

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has several ongoing projects pertaining to the development and use of its natural resource which shall require a completion of a professional environmental analysis as required under the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, due to the federal funds for these projects.

**WHEREAS,** the first is an EPA Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Grant to help fund construction of a domestic water source and treatment plant on the north fork of the White River to provide urgently needed drinking water to the greater Whiteriver communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the second is the Development of a Fire Management Plan in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concludes that Dr. Joe Elliot is eminently qualified and experienced to prepare the Environmental Assessment required for both projects, the first working in consultation with the Tribal Hydrology office so that the Tribe will act as the lead government entity to prepare the environmental assessment in cooperation with IHS, and as necessary, with other federal agencies, such as the Army Corps of Engineers for a section 404 permit, if required; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Elliott will complete the second environmental assessment for the Fire Management Plan in conjunction with the Forestry Office, which has agreed to contract out the environmental assessment in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the work taken to complete the Environmental Assessments should be done in accordance with NEPA requirements, policies and procedures set forth in the Statement of Relationship between the Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Tribal policies and review procedures for such projects which is outlined in the scope of work in the professional service agreement approved between the Tribe and Dr. Elliott for the North Fork Diversion Project and the scope of work and the professional Service Agreement between the Tribe and Dr. Elliot for the Fire Management Plan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and affirms the Professional Service Agreement between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Dr. Joe Elliot to complete an Environmental Assessment for the North Fork, Whiteriver-Domestic Water Source and Treatment Plan Project.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and affirms the professional service agreement between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Dr. Elliott to complete an environmental assessment for the Fire Management Plan, to be done in conjunction with the Tribal Forestry Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Chairman, and in his absence, the Vice Chairman, to sign any and all documents, including the Professional Service Agreement described herein, required to carry out and implement this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on February 24, 2003 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), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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



**ACTING**

Secretary of the Tribal Council