

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has established a Recovery Team to develop a recovery plan for the Mexican Spotted Owl; and
- WHEREAS,** the Recovery Team does not at present include a representative from the many Indian tribes that are concerned about the status of the owl; and
- WHEREAS,** cooperative arrangements for managing endangered species must take place on a government to government basis; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Fish and Wildlife Service must come to appreciate the fundamental tenets of Tribal sovereignty, as well as the interest that tribes have in protecting all living things on their reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** the recent listing of the Mexican Spotted Owl has placed a tremendous burden upon the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other tribes in managing this particular species; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under its trust responsibilities to Indian tribes, should provide assistance to tribes in managing this natural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that tribal interests be represented on the Recovery Team for the Mexican Spotted Owl.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist in establishing the position of Tribal Representative to the Recovery Team.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the position shall be filled by an individual subject to the following considerations:

(1) the Tribal Representative shall be a representative from an Indian tribe and shall be selected from one of the concerned tribes;

(2) the Tribal Representative shall represent all affected tribes, not the interests of any particular tribe;

(3) the Tribal Representative shall have training in wildlife biology and/or silviculture, and shall have wildlife and/or forestry management experience;

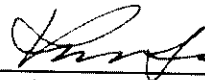
(4) the Tribal Representative shall execute the responsibilities of any Recovery Plan Team member, including compiling data and taking part in formulating the actual plan;

(5) the Tribal Representative shall serve as a liaison between the Recovery Plan Team and the tribes.

(6) the Tribal Representative shall be selected from candidates nominated by the tribes.

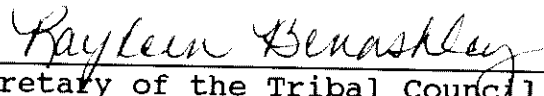
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to budget the sum of \$100,000, to be divided among the three Area Offices of the BIA, as compensation for this position throughout the Recovery Planning period.

The foregoing resolution was on August 05, 1993, 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).



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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE