

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

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Tribe's inherent sovereignty over the lands and waters of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, in addition to the powers listed in the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council has the authority and responsibility to protect and promote the health of tribal ecosystems, including the sensitive species that depend upon those ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been a leader in promoting the recovery of the federally-listed Apache trout, which is found in many streams on the Reservation, and Wildlife Service on Apache trout recovery; and

WHEREAS, fish barriers have previously been placed in Ord and Paradise Creeks to prevent non-native trout species from migrating upstream but the barriers are now in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the Service has agreed to provide technical assistance and funding in the amount of \$7,000 for Ord Creek and \$9,000 for Paradise Creek through the Service's Partners for Wildlife Program to repair and improve the fish barriers; and

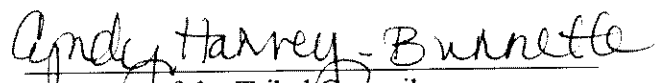
WHEREAS, Tribal staff and Special Counsel have negotiated a mutually-acceptable Agreement with the Service and the Regional Solicitor's office.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Ord and Paradise Creek Fish Barrier Restoration Project Agreement between the Tribe and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice Chairman or other duly authorized official, to execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 12, 1999, 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), (j), (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, 1933 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council