

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

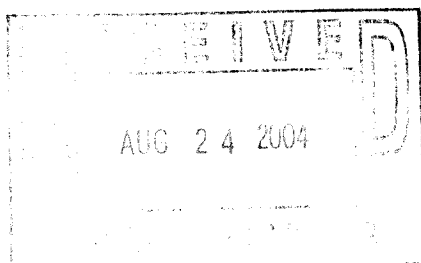
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to reaffirm its decision to request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Region Director Wayne Nordwall reassign the Fort Apache Agency Superintendent Ben Nuvamsa from his post in Whiteriver, to a location and post separate from and outside of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation due to the lack of confidence which the Tribal Council has in its working relationship with Mr. Nuvamsa.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms its request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Director Wayne Nordwall reassign Mr. Ben Nuvamsa from his post in Whiteriver, to a location and post separate from and outside of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation – replacing Mr. Nuvamsa with an Agency Superintendent who has considerable experience as a BIA Agency Superintendent and considerable experience in methods of dealing with Indian Nations with attributes in land, size, people and natural resources similar to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it reaffirms its request that Bureau of Indian Affairs conduct a formal investigation into the Fort Apache Agency's administration of the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage sales and remediation activities performed to this date and planned for the future, to ensure that the United States government is honoring the trust responsibility that it must maintain with the White Mountain Apache Tribe for the protection of the Tribe's lands, people and natural resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it by no means intends to allege misconduct or malfeasance on the parties named herein, but wishes to have its trust agent, the United States of America, through the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs, provide justification to the Tribe of the basis for the reasons and manner in which the federal government administered the Rodeo-Chediski salvage operations and answer whether the Fort Apache Agency observed its trust responsibility to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and its trust responsibility and contractual obligations to the Fort Apache Timber Company as reflected in the logging contract between them.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 15, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of FOUR for and THREE 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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council