

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

(Approving Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan)

WHEREAS, the lands and waters of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have been degraded by prior federal land management activities, leading to increased erosion among other problems; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has developed a range of environmental management programs to protect, maintain, and restore its land and waters, and has adopted a permanent Land Restoration Fund ordinance to support restoration efforts in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Watershed Program has compiled a Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan which identified priority restoration projects which outlines a nonpoint source activities and identification of areas of special ecological and community concern; and


WHEREAS, adoption of this plan will enable the Tribe to assume program authority for the Nonpoint Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act, and therefore be eligible to receive funding to implement nonpoint source demonstration projects.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that :

1. The Tribal Watershed Program shall prepare a new version of the Plan no less than every four years, and that revisions to the Plan shall occur annually or as otherwise needed to incorporate new Tribal priorities; and
2. The Land Restoration Board shall consider the priorities outlined in this Plan when selecting projects under the Land Restoration Fund and shall involve local communities in revising the Plan; and
3. It hereby authorizes the distribution of a redacted version of this Plan as needed to secure funding for its implementation.

The foregoing resolution was on FEBRUARY 10, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, ZERO against, and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (i), (k), (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 2, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Council

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