

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is aware that Webb Ways Logging, Inc. has admitted that, during logging operations in late December 2002, it entered an area which is a sacred and protected site to conduct logging operations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is also aware that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, is conducting a criminal investigation into this violation and is also assessing civil penalties according to its Timber Sale Contract with the Fort Apache Timber Company (FATCO); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council acknowledges that the Fort Apache Agency also restricted the logging operations of Webb Ways Logging, Inc. within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation from January 2, 2003 to January 21, 2003, in response to the violation noted herein; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is aware that several tribal member employees of Webb Ways Logging, Inc. have advised they are uncertain of when they will resume work given the violation of their employer and the subsequent suspension in operations; and

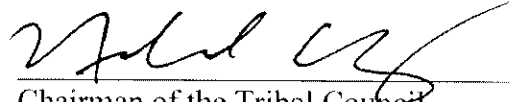
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council desires that FATCO take immediate action to assist the Webb Ways Logging, Inc. employees suspended from work due to the violation of their employer, Webb Ways Logging, Inc. and, to this end, finds that the FATCO Board and management staff should investigate, and report back to the Council, the viability of employing these tribal members at FATCO to work in the field in their current capacity whether assisting FATCO or subcontracted loggers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Fort Apache Timber Company Board of Directors and General Manager and staff to investigate and report back to the Tribal Council the viability of employing log cutters, skidders, and other logging operation employees directly with FATCO to act as a resource for logging operations in the field either directly for FATCO or its subcontractors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the FATCO Board and General Manager to provide a written report to the Council of its investigation and findings no later than March 5, 2003 and further directs their attendance at the Tribal Council meeting, scheduled for the afternoon of March 6, 2003, to receive recommendations from the Tribal Council on this matter.

**Resolution No. 02-2003-55**

The foregoing resolution was on February 25, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (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).



ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council