

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is directing plans to coordinate recovery for the Tribe from the devastating Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe lost more than 250,000 acres of commercial forest in the fire; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe will begin salvage logging operations in the burned area to recover some value from what had once been healthy green forests; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, due to the financial impact imposed from the fire catastrophe, has very limited funding to undertake a potentially huge salvage operation in the burned area; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe will seek outside contractors to salvage some portion of the burned timber, but anticipates that the Tribe will need to utilize its own resources to salvage a significant portion of the burned area timber in order that the salvage work be completed; and

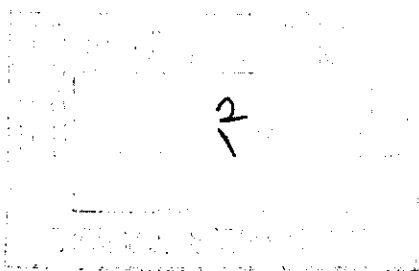
WHEREAS, the Tribe is seeking outside funding to assist in paying for the salvage operations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe looks to its trust agent, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for assistance in this activity tied to its trust resource.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests outside assistance to the Tribe for the purpose of conducting immediate salvage timber operations in order to recover some value from the burned timber area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the United States government, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to make available funds to the Tribe to finance the necessary salvage operations.

The foregoing resolution was on July 11, 2002 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), (b), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (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