

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

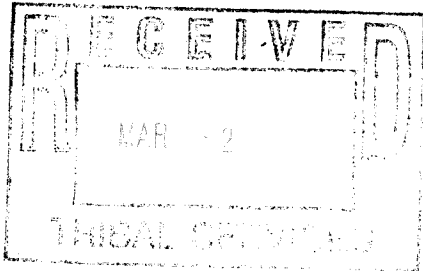
- WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fire Management Offices are currently located at the Whiteriver Airport; and
- WHEREAS**, the Whiteriver Airport is currently undergoing reconstruction and enlargement of the runway and taxi ways which has reduced the useable space around the Fire Management Offices to the point that the area is no longer capable of operating out of the existing location due to space limitations; and
- WHEREAS**, the employment and coordination of firefighting personnel could be significantly improved by jointly locating a fire dispatch center with other federal, state and local firefighting agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue, Arizona State Land Department, and others; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council believes the priority for placement of the site is best placed within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, specifically at its current location next to the Whiteriver Airport; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council acknowledges that it has established a good dialogue with Apache Sitgreaves on forestry management/fire management issues and it wishes to continue this dialogue to enhance this important relationship; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to receive the recommendations of the BIA Fire Management and Tribal Forestry on the positive attributes of locating the center at different points throughout the Reservation.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby recommends that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency and Tribal Forestry department investigate the benefits of entering into a joint fire dispatching facility within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency in conjunction with the WMAT Tribal Forestry department provide a report to the Tribal Council no later than June, 2001 of the positive and negative affects of locating a joint fire dispatch facility at select sites throughout the Reservation with an emphasis on the current location next to the Whiteriver Airport, after which the Tribal Council will select a site most suitable to the interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Resolution No. 02-2001-52

The foregoing resolution was on February 21, 2001 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), (c), (h), (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