

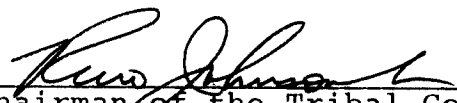
RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, by previous resolution, directed that the annual allowable cut for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation be reduced over the next five years in accordance with sustained yield requirements; and
- WHEREAS, the practice of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been to overcut the net growth of the Tribal forests without consulting the Tribal Council and without the Tribe's knowledge; and
- WHEREAS, past overcutting of the tribal forest has resulted in a violation of the sustained yield mandate established by Congress; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council must now look to other sources of timber outside the reservation in order to sustain employment at the Fort Apache Timber Company sawmill, as well as adequate timber income to finance essential governmental services; and
- WHEREAS, the FATCO Board of Directors has granted previous authorization to FATCO management to submit a bid for a National Forest timber sale, and now FATCO management requests Tribal Council permission to submit additional bids on a continuing basis to meet any short fall due to the reduction of the ACC; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council agrees that FATCO management should be authorized to submit bids for the sales in confidentiality; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised by the General Manager of FATCO that sales are presently available for immediate bid in the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, the Tonto National Forest, the Coconino National Forest, and other sources on a continuing basis; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further concludes that the Tribal Chairman should be delegated authority by the Tribal Council to approve future timber sales purchased by FATCO on the condition that the FATCO Board of Directors approve of said bid prior to submission to the Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Fort Apache Timber Company (FATCO) to submit bids on a continuing basis for timber sales after prior approval by FATCO management, the FATCO Board of Directors, and the Tribal Chairman or his designated representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman to approve all future National Forest Timber Sale Contracts awarded to or purchased by FATCO on the condition that the proposed bid first be approved by FATCO management and FATCO's Board of Directors prior to submission to the Tribal Chairman for his approval.

The foregoing resolution was on June 1, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ONE 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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