

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

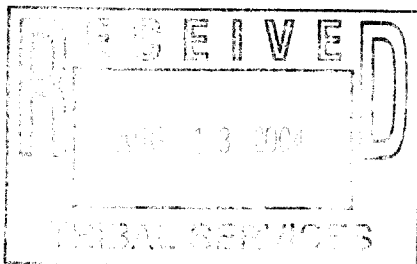
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council received a report this day from the White Mountain apache Tribe's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) program manager, Al Wyatt, about his program, accomplishments and needs; and

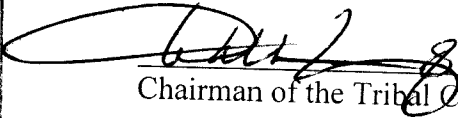
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wyatt has expressed an immediate need for the WMAT Police Department and Public Works Department to attend meetings called by the APHIS; and

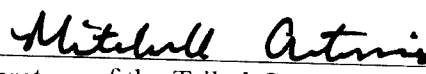
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that it is essential that the WMAT Police Department and Public Works Departments participate in all APHIS meetings when invited, to ensure there is a comprehensive response of responsible tribal departments to prevent, control and eradicate diseases of pets and animals that would injure the peace and safety of residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the White Mountain Apache Tribe Police Department and White Mountain Apache Tribe Public Works Department to attend meetings of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services program within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation when notified to attend.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 5, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

**ACTING**   
Secretary of the Tribal Council

## OVERVIEW OF QUARTERLY REPORT

I was hired in February 02, 2004 and after orientation of the project, designed a rough draft of the emergency response plan to a foreign animal disease.

Using existing relationships with other Tribes and surrounding communities and Counties a network was established for the APHIS project to combat foreign animal diseases and receive their emergency response plan and contact numbers.

The emergency response plan for the White Mountain Apache Tribe was designed and educational sessions were held via radio talk shows, newspaper articles and community and livestock meetings to address the issue and summarize the project.

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### PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Livestock Associations numbers were updated and a copy of the emergency response plan was submitted to each livestock association plus the Tribal Herd for review and comment.
- ◆ A network was created with I.H.S. Sanitarian to monitor and trap mosquitos to monitor for the west Nile virus
- ◆ A proposed core task force was addressed including all the department heads and the Tribal Emergency response plan to incorporate this plan into existing emergency response plan.
- ◆ Various tasks in the scope were completed
- ◆ Watershed Supervisor and Project Coordinator meet on a weekly basis to review project
- ◆ APHIS coordinator met with the Community Presidents and scheduled to educate the communities in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak

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### FEBRUARY 2004

- a. Orientation and review satellite conference and a rough draft for the emergency response plan was submitted for review
- b. APHIS coordinator attended various training that deal with foreign animal diseases and homeland security. This includes training which was held with other Tribes and some that were hosted by the White Mountain Apache Tribe
- c. A talk show was set up with Kathleen Norton (John Hopkins University) to review and educate the public on the necessity of the program.
- d. APHIS coordinated with and assisted in the design of the San Carlos Apache Tribe Emergency Response plan and networked with Gila County as it borders on the Western part of the reservation for a rapid response plan.
- e. Attended an all community presidents meeting to add collect contact numbers.

## MARCH-2004

- a. Attended Weapons of Mass destruction and Water Security in Parker, Arizona in response and preparation for agricultural bio-security and incident command training. Handouts were shared with Livestock Associations and communitiy members.
- b. A meeting was held with the city of Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside in reference to the APHIS project, Navajo County was contacted for assistance, a verbal scenerio was table topped and a Inter-Governmental Agreement was proposed since most of the reservation falls into Navajo County. In the event of an outbreak it was suggested that Navajo County would be the lead agency outside the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- c. APHIS Coordinator was contacted by the Cattlemen's association and the Farm Bureau meeting at Snowflake, Arizona to provide and update on the APHIS project. The Bureau stressed the need to work together since the devastating Rodeo-Chediski fire.
- d. APHIS gave a draft to the directors for the proposed plan.

