

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council on July 23, 2002 in Resolution 07-2002-176 requested start-up funds in the amount of \$6,700,000.00 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist the Tribe with the large and unprecedented salvage operations needed following the devastating Rodeo-Chediski fire; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has made repeated requests for this funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and also has sought funding from other sources which may be available; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has had to immediately implement salvage operations in the burned area to recover a portion of the burned resource before total loss occurs through decay and infestation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has been funding this operation through limited donation funds and funds from its own Tribal budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has learned that a total of \$500,000.00 has been made available at this time from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help pay for the salvage logging operation undertaken by the Tribe, such operational costs to include logging, roadwork, and other harvesting and timber processing costs as well as cost of Tribal regulatory and mitigation measures required for the salvage operation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has been advised that such funding can be used for salvage work only, and not for the purpose of harvesting green timber and all such funds shall require separate accounting and timely reporting to the BIA; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe can utilize those salvage funds at this time to assist with the salvage operation undertaken by the Tribe's Fort Apache Timber Company; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe, through the Tribal Council commits to the conditions indicated above for the receipt and use of the funds.

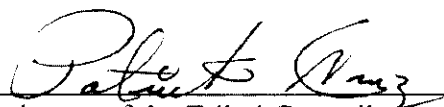
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby accepts the \$500,000.00 in salvage logging funding made available to the Tribe at this time from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and further that the Tribe commits to the conditions specified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that the funds be used for the cost of salvage logging only, with such costs to include logging and harvesting, logging road maintenance and rehabilitation, and lumber processing of the salvage material, as well as required Tribal regulatory and mitigation measures.

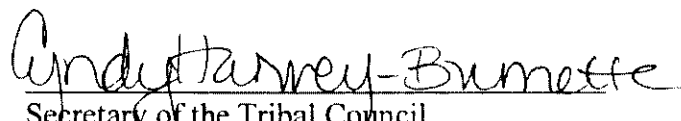
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it expresses its appreciation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for making this funding available at this critical time, and the Council renews its request for any additional funding which is desperately needed by the Tribe to pay for this essential activity during this time of severe economic hardship on the Tribe caused by the Rodeo-Chediski fire.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chairman to execute the necessary agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to utilize the salvage funding and other such funding which may become available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs subject to the conditions set forth above for the Tribe's salvage logging operations in the Rodeo-Chediski fire burned area.

The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 31, 2002** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** 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), (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).

  
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ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council