

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

WHEREAS, the ID Range was once some of the most beautiful and productive land in the Southwest with lush plant life, numerous streams teeming with native trout, and the greatest concentration of wetlands on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, today this land is badly degraded due to overgrazing by unsustainable numbers of cattle, feral horses, and elk; and

WHEREAS, aggressive action is urgently needed to save this treasured resource for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Protection Fund has been established to maintain and restore waters in the State of Arizona, and the tribe is currently implementing two major restoration projects with funds from that valuable source; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a unique opportunity to restore a critical watershed area on the Reservation while exploring alternative economic activities such as ecotourism with assistance from the Water Protection Fund; and

WHEREAS, the proposed restoration project will include the humane removal of cattle and horses from the range, monitoring the recovery of riparian areas, and development of tourism and educational programs for the area.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission of an application to fund a three-year restoration project for the ID Range, including tribal matching funds from in-kind tribal staff services and expenditures by the Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Enterprise to help establish the project.

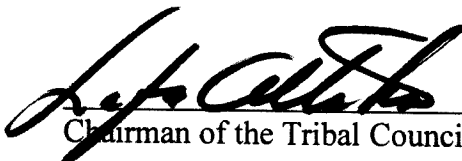
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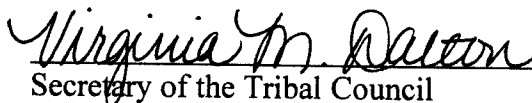
The foregoing resolution was on July 17, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of seven for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (m), (n), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution 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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Chairman of the Tribal Council


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