council concerning the implementation of the directive contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby orders the White Mountain Apache Police Department to strenuously enforce speed limits and safety standards as they apply to logging trucks and other vehicles being operated within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on May 14, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1(a) 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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