

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Game and Fish Department has come before the Tribal Council with a report on the necessity for an improved access road for Sunrise Lake; and

**WHEREAS,** the Game and Fish Department reports that Sunrise Lake is being under utilized by anglers as measured by angler days per acre because of little bank access, as only 20% of the lake is easily accessible from the bank; and

**WHEREAS,** a constructed access road would double the bank access; and

**WHEREAS,** an access road would make the lake safer for boaters who presently have to travel over a mile and a half to reach the road from the north side and this can be treacherous in heavy winds and lightning storms; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed access road would have 8,000 feet of cindered road 15 feet wide that would parallel the north shore of the lake and would include a leveled parking lot for boat trailers 100 feet by 120 feet wide and concrete boat ramp 60 feet by 15 feet; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is advised that the Oak Creek Livestock Association does not foresee any problems with the road and that individual members of the Natural Resource Committee have reviewed the plan and no problems are foreseen by those members; and

**WHEREAS,** the Sunrise Ski Park Resort is aware of the proposal and the Game and Fish Department has discussed meeting with the Sunrise Ski Park Management on jointly contracting construction of the boat ramp; and

**WHEREAS,** funding will come from the State of Arizona Heritage Fund in the amount of \$43,000 and the money must be expended by August 30, 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** the only special condition to the funding agreement is that the Tribe will keep the access road open for ten years after construction; and

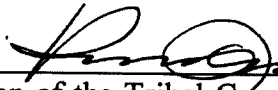
**WHEREAS,** a map of the proposed road, parking area and boat ramp is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference herein.


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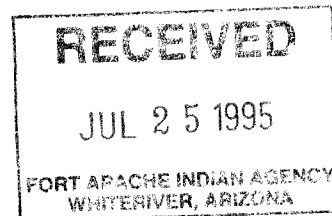
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves construction of an access road for Sunrise Lake as described herein and as located on the attached map which is incorporated by reference herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby expresses appreciation to the Arizona Heritage Fund for the \$43,000 grant for the construction of this project which will benefit not only the Tribe and its members, but will provide enlarged recreational opportunities for non-tribal visitors to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on July 06, 1995, duly adopted by a vote of six for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (h), (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).

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council



## Access Road for Sunrise Lake Fact Sheet

### Current conditions:

Lake is under used. Other lakes get 30 to 40 angler days per acre. Sunrise Lake only gets 10 angler days per acre because it has little bank access.

Only 20% of the lake is easily accessible from the bank. This road would double bank access.

Tribal members usually fish from the bank. I have only seen two tribal members fishing the lake from boats.

The lake could be safer for boaters. Currently, boaters have to travel over a mile and a half to reach a road on the north side. This could be treacherous with heavy winds and lightning storms.

### Proposed facilities:

8,000 feet of cindered road (15' wide) that would parallel the north shore.

A leveled parking lot for boat trailers (100 by 120 feet wide).

A concrete boat ramp (60 by 15 feet).

