



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval for Tribal Forestry to Submit a Proposal Plan Requesting for Reserve Treaty Rights Land Funds)

- WHEREAS,** the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) has established Fuels Management Funding appropriations, known as Reserved Treaty Rights Lands (“RTRL”), for the purpose of treating and restoring tribal landscapes within and adjacent to reserved treaty right lands; and
- WHEREAS,** treaties with Native American Tribes establish a unique set of rights, benefits, and conditions for Tribes and are the foundation upon which federal Indian trust relationship is based; and
- WHEREAS,** through this relationship and the various processes used by the federal government to enhance relationships, retention of ancestral rights remains a common recognized connection to include religious and cultural use, hunting, fishing and gathering forest products, herbs and medicinal plants; and
- WHEREAS,** the department’s RTRL program enables Tribes to participate in collaborative projects with non-tribal landowners (Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest) to enhance the health and resiliency of priority Tribal natural resources at high risk to wild land fire; and
- WHEREAS,** any RTRL funding to the BIA requires leverage with other Tribal, federal, state, county, or private sector funds; and
- WHEREAS,** with an emphasis of restoration of priority Tribal landscapes, a significant amount of cooperation, coordination, and collaboration among Tribes and other stakeholders will be required in order to maximize the benefit of cost share agreements; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Forestry has prepared the RTRL proposal for submission to the BIA to initiate fuels treatments on Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest lands using tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the RTRL proposal includes a Phase 1 (2 year) request for \$1,000,012 funding and Phase 2 (2 year) request for \$1,000,014 funding to support the tribal budget and includes a budget amount of up to 50% of the Culture Resource Director’s annual salary; (12) personnel, supplies, equipment and administrative expenses as identified in the plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe concurs with Tribal Forestry and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to approve the submission of the Reserved Treaty Rights Land Proposal Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Reserved Treaty Rights Lands Proposed Plan for submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for consideration for RTRL funding under RTRL program rules and standards.

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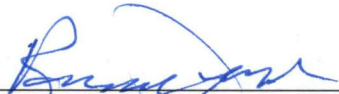
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Tribal Forestry to meet the intent of the RTRL program by coordinating, communicating and collaborating with existing and potential partners for purposes of leveraging additional funds and in-kind services for future fuels treatments, research, and cultural awareness opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal 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 **JANUARY 17, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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

01/17/18

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

01/17/2018

Date