



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

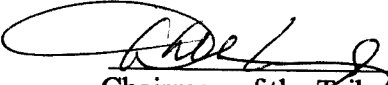
(Authorizing the Tribal Forestry BAER program to act as the Tribal Forestry "Forest Management Services" program)

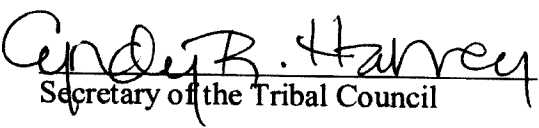
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Forestry BAER program was initiated to implement the Burn Area Emergency Rehabilitation program on the Rodeo-Chediski Burn; and
- WHEREAS**, the opportunity for the Tribe to implement the BAER plan provided the ability for the tribe to build tribal capacity to employ additional workers, establish a working organization, acquire vehicles, and associated office equipment; and
- WHEREAS**, funding for the BAER program is finite and will be spent within two years; and
- WHEREAS**, there is still a need for jobs in Cibecue, Whiteriver and other reservation communities; and
- WHEREAS**, there are still many stabilization, rehabilitation, and restoration projects that need funding on the large burns that have occurred on the reservation in the last decade; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that the BAER program has the opportunity to develop employment opportunities by offering forest and fire management services to agencies and organizations off reservation.

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

1. The Tribal Forestry BAER program is hereby authorized to act under Tribal Forestry as the "Forest Management Services" program to actively pursue off reservation contracts and work opportunities and to actively pursue funding for on reservation projects that continue healing the land.
2. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, subject to review by the Tribe's Legal Department.

The foregoing resolution was on February 8, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (i), (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