

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has on this date reviewed the Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions for fiscal year 2000 under the federal fiscal year calendar; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approves the use of Forest Management Deduction Fund for the activities outlined in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes continuing activities this year, such as funding for forest thinning and funding for sensitive species management through the Tribal Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Department, as part of the Tribe's ongoing Sensitive Species Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes a new activities this year, such as partial funding for a hydrologist for increasing hydrology concerns through the Environmental Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council considers these continuing and new additional activities identified above as federal trust responsibilities; however, in the absence of adequate federal funding the Council wishes to ensure that funding is available to maintain these important programs until such time as federal funding for these activities is secured; and

WHEREAS, the previous year's budget included an allocation of \$2,000,00 for needed capital improvements at the Fort Apache Timber Company; and

WHEREAS, Area Office approval for this portion of the budget was not received until August 30, 1999, due to lengthy deliberation pertaining to the allowability of these expenditures under the National Indian Forestry Resource Management Act; and

WHEREAS, recent final and favorable approval for these budget items will not allow the full expenditure during the current budget year, thereby necessitating a carryover into the upcoming budget year for the unspent portion.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Forest Management Deduction Expenditure Plan for government fiscal year 2000 attached herein, with the condition that funding for forest thinning, sensitive species management and hydrology needs is approved as a last resort

measure in the absence of adequate federal funding for these trust activities, and that such funding will be drawn from the Forest Management Fund account only in the absence of full federal funding.

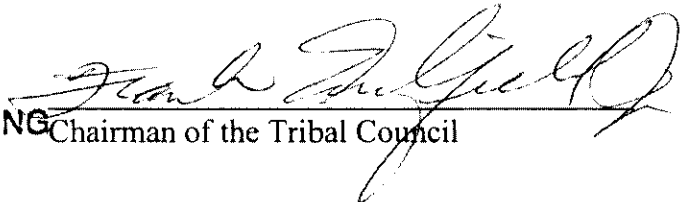
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that for the reasons set forth above it directs a carryover for expenditure in the fiscal year 2000 Plan of those amounts allocated but unspent in fiscal year 1999 for the capital improvements at the Fort Apache Timber Company.

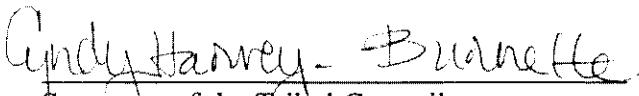
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Forest Management Deductions collected shall be properly deposited and expended on items designated in the Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions and in accordance with 25 U.S.C. §3105.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to seek appropriate funding to carry out its obligation for forest thinning, sensitive species management and hydrology needs and that the Bureau, by this action, is not absolved of its responsibility to provide funding for these projects, as prescribed in 25 U.S.C. §3105.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, to execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on September 1, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (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).


ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council