

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

(Approving "Apache Wilderness Journeys" and Eco-Tour Program)

- 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, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has sovereign authority over the land and natural resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR) and has demonstrated leadership in the protection and management of wildlife and fisheries and their habitats; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe considers the preservation and protection of its Tribal homelands to be among its highest obligations and responsibilities to future generations; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has in the past, directed the Sensitive Species and Mexican Wolf Programs to pursue and establish ranch and ecotourism and funding that will benefit the programs and the Tribe by generating revenues and creating jobs; and
- WHEREAS, both programs have done research and obtained initial funding (\$10,000.00) for a wolf and wildlife viewing inaugural eco-tour called "Apache Wilderness Journeys"; and
- WHEREAS, managers of these programs have created an initial packet, including a business plan, introductory tour letter with overview, information, itinerary, emergency contact forms, health and dietary requirement sheet, clothing and gear recommendations, a cultural sensitivity notice, and suggested reading list for clients and have received an initial funding tour payment for each guest of \$1,200.00 each; and
- WHEREAS, this tour will be done in cooperation with Hon-Dah Resort and Conference Center, Sunrise Stables, Cultural Resources Program, and individual Tribal crafts-persons, entertainers, and artisans; and
- WHEREAS, this tour will be guided, directed, and supervised by the Wolf Program personnel with assistance from the Sensitive Species Program and all tour participants will be with Tribal personnel at all times while on the tour to maintain the quality type of recreation that the WMAT-Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division has historically established.

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

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- 1. The Sensitive Species and Wolf Programs are hereby authorized to open the inaugural "Apache Wilderness Journeys" eco-tour program on June 27 July 1, 2010 at Maverik Camp.
- 2. The Sensitive Species and Wolf Programs are hereby authorized to further pursue other eco-tours under the "Apache Wilderness Journeys" program by working with other interested Tribal entities and enterprises.
- 3. The Sensitive Species and Wolf Programs will assure that all such eco-tours under its entrusted authorities, maintain the quality type of recreation that the WMAT-Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division has historically established.

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 Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 23, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> 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), (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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council