

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

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Timber Company ("FATCO") has historically been one of the foundations of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Complex, the largest fire in Arizona history, encompasses more than 276,000 burned acres within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, roughly a sixth of the Tribe's landbase, and has destroyed approximately 466 million board feet of timber; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Resolution No. 07-2002-175, the salvage trees remaining are host to insects, which may cause insect populations to increase epidemically such that green trees may be attacked and killed, further damaging remaining green timber stands, and the condition of the remaining salvage timber therefore requires immediate harvest in order to preserve a healthy forest; and

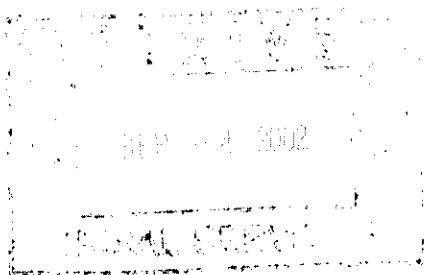
WHEREAS, as set forth in Resolution No. 07-2002-175, the Tribe needs to enter into a comprehensive timber salvage program in conjunction with the Tribe's sawmill enterprise, FATCO, immediately; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in FATCO Resolution No. 080102, FATCO requests that the Tribal Council provide capital and authorize increases in production in order to immediately implement such a comprehensive timber salvage program.

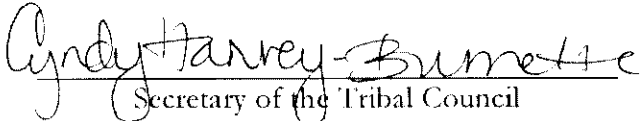
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it supports FATCO Resolution No. 080102, except that any capital provided to FATCO must be through a line of credit or from other, outside funding sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 12, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (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