

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

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has estimated there are 6,000 feral horses on the Reservation, many of them on land managed by grazing by I.D. Ranch; and

WHEREAS, Land managed by I.D. Ranch has little forage because of the drought and high numbers of horses, and this land has lost the capacity to grow forage at historic levels; and

WHEREAS, Feral horses are expanding their range into relatively undisturbed areas of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, both the Tribal Division of Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation and the Tribal Agriculture Enterprise are concerned that these horses are causing long term damage to the land and are jeopardizing income from hunting, fishing, recreation, and ranching.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division and Agriculture Enterprise to contract trapping of feral horses to entities from on or off the reservation and that money made from said contracts will be earmarked for range restoration.

The foregoing resolution was on July 11, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (i), (f), (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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