

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

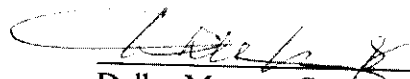
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division (W&ORD) has come before the Council this date and requested the approval of changes to the Tribal Member and Nonmember Hunting Regulations for 2002-2003, copies of which are attached hereto, due to the effects of the Rodeo-Chediski wildfire on Tribal wildlife resources on the west end of the reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has reviewed W&ORD's recommended changes to the Member and Nonmember Hunting Regulations for 2002-2003 which includes changes to the number of available permits, camp locations, areas/species specific restrictions and closures; and

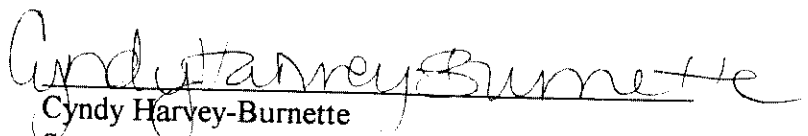
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concludes that the changes to the Member and Nonmember Hunting Regulations for 2002-2003, as amended herein, are appropriate and should be approved by the Tribal Council.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Member and Nonmember Hunting Regulations for 2002-2003 attached hereto.

The foregoing resolution was on August 27, 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), (f), (h), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).

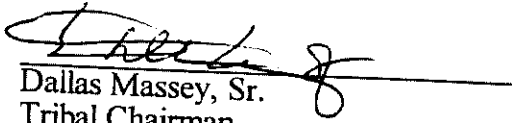


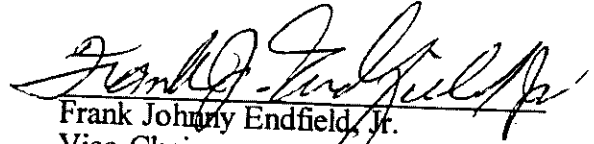
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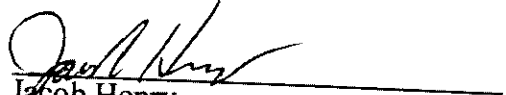


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Secretary of the Tribal Council

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Resolution No. 08-2002-234.

  
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Tribal Chairman

  
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Vice-Chairman

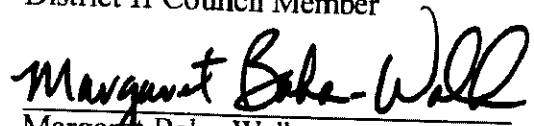
  
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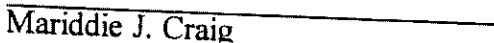
  
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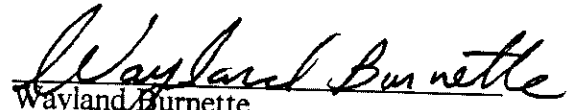
  
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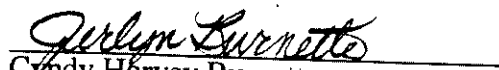
  
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# Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division

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## Memo

Date: June 27, 2002

To: Dallas Massey, Sr., Tribal Chairman  
Johnny Endfield, Vice Chairman  
All Tribal Council members  
George Hess, Tribal Attorney

From: Jesse Palmer, Wildlife Biologist

Subject: Changes to the W&ORD hunting program due to the Rodeo/Chediski wildfire

Upon evaluating potential impacts to the Tribe's wildlife resources on reservation lands affected by the Rodeo/Chediski fire, the Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division is recommending that the following changes be made to the 2002-2003 Tribal Member Zone 3 Hunting Regulations, West End Trophy and Management Elk hunts, West End Spring Gobbler hunt and the Nonmember Bear and Mountain Lion program.

These recommendations are based on the following 2 assumptions as the fire has not yet been contained:

1. The fire does not move south of the Grasshopper area and BEA-112
2. The West End Elk Camp has not sustained any fire damage.

All reservation lands within the burned area, the northern portion of Zone 3 and Management Units 11 & 12 will be closed to all hunting for the 2002 fall season and the 2003 spring season. All reservation lands south of the burned area will be open to hunting. The W&ORD has determined that the areas south of the burn hold sufficient numbers of game and their habitat to support the following modified hunt structures.

The W&ORD would like to present these recommendations to the Tribal Council for approval as soon as possible so that this information may be immediately disseminated to the public since the W&ORD is currently accepting Tribal Member draw hunt applications.

**I. West End Trophy & Management Bull Elk Hunts**

**A. Current West End Trophy Hunt Structure:  
Two, 9 day hunts with 8 clients per hunt.**

**Revised West End Trophy Hunt Structure:  
Two, 9 day hunts with 6 clients per hunt.**

**B. The remaining 4 hunters will either be moved to the Sunrise camp or be refunded.**

**C. The current West End Management Bull Elk hunt structure will remain the same. One, 7 day hunt with 6 clients.**

**II. Nonmember West End Spring Gobbler Hunt**

**A. Close the West End hunt indefinitely.**

**B. In 2003, open a Spring Gobbler camp on the northeast end of the reservation in addition to the Maverick Spring Gobbler camp on the southeast end. The northeast camp would be located at either the Sunrise Lodge or the Hon Dah resort/conference center.**

**III. Zone 3 Mule Deer Hunt**

**A. The W&ORD recommends reducing the current number of available Zone 3 tags from 85 to 30.**

**IV. Zone 3 White-tailed Deer Hunt**

**A. The W&ORD recommends reducing the current number of available Zone 3 tags from 245 to 145.**

**V. Zone 3 Bull Elk Hunt**

**A. The W&ORD recommends reducing the current number of available Zone 3 tags from 90 to 30.**

**VI. Tribal Member General Elk Hunt**

**A. The W&ORD recommends that this hunt be restricted to the following areas; Zone 1, Zone 2 and Unit 8 ONLY until the effects of the fire on herd dynamics can be better understood.**

**VII. Tribal Member Fall Turkey & Spring Gobbler Hunts**

- A. The W&ORD recommends that this hunt be restricted to the following areas; Zone 1, Zone 2 and Unit 8 ONLY until the effects of the fire on turkey populations and habitat in the area can be analyzed.

**VIII. Tribal & Nonmember Bear and Mountain Lion Hunts**

- A. The W&ORD recommends that all bear and mountain lion hunts be restricted to the remainder of the reservation unaffected by the Rodeo/Chediski fire.