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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the Tribal Game and Fish Department has issued restrictions in the North Fork Management Unit, Tribal Management Unit, Maverick Management Unit, West Management Unit prohibiting vehicles past certain points between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. as attached hereto; and
- whereas, the General Manager of FATCO advises the Tribal Council that if access is not granted in the areas restricted by the Game and Fish Department that it will be difficult to meet the winter log deck requirements prior to bad weather setting in; and
- whereas, some members of the Tribal Council express an opinion that very few hunters are going to be in the areas that are being restricted and that elk in the rut season are not dissuaded by logging activity, vehicles and traffic; and
- whereas, the Tribal Council is also advised that dump trucks have been allowed to pass in the area that is now being restricted; and
- whereas, the restrictions imposed by the Game and Fish Department have not received the approval of the Tribal Council required by Section 9.2A of the Tribal Game and Fish Code; and
- whereas, the Tribal Council concludes that the financial harm to the Tribe and the Fort Apache Timber Company by imposition of the restriction of logging trucks far exceeds any interference or damage to the trophy elk hunt and that therefore the restrictions should not be applied to the Fort Apache Timber Company or to contract loggers.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Fort Apache Timber Company and its contract loggers to continue logging operations and the use of logging trucks and other logging equipment in all active timber sale areas.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it instructs the General Manager of the Tribal Game and Fish Department to permit full access to all of the timber sale management units identified by the Tribal Game and Fish Department in the attached check point list.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>September 15, 1993</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>nine</u> for and <u>zero</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a), (h), (i), (t) and (u) 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