

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

(Request to BIA Regional and Area Director that Mr. Robert Lacapa be Reconsidered for the Position of Forest Manager for the Fort Apache Agency)

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, management of the forest on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is of utmost importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe both in terms of financial benefit and in terms of maintaining a safe and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lacapa, a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, previously served as the BIA Forest Manager for the Fort Apache Agency; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Fort Apache Agency, Mr. Lacapa continued to work for BIA and served several Pueblos in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacapa recently applied for the position of Forest Manager for the Fort Apache Agency, however, the Tribe was informed that Mr. Lacapa was not selected for the position because he was "unqualified"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacapa is highly qualified for the position and in fact previously served in the very position he applied for; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Forest Manager has not sufficiently helped to guide the WMAT Tribal Forestry Department and develop a plan to harvest timber in the upcoming spring; and

WHEREAS, it is the Tribal Council's belief that Mr. Lacapa would be more effective in working with the Tribe, and the Tribal Forester, and therefore requests that Mr. Lacapa be hired for the position of Forest Manager for the BIA Fort Apache Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that Mr. Robert Lacapa be hired for the position of Forest Manager for the BIA Fort Apache Agency.

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.

Resolution No. 12-2010-318

The foregoing resolution was on <u>DECEMBER 2, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</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) 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