

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

- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has proposed the Soldier Butte Timber Sale which provides for harvest of 49,694,925 board feet (NLS) on an operable area of 23,975 acres within the North Fork Management Unit; and
- WHEREAS, experts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe have reviewed the Soldier Butte Timber Sale and have determined (1) that the sale area was harvested previously between 1969 and 1983, (2) that the average number of years since the last harvest was 11.2 years, and (3) that growth on the North Fork Management Unit has averaged 114 board feet per acre per year; and
- WHEREAS, experts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe have applied the net growth rate of the North Fork Management Unit to the operable acres on the Soldier Butte Sale area and have determined that 30,574,000 board feet (NLS) is the harvest volume that can be taken from the Soldier Butte sale area without exceeding net growth; and
- WHEREAS, officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs met with representatives of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on August 6, 1987, and agreed to implement the Soldier Butte Timber Sale with a harvest volume of 30,574,000 board feet. It was further agreed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, upon implementation of the Timber Sale contract, will proceed to begin marking the timber sale area based upon BIA reviews of the cruise data previously collected by them to determine the marking guidelines to use on the sale area; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the experts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe have mutually agreed that marking will be guided by preliminary prioritized marking guidelines and adjustments will be made periodically in the marking, if necessary to insure a harvest of 30,574,000 board feet (NLS) without exceeding net growth on the Soldier Butte Sale area, and subject to minor changes and administrative adjustments by the Approving Officer, be sold to the Fort Apache Timber Company as described below:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED STUMPAGE RATE</u>
All Species	30,574,000 bd.ft.	Current Approved (Royalty Rate)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council of his representative is authorized to execute the contract and related documents necessary to administer the sale of timber for and on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that deductions 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 reserves authorized by the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on August 6, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and TWO 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).

ACTING

Margie Grimes acting
Chairman of the Tribal Council

Marion D. Craig
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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