


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

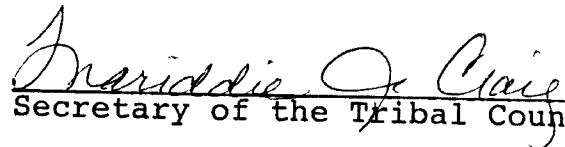
- WHEREAS, Riparian zones located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are the single most importance source of fish and wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS, the natural resources owned by the White Mountain Apache Tribe are the single most important possession of the people to be passed on to future generations; and
- WHEREAS, these riparian zones have been damaged in the past from various activities of agencies on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and are being damaged by man caused activities such as grazing, logging, road building, gravel mining, recreation and other uses; and
- WHEREAS, the means for protection and prevention of riparian habitat losses are available to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and should be implemented immediately to stop further degradation.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it designates all rivers and streams on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation along with adjacent riparian zones defined as all land within the flood plan as Sensitive Fish and Wildlife Areas; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any activities by man that cause damage or have the potential to cause damage to such areas shall first be approved by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and that all plans and any implementation of measures to correct or mitigate such damage shall have Tribal Council approval;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that correction and mitigation of existing damage is given priority by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and federal agencies are requested to honor the priority so that riparian zones will once again be productive for fish and wildlife populations.
- FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and his staff at Land Operations of the Fort Apache Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs vigorously seek funds for planning and implementation of programs to correct and

mitigate existing damage and for the protection of riparian zones.

The foregoing resolution was on June 8, 1989, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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 (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