

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal materials consultant, working with the Tribal Public Works Department Director and the Tribal Transportation Coordinator, has submitted to Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) Project No. 01-00-2 titled Williams Creek Rock Pit; and

WHEREAS, Project No. 01-00-02 involves development of an approximately eight (8) acre basalt rock pit and new 3500 foot long access road located generally between the junction of the Williams Creek Fish Hatchery road and the Upper Log road on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the basalt rock at the proposed Williams Creek Rock Pit has been sampled and has been found to be of excellent quality and quantity for producing crushed aggregate materials for a variety of uses, including supplying upcoming major construction projects on the Williams Creek Fish Hatchery Road, the State Route 73 IHS Hospital to Yucca Flats project, the Whiteriver Airport Improvement project, and others; and

WHEREAS, a field tour of the site was conducted on February 22, 2000 and attended by some 15 Tribal/BIA resource specialists and program managers who voiced general support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project was then reviewed by the Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) Panel at its regular monthly meeting held on February 24, 2000, at which the project received approval from the TPPR Panel conditioned on the Tribal Cultural Resource Program Director's further field review and concurrence; and

WHEREAS, an additional field trip was made to the site on February 29, 2000 during which the Tribal materials consultant, hydrologist, cultural program director, and BIA archeological staff further reviewed the proposed access road and rock pit site and determined that the project could proceed, as planned, with the agreement that any historical/cultural sites or artifacts discovered during project development would be cause for immediate consultation and coordination with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and other appropriate Tribal staff to survey findings and recommend mitigation to protect historical/cultural sites; and

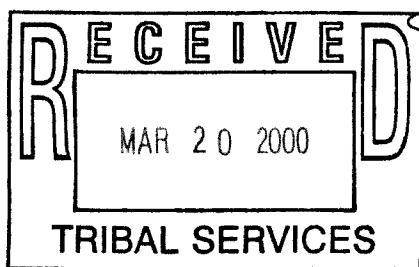
WHEREAS, TPPR coordinating staff feel that appropriate reviews of the rock pit site and access road have been conducted and that the project should proceed, and herein are forward Project No. 01-00-02 to the Tribal Council for final review and approval.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it accepts the recommendation of its Tribal Plan and Project Review Panel and approves TPRR Project No. 01-00-02, development of an approximately eight (8) acre basalt rock pit and new 3500-foot long access road located generally between the junction of the Williams Creek Fish Hatchery road and the Upper Log road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that if historical/cultural sites or artifacts are discovered during project development this would be cause for immediate consultation and coordination with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and other appropriate Tribal staff to survey findings and recommend mitigation to protect historical/cultural sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in place of a mining and reclamation plan for the Williams Creek Rock Pit development a set of guidelines shall be developed by the Tribal materials consultant and pit developer to provide for careful management of the site, to maximize the materials potential of the site, and to minimize environmental impacts to the site to the greatest degree possible.

The foregoing resolution was on March 6, 2000 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), (h), (i), (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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Secretary of the Tribal Council