

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

**WHEREAS,** the Rodeo-Chediski Fire has created unstable and hazardous conditions across most of the northwest quadrant of the 1.67 million acres of lands and resources held in trust for the White Mountain Apache People and Tribe by the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS,** anticipated post-fire flooding presents imminent threats to life and property, several watersheds, critical cultural and natural resources, particularly to the Cibecue and Carrizo communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has been advised that placement of three gaging stations above the communities at risk are needed to measure stream flow to provide emergency flood warning necessary, specifically one gage approximately eight miles above Cibecue on Cibecue Creek, one gage on Upper Carrizo Creek, and one gage approximately six miles above Carrizo on Corduroy Creek; and

**WHEREAS,** flood-warning is greatly enhanced by the addition of 10 Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) which will record rainfall and be used, in combination with the gaging stations, by National Weather Service to predict flood flows and to issue flashflood warnings to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Geological Survey, through its existing agreement with the National Interagency Fire Center and its existing Inter-Government Agreement with the Tribe, agreed to install the gaging stations and to provide technical assistance to the Tribe upon request; and

**WHEREAS,** the gaging station equipment and the RAWS may be funded for three years through Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (BAER) program, and approximately \$30,000 per year for at least three years will be needed for operation and maintenance of the stations and processing of the stream-flow data; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to providing flood warnings the gaging stations and RAWS will provide critical information needed by the Tribe that will demonstrate the recovery of the watershed over time; and

**WHEREAS,** stream water quality within the burned area and downstream of the burn will be impacted and may threaten aquatic species as well as municipal drinking water supplies in Cibecue and Carrizo which depend on recharge from the streams.

**Resolution No. 07-2002-183**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the installation and operation of the gaging stations and nine additional RAWS in the burned area.

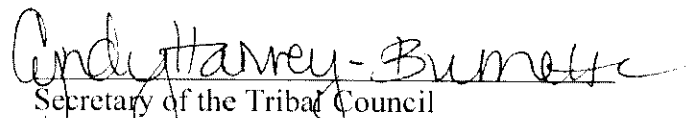
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Legal Department and Hydrology Department and Water Resources Department to develop an agreement with U.S. Geological Survey and the National Weather Service regarding operation of the gaging stations and management of the data from both the gaging stations and the RAWS and authorizes the Chairman, and in his absence the Vice-Chairman to execute the agreement and other documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that as soon as feasible and practicable, the Tribe shall take over operation and management of the gaging stations, and may discontinue release of stream-flow data in the future as soon as the fire-related flood danger is over.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Hydrology and Watershed programs to request additional funding assistance from U.S. EPA to support water quality monitoring at the three gaging stations to protect municipal drinking water supplies in Cibecue and Carrizo from fire-related contaminant threats.

The foregoing resolution was on July 23, 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), (f), (h), (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