



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Hawley Lake Fuels Project)

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- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) is entrusted by the Tribe’s Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Community Development Corporation (CDC) has come before the Tribal Council with a proposal to reduce wildfire hazard and severity within the area of Hawley Lake on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR); and
- WHEREAS,** on this day the CDC in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), proposal to treat the Hawley Wildland Urban Interface area with monetary support from the proceeds of timber sold by a private contractor to offset the cost of logging expenses; and
- WHEREAS,** it is recommended that the Hawley Lake area be deemed a priority for fuels treatment to protect the presence of tribal residential and commercial infrastructure, and to protect the natural resources of the area by reduction of fuels to reduce the effects and risk of a catastrophic wildfire; and
- WHEREAS,** the project area was approved before by Tribal Resolution No. 06-2002-124; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed project was reintroduced to the Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) committee members during a fieldtrip in June 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council received two presentations in June 2018 at Hawley Lake cabin area and again at the Hawley Lake Economic Summit to inform of current stand conditions and a prescription for treatment and the need for protection of structure and wildland to enable objectives to be met for conservation of natural resources for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the project area that encompasses the Hawley Lake Recreation Area is identified for need of fuels treatment and is recognized by the BIA in cooperation with the WMAT for implementation of management techniques and strategies for density/vegetation management; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) committee approved the proposal for implementation in June 2002 and the THPO will be notified to conduct culturally



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significant sites and plants upon approval of the proposal to conduct a fuels treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed treatments include combinations of mechanical thinning, chipping/mowing, pruning, prescribed fire, and alternative slash treatment to reduce fuel loading and catastrophic wildfire risk; and

**WHEREAS,** the WMATCO will exercise its “first right of refusal to conduct the project” therefore allowing a private contractor to conduct the project and market the forest products; and

**WHEREAS,** BIA and Tribal Forestry, and BIA Fire Management jointly recommend that adoption of the Hawley Lake Fuels Project proposal to reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire; and

**WHEREAS,** CDC officials will work with White Mountain Apache Department of Transportation and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to propose the use of State Route 473 for removal of forest products.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby finds that it is in the Tribe’s best interest to support and approve Hawley Lake Fuels Project proposal in order to continue maintenance and protection of the woodlands and forest lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe

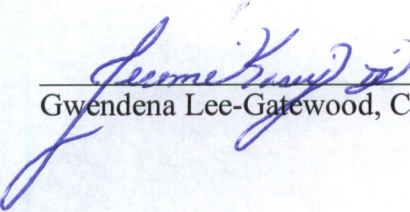
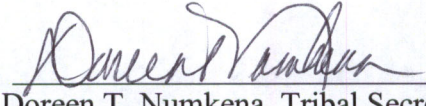
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby recognizes that WMATCO will exercise its “first right of refusal to conduct the project”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and authorizes a private contractor to conduct the project and market the forest products.

**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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 **OCTOBER 24, 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 the 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).

	<u>3/04/18</u>		<u>10/31/18</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date