


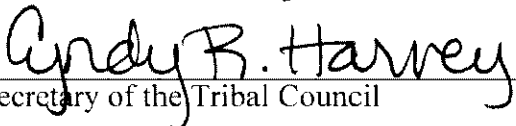
**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS**, the Fort Apache Timber Company has evaluated the prospect of undertaking helicopter salvage logging of dead and standing Englemann Spruce to sell as house logs; and
- WHEREAS**, the proposed project is expected to produce valuable net revenue for FATCO; and
- WHEREAS**, the proposal would further Tribal forest health objectives through the reduction of dead and standing timber which may promote further insect infestation and pose considerable wildfire risks; and
- WHEREAS**, the proposed undertaking will need review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the TPPR Panel and Tribal Resource staff to ensure that the project is in compliance with Tribal and BIA regulatory standards and to make any needed recommendations to the proposed project to meet such standards; and
- WHEREAS** after review and development of such proposal, Tribal Council requests that the final proposal be returned to Council for approval; and
- WHEREAS**, the Council recommends that FATCO submit an article, with photos, to the Scout to describe the project, identify the trees to be salvaged, and assure the public that it will use selective salvage harvesting and that no clear-cut harvesting will be considered; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fort Apache Timber Company would like to undertake the helicopter salvage logging this fall prior to the onset of snow.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the immediate review and development of a proposal to undertake helicopter salvage logging of dead and standing Englemann Spruce for the house log business, and for that reason the Council requests that Agency staff and Tribal resource staff make the necessary review and project analysis a key priority to serve the Tribe's forest health goals and to allow the Fort Apache Timber Company to bring this product to the market in a timely matter.

The foregoing resolution was on September 12, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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), (c), (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).

**ACTING**   
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council