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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Watershed Planning Program has proposed to conduct stream rehabilitation projects at several sites on the Reservation, including Middle Cedar Creek, Big Canyon, R-14 Ranch, Kinishba, Gooseberry Creek, Spring Creek, and Limestone Canyon; and
- WHEREAS, these projects will consist primarily of fencing sensitive areas to keep out livestock and vehicles and to encourage revegetation of native riparian vegetation such as cottonwoods, willows, and sedges; and
- WHEREAS, community members and farm plot holders will still be able access to the areas through gates; and
- WHEREAS, the projects will enable our tribal youth to gain hands-on experience in restoring our lands, while the US Fish and Wildlife Service will provide funds for the project; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of these projects is to improve the health of the streams and riparian areas to a more natural, healthy, and productive condition.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to execute the Challenge Cost-Share Agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and any auxiliary and ancillary documents necessary to its fulfillment.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby supports the goal of these projects and authorizes their implementation provided that the staff of the Watershed Planning Program notify local Community Councils, Livestock Associations, and adjacent farm plot holders and receive their support for the projects.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs staff from the Planning and Game and Fish Department to seek further assistance in restoring the Tribe's lands and waters for present and future generations of the White Mountain Apaches.

Resolution No. <u>06-95-179</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>June 06, 1995</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 IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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