

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

**(Authorizing FY06 Funding Request to BIA-Division of Energy
and Mineral Resources Management)**

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe (Tribe) is actively engaged in developing its mineral resources for its own economic benefit; and
- WHEREAS,** grant funding from the BIA-Division of Energy and Mineral Resources Management (DEMIRM) was last awarded to the Tribe in 2003 and that funding was utilized to conduct important exploration and characterization work that led to the Tribe's improved knowledge of the quality and quantity of its cinder, basalt, limestone, and other aggregate resources as well as the quality and quantity of the remaining ore at the iron mine; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe desires to expand its work in characterizing its cinder resources for a potential market near the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe seeks to learn the nature, extent, and quality of its metal resources, other than hematite (iron ore) in the "mineral belt" on the west end of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe also desires to explore the potential for uranium and methane development on the Reservation, particularly in the geologic strata of the Coconino Sandstone and Upper Supai formations that are known to contain these valuable mineral resources outside of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA-DEMIRM is requesting proposals from Tribes by December 1, 2005 for Mineral Assessment Program (MAP) funding expressly for the purpose of mineral exploration and development.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:


1. It hereby authorizes the Tribal Planning Department, in conjunction with other Tribal staff and consultants, to submit the attached Request for FY06 MAP Funding in the amount of \$150,452 for the purpose of: 1) further characterizing the Tribe's black and red cinder deposits at Brushy, Penrod, and Blue mountains; 2) conducting a stream-sediment survey for metals in the vicinity of the iron mine; and 3) conducting a stream-sediment and water quality survey for uranium and possibly methane in the Cibecue watershed; and
2. Consulting Hydrologist, Dr. Laurel Lacher, will remain the primary technical contact for the mineral exploration work (stream-sediment and water quality surveys) under this grant and will work under the guidance of the Tribal grant administrator in the Planning and Resource Conservation Department to secure appropriate professional contractors to achieve the tasks, and to provide periodic written and oral presentations to the Tribal Council as the work progresses; and

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3. The Tribal grant administrator, Doreen Gatewood, will be the primary point of contact for the cinders evaluation task and for fiscal management of the grant funds.

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 sign any applications or documents required to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on 11-30-05 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), (b), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (o), (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


Secretary of the Tribal Council