



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

(Directing Completion of WMAT Native Fish Management Plan)

- 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 White Mountain Apache Tribe has traditionally managed its lands in accordance with Apache philosophy that reflects a reverence for the Mother Earth; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has also exercised its inherent and tribal constitutional sovereign powers to preserve sensitive and endangered species; and
- WHEREAS,** the conservation efforts of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have been recognized nationally and internationally; and
- WHEREAS,** successful sensitive species programs undertaken by the Tribe include management plans or recovery of the Apache Trout, Mexican Spotted Owl, Mexican Wolf, Loach Minnow, and the Arizona Willow; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to complete the Tribal Native Fish Management Plan for future Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) compliance purposes and for the long-term benefit of the White Mountain Apache people and their Homeland; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division has professional fish biologists and sensitive species staff capable of coordinating with Federal, State and private entities to develop a Native Fish Management Plan for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concludes that it would be in the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to develop a Native Fish Management Plan within the next 120 days and further concludes that the Director of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division should be instructed to complete a draft Native Fish Management Plan for discussion with the Tribal Council within the next 120 days from receipt of this Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Director of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, Department of Fish and Wildlife Management, to submit a draft Native Fish Management Plan to the Tribal Council for discussion at a meeting for that purpose within 120 days of receipt of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division Director to make monthly progress reports

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to the office of the Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairwoman in regards to the drafting of a Native Fish Management Plan for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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 May 1, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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), (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