

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to Resolution 02-91-63, adopted February 21, 1991; Resolution 11-91-331, adopted November 15, 1991, and executive letters has objected to a realignment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs which would establish several additional layers of bureaucracy without providing improved services at the local level; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has urged that the separation of Indian education functions from local agency supervision be dissolved and that Indian education functions and programs be placed under the single line authority of the Agency Superintendent; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has opposed separate line authority for education functions, facility management and criminal investigations at the local Agency level; and has submitted the White Mountain Apache Tribe's concept of an ideal agency which rejects the "ideal agency" models developed by the Reorganization Task Force, as the Task Force models create separate line authority for education functions/programs, criminal investigations and fragments facilities management at the local Agency level, thereby creating absurd lines of authority that reach far beyond reservation borders, breeding inefficiency, creating needless bureaucracy and consuming critical funding which could be best utilized at the local level; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the acting Deputy for Indian Affairs on July 30, 1992, directed the Phoenix Area Director to transfer positions from facilities management to education at all BIA schools within the Phoenix Area, including the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, said memorandum specifically directed the Phoenix Area Office to review reorganization at the Fort Apache Agency, and to return any positions that were taken from the schools or should have been under education and control; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is opposed to fragmenting facilities management by placing it under Education; and

- WHEREAS, the Branch of Facilities Management is currently responsible to the agency superintendent for the operation and maintenance of all Bureau of Indian Affairs owned and operated facilities and utility systems on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; a description of which is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference herein; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council does not object to janitorial or other staff being assigned to schools because they are "directly and substantially involved in education", but objects to the transfer of any other persons or funds from facility management to education; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau has responsibility for only thirty students at Theodore Roosevelt School and 100 at JFK School, and that some of the Theodore Roosevelt students are attending Alchesay Public High School; that accordingly, it makes no sense to place facilities management under Education; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wants to protect persons from losing their jobs which happened at the Navajo Area Office after facilities management was transferred to Education and further does not want any diminution of essential services presently provided by facilities management; and
- WHEREAS, the proposal to transfer line authority over BIA criminal investigations to Phoenix and Washington, D.C. will further hamper local law enforcement activities on the reservation to the point that the Tribal Council believes that if the transfer does occur over its protest, the Tribe may contract those services in order to ensure local effectiveness and control.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes the transfer of facilities management personnel or monies to education except for janitorial purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it opposes any transfer of Agency Superintendent line authority over BIA criminal investigations to Phoenix or the Washington, D.C. Central Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it demands that the Bureau of Indian Affairs keep the status quo at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and that there be maintained, single line authority by the Agency Superintendent over facility management, education, and BIA criminal investigations.

The foregoing resolution was on September 09, 1992, 1992 duly adopted by a vote of nine 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 (a,c,i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws 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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FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY  
WHITERIVER, ARIZONA

Responsible for providing utility services for all offices, shop facilities, living quarters, schools, and dormitories operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Utility services include heating and cooling systems, water and sewer systems, electrical power distribution systems, radio and telephone communications systems. Monitors and ensures proper utilization of space and utilities; develops and implements plans for more effective and efficient utilization, including long and short term facilities improvements.

The branch is responsible for the agency safety program, and as such, files and performs follow up work on all work related injury and accident claims with the Office of Workers' Compensation Program (OWCP). This responsibility includes filing Tort claims with the OWCP.

The branch serves a liaison function between the Fort Apache Agency, the Phoenix Area Branch of Facilities Management, the Facilities Management Construction Center (FMCC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the Office of Construction Management (OCM) in the Department of the Interior.

Technical assistance is provided to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Utility Authority on the community water and sewer systems in the Whiteriver area and other outlying communities.

## **BRANCH OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

### **Functional Statement:**

The Branch of Facilities Management is responsible to the Agency Superintendent, and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all Bureau of Indian Affairs' owned and operated facilities and utility systems on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to providing a clean and safe environment at all locations. Ensures facilities are maintained on a scheduled preventative maintenance program with special emphasis placed on the safety. Manages the agency's safety program; and ensures agency compliance with applicable safety and environmental laws.

The branch is responsible for the effective management of the agency's government living quarters program, with responsibility for rent collections, placement of tenants, preventative maintenance program, major improvement projects, and maintaining rental rates in accordance with national consumer price index (CPI) rates, and applicable regulations and directives.

### **Program Description:**

The Branch of Facilities Management at the Fort Apache Agency is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all Bureau of Indian Affairs' facilities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

Facilities Management functions are categorized into the following major areas: a) janitorial and maintenance services; b) preventative maintenance functions; c) special repair and capital improvements; d) Water Quality, Sanitation, and Clean Air Act compliance; e) telecommunications and other utility systems; f) fire protection; g) hazardous chemicals and waste; h) safety program; i) technical assistance services to the Cibecue Community School operated under a Pub. L. 100-297 grant; and j) government living quarters program.

The scope of responsibility include facilities at the Agency Headquarters; Fire Management offices, yard, and shops; Whiteriver Airport; Roads Maintenance offices, yard, and shops; Land Operations offices, yard, and shop; fire camps at Limestone, Maverick, and Chuck Box; fire lookout towers and facilities at McKays Peak, Limestone, Buckskin, Chedeskai, Odart, and Maverick; McNary greenhouses and compound; Whiteriver Police Department and Jail; school facilities and grounds at the Cibecue Community Day School campus, John F. Kennedy School campus, Theodore Roosevelt School campus; and all Bureau owned living quarters at the Agency Headquarters, Theodore Roosevelt School, John F. Kennedy School, Cibecue Community School, and McNary Greenhouses.