

Resolution No. 07-2006-227

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

**(Requesting Richard Watkins to Discuss Lease Agreement between the Tribe and CellularOne)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council did previously authorize negotiations of a lease agreement between the Tribe and CellularOne; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from Cedar Creek did this day present their concerns about cellular phone coverage for the Cedar Creek Community; and

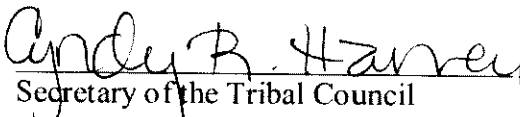
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Attorney did inform the Tribal Council about the status of the negotiations with CellularOne, noting that there remain several outstanding issues, which are related to the lack of cellular coverage for the Cedar Creek Community and other areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that Richard Watkins, CEO of CellularOne, should discuss the outstanding issues with the proposed lease agreements.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Legal Department invite Mr. Watkins to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tribal Council to discuss the lease agreement and other issues.

The foregoing resolution was on July 12, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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), (b), (c), (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

# White Mountain Apache Tribe

Council Meeting

July 12, 2006

## Cedar Creek Issues

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### **Cell Phone Service**

Cellular Phone services are needed for the communities of Cedar Creek, Carrizo and the Salt River Canyon area. Cellular One has served other communities well and has been a valuable resource to a majority of its residents due to the efficient low cost compared to that of a normal phone line. Cellular phone service for the Dist II area will also increase the response of Emergency Services in case of accidents that are most common in the areas between Carrizo Junction and Salt River Canyon.

### **Maintenance of homes.**

For several years, the WMAT Housing Authority has raised expectations of the availability of funds for the maintenance of those who need certain repairs to their homes. To this day, a number of housing units in Cedar Creek are in desperate need of repair. Many of the homes that need repairs were built in the late 60's with no follow-up safety inspections since. These houses need major renovation to become decent, safe and sanitary sanctuaries for its occupants. Major Renovation is defined as needing multiple major improvements such as roof, windows, sidings, structural/foundation, Bath / Shower repairs, Water Line / Sewage repairs.

### **Fire & Environmental hazards**

For the past few months, I have observed and reported numerous sites that were used for dumping in the Cedar Creek Community. A majority of the illegal dumping was in the R-14 Ranch. Areas surrounding the R-14 Family Cemetery were most common to this unlawful act. These acts of illegal dumping need to be stopped and a new method of enforcement needs to be initiated due to the lack of efforts with the current method. A sign with a warning written on it just won't do. Second, the Ft. Apache Assembly of God Camp Meeting has used R-14 Ranch every summer and has lacked responsibility in the cleanup efforts of material used to build their shelters. The lumber used, for building such camp structures during the Camp Meeting are left in piles or remain intact all year long and could become a fire / environmental hazard. The camp structures left standing and materials left in piles in R-14 Ranch should be considered as illegal dumping. R-14 Ranch holds valuable history for the community of Cedar Creek because of the well known Apache Cattle Man, Wallace Altaha Sr., R-14, who owned it. You will still find the homes of R-14 still standing to this day. These homes are now the property of his descendants.

### **New Community Building**

We as community members of Cedar Creek are in desperate need of a new community building. The current building is primarily used by the John F. Kennedy Day School and does not meet the needs of the people of this community. There are times we need to hold family gatherings or community get-togethers' that the older building just can't hold that many occupants. We need a building with an office where our district council members can come and meet the concerns of Dist II.

**Recreational Facilities**

- a. Baseball Field repairs
- b. Basketball Court needs lighting

**Law Enforcement & EMT Service upgrade**

**Cedar Creek Outlaws (Baseball Team)**

- a. Financial Assistance

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**R-14 Ranch**  
Fire & Environmental Hazard



## Wallace Altaha Sr. "R-14"

Wallace Altaha of the White Mountain Apache Tribe was an influential and Wealthy Indian. In 1886, the U.S. Government saw the close of the Apache campaign and decided to issue a head of beef to each Apache family. Most families killed the beef for food, but R-14 began his saving his share of beef instead. He continued to build his herd until in 1918, when his cattle sales totaled \$45,000. The Average price at that time was \$18.00 a head. For years he ran 8,000 to 10,000 heads of cattle and showed uncanny judgement as the "Apache Cattle King". During the time of the World War I, R-14 had invested most of his fortune into stocks and bonds. He had also laid claim to 250,000 acres of grazing country. R-14 was also a medicine man and a Leader. In 1938, Wallace Altaha, Sr (R-14) died a Successful and Wealthy Indian. He is buried in an unmarked grave on a small Private Cemetery in Cedar Creek Arizona. After his death, a great number of his cattle were divided among his descendants. His Ranch & several Houses still stand to this day and act as a reminder of his great accomplishments.

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