



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## ( Approval of Five Year Grazing Permits )

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**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is entrusted by the Tribe’s Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all natural resources, economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for ecological, economic and other purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has contracted the Range Management function from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) under Public Law 93-638 and has adopted a Livestock Code, which meets or exceeds the standards set forth in the Federal grazing regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** applications for grazing allocations on all Tribal lands must be approved by the Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council bears the authority to define and adjust the range unit boundaries, approve stocking rates, establish annual grazing fees and that grazing permits and fees are an integral part of Tribal natural resources management and economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes the current established Range Units consists of Canyon Day, Carrizo, Cedar Creek, Cibecue, Forestdale, Grasshopper, ID (Tribal Herd) Ranch, North Fork, Oak Creek, Turkey Creek, and Mt. Baldy Wilderness area; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes that approved grazing permits are required for Tribal livestock associations and enterprises to be eligible for participation in Farm Service Agency (“FSA”), Risk Management Agency (“RMA”), Livestock Forage Program (“LFP”), Livestock Indemnity Program (“LIP”) and other forage loss programs under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe concurs with the presentation and finds it in the best in the best of the Tribe to approve grazing permits and stocking rates as recommended by the Tribe’s Range Management Program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the grazing permits for cattle and horses, as described in the permits for durations of 5 years,

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beginning January 1, 2018 for yearlong use in compliance with grazing plans for each Range Unit and in accordance with the Livestock Code Section 4.4(C).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby establishes an annual grazing fee of \$4.00 per Animal Unit Year Long (“AUYL”), which may be adjusted, as necessary, during each renewal period, as recommended by the Tribe’s Range Management Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the annual grazing fee of \$4.00/AUYL be waived for the duration of the permits issued.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that grazing permits are issued solely for the purposes of grazing of domestic livestock and for participation in Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, Livestock Forage Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and other forage loss programs under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”).

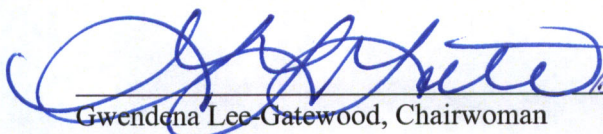
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that grazing permits shall not be construed as ownership of Tribal land.

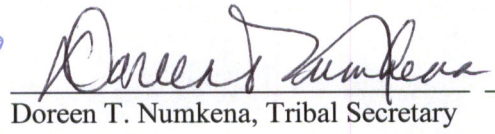
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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 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 **DECEMBER 10, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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).

  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date

  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date