

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

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Apache Timber Company in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs has evaluated the harvesting of dead, dying or high risk green spruce timber for sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council requested the BIA to examine management alternatives for salvaging dead and dying spruce trees in a resolution signed by the Tribal Council on September 12, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the interdisciplinary planning team, composed of Tribal and BIA natural resource management specialists, analyzed a wide range of issues and alternatives (including "no action") in interdisciplinary team meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the action alternatives are expected to provide valuable income for the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the action alternatives would further Tribal forest management objectives through the reduction of dead and dying timber while decreasing the probability and intensity of a wildfire by lowering fuel loads in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared which identifies these management alternatives.

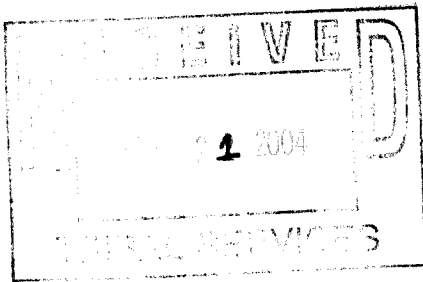
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby prefers the implementation of **Alternative H** as stated in the environmental assessment to undertake logging of dead, dying or high risk spruce trees for sale under a ten-year program. This alternative utilizes a combination of logging systems, including helicopter, cable and tractor logging according to suitability, to minimize impacts to the environment. This alternative permits maintenance and use of existing road systems only, and prohibits logging activities within the Tribal Mount Baldy Wilderness Area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Council urges the BIA to initiate the planning process for these projects and mitigate concerns through a joint effort with Tribal specialists and BIA personnel, and that project contracts developed through this process will be received and approved by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that should conditions or other Tribal priorities change during the course of implementation of these actions, the BIA will be requested to evaluate the situation and review the adopted provisions and prohibitions, and to initiate the planning process through a joint effort with Tribal specialists to amend the Environmental Assessment, if necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the project described herein shall pass review by the TPPR Committee of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 4, 2004 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), (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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

**ACTING**   
Secretary of the Tribal Council