## APRIL- 2004

- a. Talk show hosted by Veldon Clendon on public concerns in reference to the APHIS project there was a lot of feedback from the public.
- b. Task Force meeting: Identified the department heads that need to be contacted to finish the emergency response task force and the proper livestock associations.
- c. APHIS Coordinator attended the homeland security livestock surveillance training with Range Technician Herman Ivins and the CBQ stockman Edwin Machuse which was held at the San Carlos Apache livestock office.. This training focused on the first repsonders and the chain of command and who to contact in case of an outbreak. White Mountain was invited to attend and brief the San Carlos Apache Tribe on APHIS project and networking with counties throughout the reservation.
- d. APHIS Coordinator and two Range Technicians from the Tribal Range program attended and participated in the jont vector borne zoonotics training in Mesa, Az. The training was geared toward the probable livestock diseases most likely to impact Arizona and update on the West Niel Virus.
- e. A meeting was held with the Carrizo, Turkey Creek, and Canyon Day livestock associations they requested assistance in obtaining funding for ear tags and training on identifying the various diseases associated with livestock.

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MAY-2004

- a. Krista Beazly, Wolf Biologist held a meeting with the defenders of wildlife, environmental planning the Tribal Range program this was geared toward possibly purchasing micro chip eartags with the capability to track livestock movement and decrease the wolf depredation on the livestock. This would work with the animal identification
- b. May 12, 2004 Project Coordinator was invited to speak at the Canyon Day livestock meeting and present the symptoms of the foreign animal disease this was followed by a question and answer on the project, also a new board of directors were elected and their information was received.
- c. May 13, 2004 The Cedar Creek community invited this person to do a presentation on the foreign animal diseases and update the community on the west Nile virus. A demonstration was simulated per a tabletop exercise to critique this.
- d. May 15, 2004 Emergency response Task force meeting was held at the Garret building at the Indian Health Services to make an addendum or changes in the emergency response plan all the livestock associations were present except for the Tribal Herd.
- e. May 17, 2004 This person was invited to participate in the talk show on KNNB with Veldon Clendon on the foreign animal disease

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JUNE-2004

June 07, 2004 A cow from Carrizo was reported to have been a possible suspected case of an unknown disease with symptoms of falling and stumbling the incident had occurred on June 05, 2004 a welfare check on the animal was conducted however no signs were found and the animal was presumed dead, unable to locate the body.

June 08, 2004 Bio-Terrorism workshop held at the Hon Dah casino

June 09, 2004 Meeting was held with Carrizo livestock associations this meeting addressed the information needed to quarantine the suspected animals and what emergency number to call in the event of a suspected outbreak.

June 15, 2004 10:00 a joint meeting was held at the N'DEE Health Web center for Bio-terrorism task force meeting to update the Tribe on propose a multi County task force in case of an outbreak of small-pox or any biological threat to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

June 22, 2004 A training was scheduled for foreign animal disease identification and also on the zoonotic diseases by the University of Arizona Cooperative program and the Gila County Epidemiologist, this also included an update on the West Nile Virus.

June 30, 2004 APHIS Coordinator was invited to participate in the Navajo Nation commissioners meeting to discuss and evaluate a simulated training exercise and the Navajo Tribe's IGA proposal with the Counties and networking.

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#### JULY-2004

a. Field survey on the cattle with the Tribal Range Technicians reservation wide, most of the cattle seemed to be pretty gentle.

July 09, 2004- A blood Draw training was sponsored by the White Mountain Apache APHIS program through the Apache County Bio-Terrorism Coordinator in testing for West Nile Virus and other diseases that affect the horses. Various livestock associations were invited and some came for this one day workshop.

July 13, 2004- A multi Task force with the Navajo, Apache and Gila Counties were discussed in the event of a mass vaccination and a proposed Inter-Governmental Agreement was submitted various sites were discussed for example CBQ would be set up as a clinic and a vaccination site at the school and Seven Mile, Canyon Day and Whiteriver area would be set up at the activity center and for the north area such as Hon-Dah, Mc Nary the site would be the Blue Ridge school various department heads and entities were present for this meeting.