

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has repeatedly expressed its concern regarding the quality of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) forest management practices on the Fort Apache Reservation and the perceived depletion of the Tribe's timber resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has passed Tribal Resolution No. 11-91-326 directing the Tribal Forester to develop a phased plan for the assumption of forest management activities now performed by the BIA; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is sensitive to the complexity of the forest management technologies and processes, the concerns of tribal member BIA Forestry employees, and the need for detailed planning regarding the transition of any BIA forest management activities to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has indicated a desire to protect the job security and economic well-being of Tribal member BIA Forestry employees and to improve the quality of forest management practices on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** preliminary planning and analysis by Tribal staff indicates that a more comprehensive planning process is required in order for the Tribal Council to make informed decisions regarding the scope and timeframe of the transition and implementation of any BIA forest management activities to the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe authorizes the submission of a planning grant application to the BIA under the provision of P.L. 93-638 for funding to conduct a planning process to analyze the transition of any of the BIA forest management activities to the Tribe. This planning grant would be for a period of three years commencing September 1, 1992 with a funding level of approximately \$80,000 for the first year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the planning process anticipated to be supported by the proposed grant will include: a review of current BIA forest management activities, existing staffing profiles, federal benefit plans and administrative systems; the comparative review and analysis of the experience of other tribal governments that have assumed forest management responsibilities from the BIA; a review and evaluation of the Tribe's administrative systems, e.g. the personnel and procurement systems, that will be required to support any transitioned forest management activities; the coordination of any assessment of forest management activities that might be conducted by the Indian Forest Management Assessment Team of the Intertribal Timber Council; and, the development of draft transition and implementation plans for the review, revision and/or approval of the Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that this resolution shall supersede any phased plan developed by the Tribal Forester for transition of forest management activities to the Tribe from BIA.

The foregoing resolution was on May 20, 1992, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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 (b) (f) (i) (j) 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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