

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

- WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribe desires, and the U.S. Congress has mandated that the forest of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation be managed to produce a sustained yield of timber, based on "economic principles" applicable to the timber industry, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, in support of the sustained yield principle, designates a specific volume of timber to be cut each year by its Tribal Enterprise, the Fort Apache Timber Company; and
- WHEREAS, tribal timber experts have determined the annual net growth of pine and mixed conifer in the Tribal Forest, which determination serves as the basis for the establishment of a specified annual allowable cut; and
- WHEREAS, the tribal experts will apply the net growth to establish the allowable annual cut in each of the four Timber Management Units on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, in the past various factors, including the net growth and the time since last entry into the unit have been applied to each individual sale unit in order to set the amount of timber to be cut in each individual timber sale, resulting in the volume cut in each sale unit being substantially reduced, thereby substantially increasing logging costs and decreasing the overall earnings of FATCO; and
- WHEREAS, FATCO logging costs can be decreased and earnings can be increased by uniformly applying the established annual allowable cut to the four Timber Management Units, thereby keeping strictly within the limits imposed by the sustained yield policy; and
- WHEREAS, application of the annual allowable cut to each Timber Management Unit will also permit flexibility in the application of silvicultural practices for the betterment of the forest and to the benefit of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Interdisciplinary Team and Forestry Committee have approved the intent of this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that sound silvicultural practices be applied to the forest of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation based upon the goals and objectives for the individual stands, in order to maintain and enhance the productivity of these forests, with due regard to wildlife, water, and all other natural resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Foresters should develop these prescriptions in conjunction with the Tribal Forester; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of these prescriptions by the Tribal Forester shall constitute concurrence by the Tribal Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall apply to the existing timber sales contracts and the Tribal Forester is directed to work with the BIA Foresters to modify said sales contracts as expeditiously as possible.

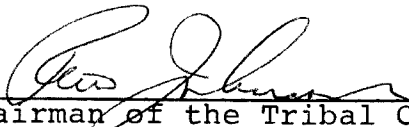
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual allowable cut for each Timber Management Unit shall not be exceeded by more than 25% in any given year without the approval of the Tribal Council, and if the annual allowable cut for any timber management unit is exceeded, then a corresponding reduction in the cut must be made in the other units in order that the reservations total annual allowable cut shall not be exceeded.

The foregoing resolution was on February 18, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council