



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Designating Restricted Area for Cedar Fire)

**WHEREAS,** the Cedar Fire started on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 and burned a total of 45,915 acres for over the course of 15 days, containment was reached on June 30<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cedar Fire was managed by the Southwest Area Type I Management Team 2 and the National Interagency Burned Area Emergency Response ("BAER") Team along with WMAT Tribal Departments recognized the potential for flood impacts downstream of the Cedar Fire area, the different agencies conducted assessments to determine best recommendations; and

**WHEREAS,** one of the recommendations determined is to designate the Cedar Fire area as a Restricted Area for the term of one year for public safety, in one year the area will be evaluated to determine if the restricted use is further needed; and

**WHEREAS,** all roads will be closed that access the Restricted Area for a total of 12 road closures consisting of 5 gate closures and 7 concrete barrier closures; and

**WHEREAS,** access will be granted for:

- Tribal Forestry
- Tribal Forest Ranger
- Water Resources
- Game and Fish
- Division of Transportation
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- Land Operations
- BIA Fort Apache Agency
- BAER

all others seeking access must coordinate with the Game and Fish Department; and

**WHEREAS,** those individuals caught in the Restricted Area without coordination with the Game and Fish Department will be fined a total of \$500.00.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the designation of the Cedar Fire area as a Restricted Area for the term of one year, where it will be evaluated to determine if further restricted use is needed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the fine of \$500.00 for individuals caught in the Restricted Area that did not coordinate with the Game and Fish Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal



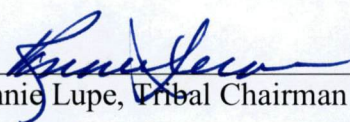
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Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

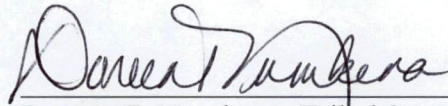
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**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 AUGUST 18, 2016 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

8/29/16  
Date

  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

8/29/2016  
Date