### Comments from interested parties:

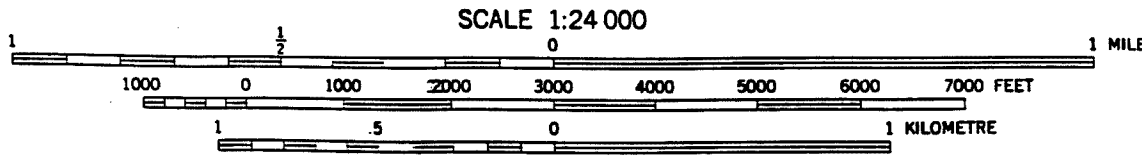
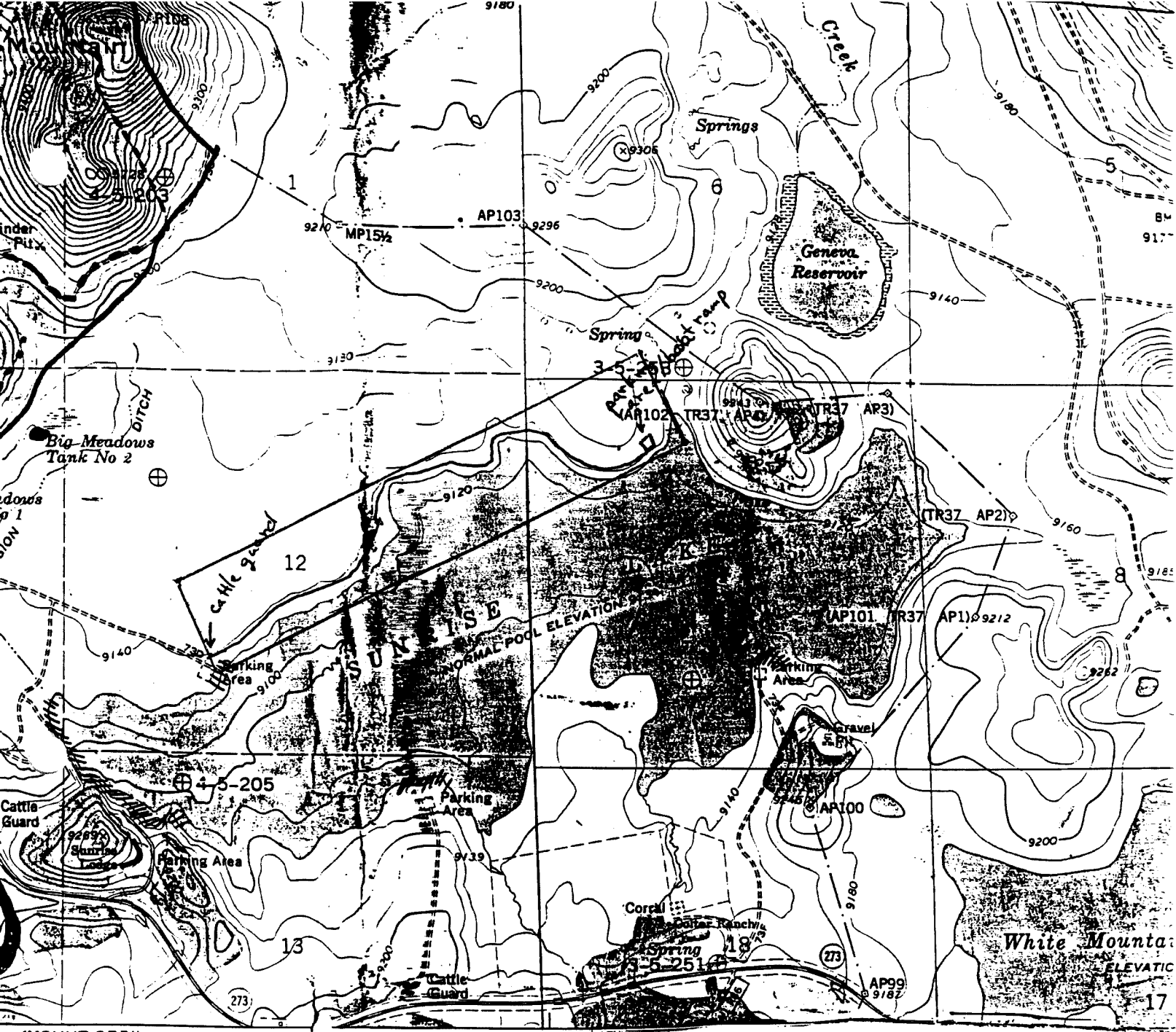
Oak Creek livestock association does not foresee any problems with the road.

The proposal has been reviewed by some individual members of the Natural Resource Committee with no problems foreseen.

Sunrise resort is aware of the proposal and we have discussed getting together on contracting construction of the boat ramp.

### Funding:

The State of Arizona is giving the tribe \$ 43,000 for construction of this project and the money has to be spent by August 30, 1996. An amendment protecting the tribes sovereignty was drafted by the tribal attorney and signed by both parties. The only special condition to the agreement is that the tribe will keep this road open for ten years after construction.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 CONTROL BY USGS AND NOS/NOAA

Proposed road —  
 Current bank use //  
 New access with road [ ]

