

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has sovereign authority over the land and natural resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR) and has demonstrated leadership in the protection and management of wildlife and fisheries and their habitats; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the first tribe in the southwest to facilitate Mexican wolf recovery by developing a cooperative wolf management plan and cost-share agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Resolution No. 08-98-184) but currently seek additional funding to support full management of wolves coming onto the FAIR; and

**WHEREAS,** the Defenders of Wildlife is a nonprofit tax exempt organization that works to protect and restore native species, habitats and ecosystems, and overall biological diversity and which has worked with federal and state entities on wolf programs in the southwest for many years and currently funds a compensation program for livestock depredations attributed to wolves; and

**WHEREAS,** Defenders of Wildlife has proposed to cooperate with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to establish a general framework for cooperation and participation toward the recovery of Mexican wolves in this region through education, research, training, internships, and financial assistance using agreed upon methods in full consideration of budgetary feasibility, agency policy, and respective missions; and

**WHEREAS,** Defenders of Wildlife has agreed to providing direct funding to the Tribe in an initial amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the tribe to purchase equipment for wolf monitoring and management (radio-collars, receivers, capture equipment, holding cages, etc.) and is interested in providing future assistance as well; and

**WHEREAS,** Defenders of Wildlife in consulting with Tribal staff has developed a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Tribe.

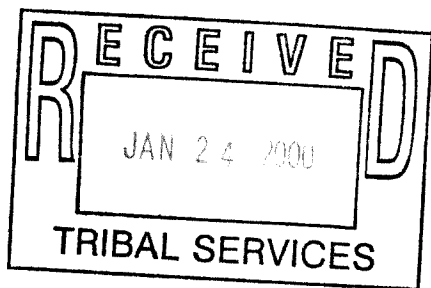
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Defenders of Wildlife and the White Mountain Apache Tribe (cooperators) for this funding assistance.

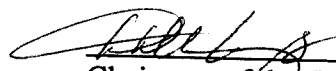
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman or

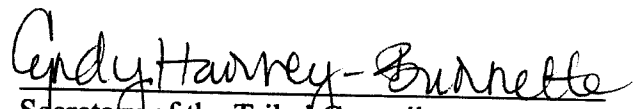
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other duly authorized official, to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and any future similar agreements for assistance under this MOU on behalf of the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on January 6, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of nine for and one 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), (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

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE CONCERNING WOLF RECOVERY EFFORTS ON THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

This memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between Defenders of Wildlife (DOW) and the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Collectively the parties to this MOU will be referred to as cooperators.

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a general framework for cooperation and participation among the cooperators in the conservation of Mexican wolves in the Southwest which are protected under the Endangered Species Act. The cooperators propose to work together toward recovery of wolves in this region through education, research, training, internships and financial assistance using agreed upon methods in full consideration of budgetary feasibility, agency policy, and respective missions.

## **II. BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITIES**

The White Mountain Apache tribe has sovereign authority over the land and natural resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in east-central Arizona and has demonstrated leadership in the protection and management of fisheries and wildlife and their habitats.

Defenders of Wildlife is a nonprofit tax exempt organization that works to protect and restore native species, habitats and ecosystems, and overall biological diversity. Founded in 1947, Defenders is headquartered in Washington, DC and maintains field offices nationwide. Defenders has over 380,000 members and supporters. Defenders has worked in conjunction with state and federal entities on wolf programs in the Southwest for many years and currently funds a compensation program for livestock depredations attributed to wolves.

## **III. NEED**

Although the White Mountain Apache are in the process of developing a cooperative Mexican wolf management plan with the FWS for their reservation, lack of funding has impeded their ability to be full cooperators with the wolf management team. The initial outlay of cash needed to purchase equipment is an impediment to the White Mountain Apaches' preparation for wolf management on their lands. Therefore Defenders of Wildlife and the White Mountain Apache Tribe enter into this cooperative agreement wherein Defenders will provide direct funding assistance for equipment to aid in wolf recovery efforts.

Programs such as Defenders of Wildlife's compensation fund is a successful example of cooperative resource management and protection. Based on DOW's history of cooperation with the agencies involved in the recovery of wolves and contributions to wolf recovery effort, DOW is proposing to help efforts that are key to wolf recovery in the Southwest.

#### IV. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

Defenders of Wildlife will provide:

1. \$5,000 for the purchase of wolf management and monitoring equipment by the White Mountain Apache Tribe to assist in wolf recovery efforts

The White Mountain Apache Tribe will:

1. Utilize the funds to procure equipment such as radio-collars, tracking equipment and wolf management devices for use in monitoring wolf packs on its tribal lands.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY AND BETWEEN THE COOPERATORS THAT:

1. This agreement in no way restricts the cooperators from participating with other public and private agencies, organizations and individuals.
2. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obligating the agency cooperators to expend, or as involving the United States in any obligation for future payment of, money in excess of appropriations authorized by law and administratively allocated for these purposes.
3. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obligating cooperators to alter existing or future policy.
4. This agreement may be revised as necessary, by mutual consent of all cooperators, by issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by all participating cooperators.
5. This cooperative agreement and subsequent program shall not preclude the existing programs of any cooperator.
6. Any cooperator(s) may terminate its role in this agreement by providing 60 days written notice.

Signed:

Defenders of Wildlife

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

White Mountain Apache Tribe

By 

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_