



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

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 Forest Protection Act of June 2004 (P.L. 108-278), authorizes the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to enter into agreements and contracts with Indian Tribes to carry out activities to achieve land management goals for Federal land when Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management land bordering on or adjacent to Indian forest land or rangeland poses a fire, disease, or other threat to Indian forest or range lands, a tribal community, or is in need of land restoration activities; and

WHEREAS, Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., a national non-profit providing technical assistance to American Indian tribes, has launched a national demonstration project working with Tribes to develop sustainable economic opportunities around forest protection and restoration activities on public and trust lands; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Forestry and Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) programs have the leading roles in forest restoration activities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation since the Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and

WHEREAS, BAER employees possess multiple skills and abilities related to the important work of post-fire restoration on fire prone landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Natural Resources Department, Tribal Forestry, and the BAER program have engaged in discussions with Indian Dispute Resolution Services about their ability to assist the Tribe in developing a strategic plan for stewardship contracting with the National Forest Service and other natural resource protection activities related to the development and operation of forest-based businesses and the expansion of the Tribes role in the management and use of traditional lands; and

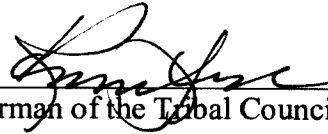
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to pursue a partnership with Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., to engage their technical expertise, and develop a partnership to be set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the White Mountain Apache Natural Resources Department, Tribal Forestry, and the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Program are hereby authorized to work together in coordination with Indian Dispute Resolution Services to prepare a draft agreement establishing a partnership between the Tribe and IDRS with specific identification of roles and responsibilities of the parties and pertinent goals.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the draft agreement shall be brought to the Tribal Council for review and consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The foregoing resolution was on July 10, 2007, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for, ZERO against, and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (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