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

## (Approving Upper Amos Wash Woodland Management Project Proposal and Authorizing Land Operations to Seek Funding Support)

- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") desires to conserve and restore woodlands, rangeland and wildlife habitat on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, funding is available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") Western Regional Office, Branch of Forestry for such projects; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Land Operations seeks to utilize available funding opportunities in the accomplishment of its mission to conserve, protect and restore the natural resources of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Land Operations successfully completed in 2005 a woodland management project using funding from the BIA and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and
- WHEREAS, a second proposal has been presented to the Tribe by Land Operations staff to obtain approval for the Upper Amos Wash Woodland Management Project, which would involve the mechanical thinning of 85 percent of stems per acre of the target species within the project area up to 500 acres, followed by grazing deferment for a minimum of two growing season upon project completion; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council recognizes and appreciates the significance of wildlife and livestock to the Apache culture, intends to maintain and promote sound management practices, and finds the Project to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

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

- 1. The Upper Amos Wash Woodland Management Project proposal is hereby approved.
- 2. The Land Operations is hereby authorized to seek project funding and support from appropriate sources to carry out the Upper Amos Wash Woodland Management Project and to expend such funds as may be received and according to the terms and conditions of the applicable grant.
- 3. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the intent of the resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>DECEMBER 8, 2005</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (c), (i), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified

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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