

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has sovereign authority over the land and natural resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR) and has demonstrated leadership in the protection and management of wildlife and fisheries and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the first tribe in the southwest to facilitate Mexican wolf recovery by developing a cooperative wolf management plan and cost-share agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Resolution No. 08-98-184) but currently seek additional funding to support full management of wolves coming onto the FAIR; and

WHEREAS, the Defenders of Wildlife is a nonprofit tax exempt organization that works to protect and restore native species, habitats and ecosystems, and overall biological diversity and which has worked with federal and state entities on wolf programs in the southwest for many years and currently funds a compensation program for livestock depredations attributed to wolves; and

WHEREAS, the Defenders of Wildlife and the White Mountain Apache Tribe have cooperated in the past through a previous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and funding agreement for the amount of \$5,000.00 for Mexican wolf recovery; and

WHEREAS, Defenders of Wildlife has proposed to continue to cooperate with the White Mountain Apache Tribe toward the recovery of Mexican wolves in this region; and

WHEREAS, Defenders of Wildlife has agreed to provide additional direct funding to the Tribe in the amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) for the Tribe, via the Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division and the Turkey Creek Livestock Association, to hire a stockman/herder who will be responsible for wolf monitoring and moving livestock out of the range of potential conflict with wolves within the boundaries of the Turkey Creek Livestock Association; and

WHEREAS, Defenders of Wildlife in consultation with Tribal Legal and Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division Staff has developed a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Tribe for this project.

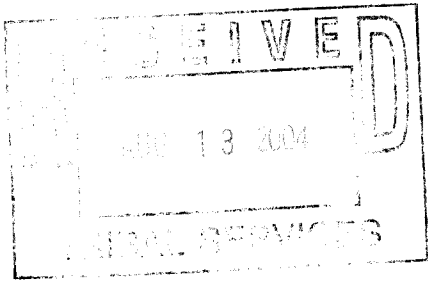
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Defenders of Wildlife and the White Mountain Apache Tribe (cooperators) for this funding assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice Chairman or

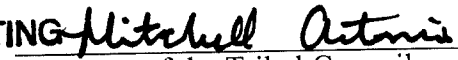
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other duly authorized official, to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and any future similar agreements for assistance under this MOU on behalf of the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 5, 2004 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), (b), (c), (f), (g), (h), (i), (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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council