

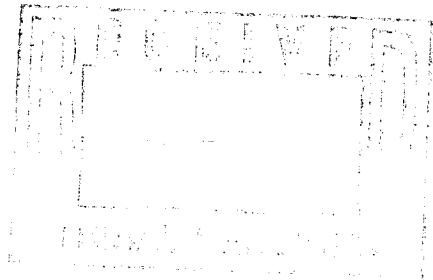
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been directed by the Washington Office to utilize a Fire Management Preparedness Analysis and Initial Attack Assessment program to determine the funding level for the Fire Management Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Branch of Forestry, Fire Management attempted to conduct such an analysis jointly with the Regional Fire Planner between 1997 and 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** the outcome of the first analysis was unacceptable to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, resulting in the loss of funding and the loss of positions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management could not support or defend the proposed analysis, as it would not meet the minimum fire suppression objectives, and contained numerous errors which nullified the analysis, although the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington Office and Boise Office felt the errors were not serious enough to correct; and
- WHEREAS,** following further discussion, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington Office and Boise Office agreed to utilize an impartial third party to perform a new Fire Management Preparedness Analysis and Initial Attack Assessment to determine the funding level for the Fire Management Program for the Fort Apache Agency; and
- WHEREAS,** all parties agreed to accept the outcome of the analysis as long as the analysis met the objectives established by the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management.
- WHEREAS,** the analysis was performed by an independent third party which meets all of the objectives set forth by the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management.
- WHEREAS,** the findings support the concerns which had been previously identified by the Tribe and the Fort Apache Agency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management fully supports and can defend the analysis as presented.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby adopts the findings presented through the impartial third party review, and it calls upon the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington Office and Boise Office to stand by their commitment to adopt these findings in funding and authorizing positions for the Fort Apache Agency, Fire Management Program.

The foregoing resolution was on March 14, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (f), (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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ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council