



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

**(Directing BIA to Complete Tonto Timber Sale)**

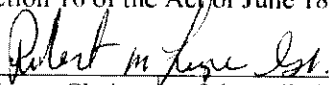
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** on this day, Charles E. Peone, Jr., Acting General Manager of the Fort Apache Timber Company (FATCO), did present a "Turnaround" budget to the Tribal Council, highlighting the need for ponderosa pine from the Tonto Timber Sale that cannot be provided in the Lofer Timber Sale and that such approval be obtained no later than October; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has been asked to consider directing the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to approve of the Tonto Timber Sale as soon as possible due to seasonal and financial considerations in support of the Turnaround Operating Plan accepted in the FATCO Budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA has previously advised the Tribal Council that the Tonto Timber Sale would be scheduled for approval earlier in the year but has yet to present the relevant information to the Tribal Council and therefore formalizing timber sale approvals via resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** as of mid-August, the Tonto Timber Sale has not been presented to the Tribal Council and the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to expedite the timber sale in order to meet the Tribe's immediate economic needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council further finds that the BIA should abide by its work schedule and immediately complete any remaining timber pre-sale work to approve of the Tonto Timber Sale and allow the Tribe to complete the transaction immediately or in any case, report to the Tribal Council on the status of the Tonto Timber Sale, including recommendations on expediting the remainder of the work required to obtain final approval.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the BIA to expedite the process and approval of the Tonto Timber Sale in order to protect the economic interests of the Tribe.

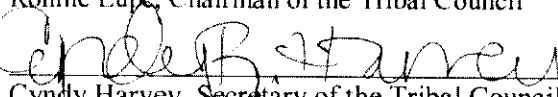
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

**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 August 14, 2009 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

**ACTING**

  
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Cindy Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council