



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

**(Authorizing a formal amendment to the Natural Resources Code be presented back to the Tribal Council for final approval)**

**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**, Tribal Forestry recommends several changes be made to the White Mountain Apache Natural Resources Code (the "Code") to ensure the protection of the wood lands of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Forestry recommends that the Code's provisions pertaining to permits be amended to address and include the following:

1. One free-use permit should be limited to and issued to each household, and only for houses with fireplaces and/or woodstoves; and
2. Permittees with off-reservation addresses should provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill and phone bill; and
3. The definition of "fence post" shall mean a post not less than 10 feet with a diameter of 14 inches or less and it must be cut no more than 4 inches off the ground; and
4. The language pertaining to the permits need to specify what trees can be cut and not cut (for example, shaggy bark juniper should not be resold off the reservation); and
5. "Tribal Woodland Forest Enforcement" should be changed to "Tribal Forest Rangers;" and
6. Tribal Forestry should have the power to recommend to the Tribal Council that a section of the reservation be closed for fuel wood cutting, provided no legal fuel wood exists in such areas; and
7. Given the shortage of enforcement resources, a determination should be made as to the number of forest rangers that may be required.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe and its natural resources to implement said amendments to the Code, and determine the resources required for forest ranger law enforcement.


**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribe's Legal Department to work with Tribal Forestry to present back to the Tribal Council a formal amendment to the Natural Resources Code for final approval that addresses the following concerns:

1. One free-use permit should be limited to and issued to each household, and only for houses with fireplaces and/or woodstoves; and
2. Permittees with off-reservation addresses should provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill and phone bill; and
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5. "Tribal Woodland Forest Enforcement" should be changed to "Tribal Forest Rangers;" and
6. Tribal Forestry should have the power to recommend to the Tribal Council that a section of the reservation be closed for fuel wood cutting, provided no legal fuel wood exists in such areas; and
7. Determine the number of forest rangers that would be appropriate and submit a proposed budget to the Budget and Finance Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources and the Director of Tribal Forestry are hereby directed to coordinate with the Forest Ranger on the issues described herein.

The foregoing resolution was on APRIL 26, 2007 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (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