Prepared by the Geological Survey for the White Mountain Apache Tribe

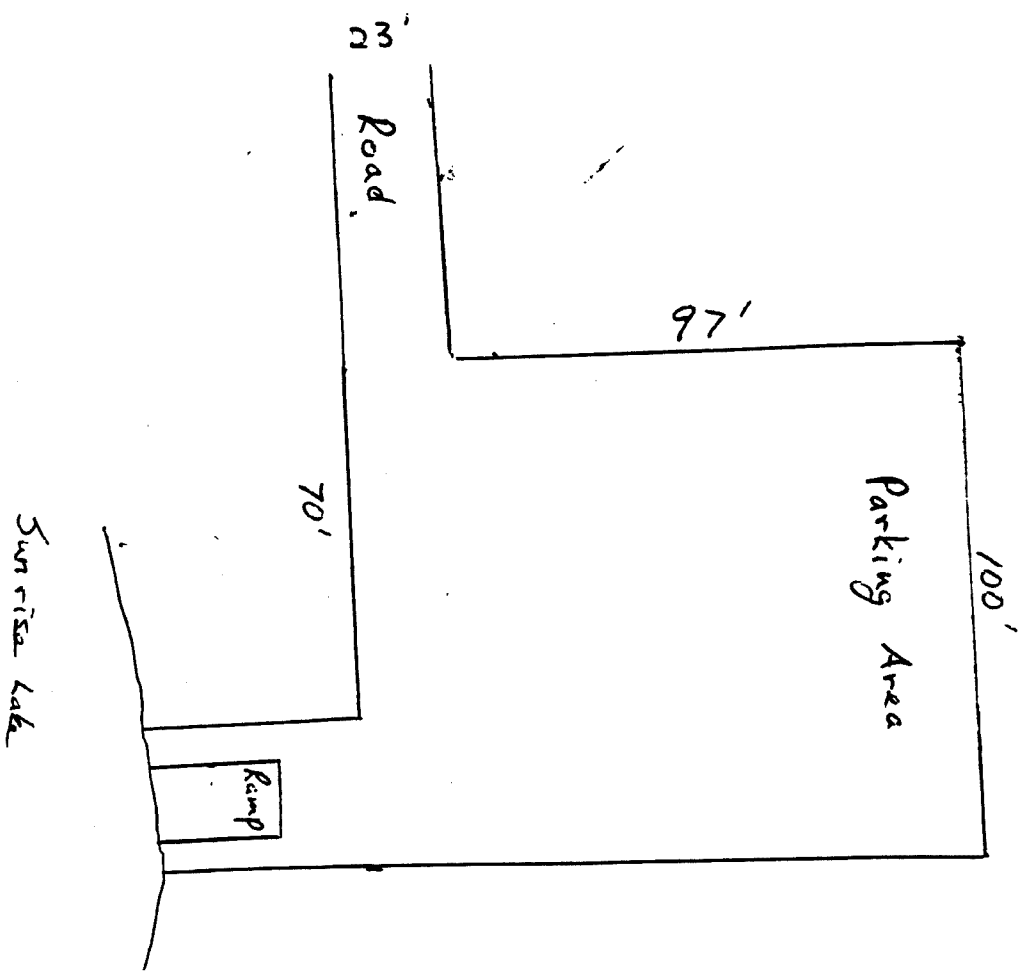
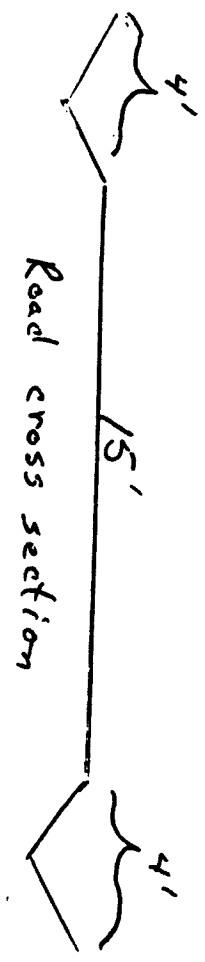
Compiled in 1975 from USGS 1:24 000-scale quadrangle dated 1961

Planimetry revised by EIA from aerial photographs taken 1973 and 1975

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arizona coordinate system, central and east zones (transverse Mercator)  
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 12, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum



Side Plan "Improving access at Sunrisa Lake .



Floor plan "Improving access at Sunrise Lake"

Boat ramp

