



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

**(Authorizing Northern Arizona University Personnel to Study White Pine  
Blister Rust on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)**

- 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,** a disease known as White Pine Blister Rust was discovered on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in the spring of 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** the existence of this disease was confirmed by the U.S. Forest Service pathologists who subsequently discovered this same disease on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** in two letters to the Chairman, the Bureau of Indian Affairs informed the Tribe of the existence of this disease and how infectious this disease can be to five-needle pines such as the Southwestern White Pine, also known as Sugar Pine to members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Northern Arizona University (NAU) has hired a crew to study this disease in Arizona and is currently working on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; and
- WHEREAS,** this crew, with a professor from NAU, is willing to continue their studies on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has discussed the evidence presented today regarding the White Pine Blister Rust and determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to allow the personnel from NAU to be allowed to continue their studies on the lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to allow NAU personnel to continue their studies of the White Pine Blister Rust on the lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the research results or findings be presented by NAU to the Tribal Council and BIA Forestry staff as a presentation and in written format.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that researchers are to leave a small footprint on the land and only visit those areas where research dictates that the plots need to be installed.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that researchers are to map the plot areas and give copies to BIA and Tribal Forestry personnel.

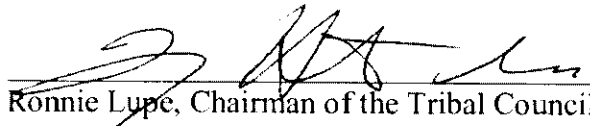
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a copy of this resolution will serve as the permit to allow researchers access to Tribal lands.

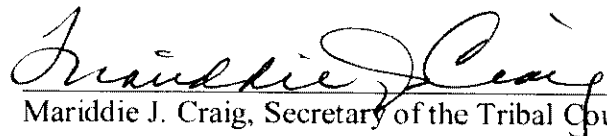
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that researchers are not allowed to publish anything concerning this study without written permission from the Tribe.

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

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 23, 2010** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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), (f), (g), (h), (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

  
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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council