

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

(Requesting to authorize Hayden Anderson exclusive access to decked cut wood in the old Hondah, Lame Deer and Corduroy Timber Sales for a set price of \$25,000 for a period through August 31, 2008)

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, previous forestry activities including logging, thinning, and fuels treatments have left approximately 2,000-3,000 truck loads of excess small diameter wood material in decks in the old Hondah, Lame Deer and Corduroy timber sale areas; and

WHEREAS, this decked material represents a fire hazard and needs to be removed from the woods; and

WHEREAS, the BIA Fire Management program is planning to burn these piles which will increase air pollution in the area; and

WHEREAS, tribal member Hayden Anderson has established a small business, Apache Cornerstone, and has moved 200 truck loads of this material in the past four months; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson has already paid \$5,800 in permit fees for this wood but is only allowed to purchase \$25,000 of material annually under BIA regulations; and

WHEREAS, Apache Cornerstone has stated they have capability to increase the size of their operation to remove all of this wood by the end of June if they can have the wood for a total amount of \$25,000 and have exclusive rights to the wood for this time period; and

WHEREAS, if this wood is not removed this summer it will need to be burned this fall, which produces smoke, and costs funds that could otherwise be directed to other fuels projects; and

WHEREAS, an operation this large requires oversight of Tribal Forestry representatives to insure tribal resources are being protected; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated from the sale of this permit would allow for continued employment for Tribal Forestry employees who could make sure this operation is benefiting the tribe.

## Resolution No. <u>04-2008-87</u>

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

- 1. Authorizes the Tribal Forestry department to work with BIA Forestry to issue Hayden Anderson dba Apache Cornerstone a permit for \$25,000 to include all decked wood in the closed timber sales known as Hondah, Lame Deer and Turkey Creek for a period extending to August 31, 2008.
- 2. Authorizes the Tribal Forestry department to put these funds in a separate account managed through the Grants and Contracts office to be used to administer this fuel wood sale providing salary and transportation for Tribal Forestry employees to insure protection of roads, cultural resources, and other forest protection issues.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on April 9, 2008, 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), (c), (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