

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

**(Back Pay for Forestry Workers Due to Shut Down of Prescribed Burning)**

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is advised that as a result of the gross negligence and mismanagement of the Largo Mountain and Corduroy Prescribed Burns by the BIA's Ft. Apache Agency Forestry Program, non-supervisory BIA workers, mostly Tribal members, were directed not to work and have suffered financially because of the work-stop order; and

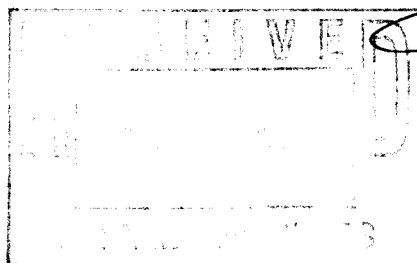
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is also advised that none of the salaried burn bosses were disciplined, demoted, transferred, suspended or penalized in any way financially even though the BIA's After Action Review ("AAR") Team Report on the Largo Mountain and Corduroy Prescribed Burns found the burn bosses and burn boss trainees responsible; and

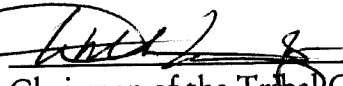
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council concludes that lower tier BIA forestry workers are unfairly bearing the financial burden for the burn bosses' gross negligence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby respectfully requests that the Ft. Apache Agency compensate the lower-tier BIA forestry workers for lost wages that were cut off due to the shut down of prescribed burning on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation because of the gross negligence of their supervisors in the Largo Mountain and Corduroy Prescribed Burns.

**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, to follow-up on this wage compensation request at the Agency and Phoenix Regional level.

The foregoing resolution was on NOVEMBER 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)(c)(f)(h)(i)(k)(s)(t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of 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