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

- WHEREAS, the ponderosa pine trees are the most abundant and most valuable economic component in the Fort Apache Indian Reservation forest; and
- WHEREAS, dwarf mistletoe is the most serious pest that threatens the health and very life of the vast ponderosa pine forest on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- whereas, the BIA applied a dwarf mistletoe suppression project to 950 acres in the Turkey Creek area from 1985 to 1987 as a means of limiting the damaging effects of this destructive pest; and
- WHEREAS, many ponderosa pine trees infected with dwarf mistletoe were left standing to provide a source of ponderosa seeds for growing young trees devoid of dwarf mistletoe; and
- WHEREAS, the dwarf mistletoe infected trees have accomplished their useful purpose by creating a great abundance of disease-free seedlings throughout the 950 acres; and
- WHEREAS, all dwarf mistletoe infected trees must necessarily be cut to prevent infection and eventual death of the young disease-free ponderosa pine seedlings.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the cutting of all ponderosa pine trees infected with dwarf mistletoe within the 950 acres of the Turkey Creek Mistletoe Project.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Fort Apache Timber Company is hereby directed to fully utilize the infected trees for sawlogs, pulpwood or other products that will provide income to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Resolution No. 10-93-272

The foregoing resolution was on <u>October 20, 1993</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>five</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) (i) (f) (t) (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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