

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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe possesses the inherent sovereign right to control and manage all of the natural resources occurring on its ancestral lands, now called the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, upon which it has resided since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS, the tribes forest is one of the most important natural resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal experts disagree with and oppose the current management practices applied to the tribal forest by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, particularly the practice of causing the tribal forest to be cut in excess of net growth and sustained yield; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe intends to exercise its right to control the management of its forest; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution No. 82-304 was adopted on December 16, 1982 and provides, in part:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that a fully developed P.L. 93-638 Proposal be drafted under the direction of the Tribal Chairman pursuant to which responsibility for preservation and management of the water rights and the natural resources of the reservation would be transferred to the complete control of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe including but not limited to all lands, rights to the use of water, timber, minerals, fish and wildlife."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a one year grant be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be used to monitor and evaluate tribal forestry programs and resources currently being administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in order to determine how the policies and interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe can be better served by having the Tribe assume, manage, direct and perform certain specific forestry functions or portions of functions now provided by the Bureau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Forester is hereby directed to prepare a P.L. 93-638 contract application, pursuant to this grant, for initially contracting certain specific forestry functions or portions of functions during the ensuing three year period. However, final approval of the applications for a 638 contract will be given by the Tribal Council only after a review of the evaluation and study conducted pursuant to this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on December 21, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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 (f) & (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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