

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

**(Request for Continuing Funding from United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service for Rangeland Management)**

WHEREAS, section 1242 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Public Law 107-171 (2002 Farm Bill) provides for delivering technical assistance to agriculture producers directly or through the use of third parties, called Technical Service Providers (TSP); and

WHEREAS, the legislation provides for entering into contracts, cooperative agreements or contribution agreements with non-Federal entities to assist in providing technical assistance necessary to develop and implement Farm Bill programs; and

WHEREAS, contracts and cooperative agreements, through which 100 percent of the technical assistance funding is provided, is subject to competitive bidding, and contribution agreements do not require competitive bidding, but do require the Tribe to provide 50 percent of the agreement cost, which can be in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Land Operations department submitted a contribution agreement (No.65-9457-5-044) authorized under Resolution NO. 07-2005-192 and was obligated \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2005 to partially fund a Rangeland Management Specialist position; and

WHEREAS, Land Operations continues to have the capacity to provide technical services for natural resource disciplines including agriculture, range management, irrigation, soil and water conservation, flood and erosion control, wildlife and fisheries, and environmental coordination; and

WHEREAS, Land Operations is requesting to renew on an annual basis, a contribution agreements between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tribe.

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

1. The Tribal Council agrees to continue the contribution agreement annually between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tribe.
2. The Tribal Council authorizes entering into a third and subsequent contribution agreement under provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill P.L 107-171 and P.L 106-387, Section 714, and the Technical Service Provider Rule (7 CFR 652).
3. The Tribal Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is further authorized to negotiate and sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Resolution No. 03-2006-63

The foregoing resolution was on MARCH 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 authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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 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