

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

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Tribal Forestry Department of the White Mountain Apache Tribe completed a draft Smoke Management Plan to be followed for prescribed burning conducted on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, that Plan included a requirement for smoke management policy and procedure review in January, 2002; and

WHEREAS, that review was not completed due to issues that had arisen at the time with the Arizona Department of Economic Quality and the Arizona Smoke Management Program office; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Rodeo-Chediski fire, additional smoke management-related questions arose for the Fall, 2002 burn season that Tribal Forestry attempted to address; and

WHEREAS, information generated through the environmental assessment (EA) related to the new Reservation Fire Plan will also aid Tribal Forestry and BIA staff in performing smoke management tasks; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Forestry currently expects the EA to be completed before summer, 2003; and

WHEREAS Tribal Forestry wants to utilize information from the EA as well as experience gained during the last two years of smoke management efforts under the Tribe's Smoke Management Plan to make Plan modifications in preparation for a Tribal Council review; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Forestry will then present a revised Smoke Management Plan to the Tribal Council for their review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Forestry therefore requests that the Tribal Council review the Tribe's Smoke Management program and revised Plan in June, 2003.

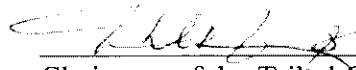
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it will hereby review the adequacy of the Tribe's Smoke Management program and Plan for prescribed burning with Tribal Forestry and BIA staff in June, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that

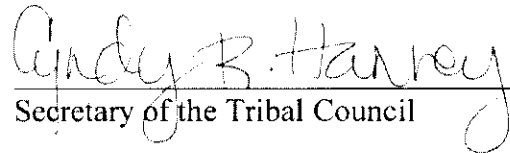
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its affirming that its existing Smoke Management Plan shall remain effective until changed through formal resolution of this governing body.

The foregoing resolution was on February 6, 2003 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), (c), (f), (i), (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