



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approving a project award of \$3 Million that the Tribe has received to conduct LiDAR Mapping Imagery of the Reservation to help Benefit Forestry, Logging, Fire, Hydrology and all interested Tribal Entities )**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To accept grants and donations from any person, State, or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2018 and 2019, the Tribe entered into an agreement with Northwest Management Industries to conduct a LiDAR flight scan over 2 timber sales on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS,** Subsequently, a proposal was put together to do a Reservation-wide LiDAR scan, but the proposal was not awarded by the funding agency; and
- WHEREAS,** Interest in a Reservation-wide LiDAR scan has recently re-surfaced and the Tribe requested that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) fund this project for it and the Fort Apache Agency; and
- WHEREAS,** BIA advises the Tribe that with funding out of the National Interagency Fire Center it is able to fund this project at \$3 million, so that the Tribe is able to contract with a company for completion of the LiDAR survey; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Forestry, at this time, requests that the Council authorize it to enter into a 638 contract with BIA for completion of the Reservation-wide LiDAR survey, and request that BIA transfer the money into a that 638 contract with Tribal Forestry; and
- WHEREAS,** LiDAR involves aerial flights and specific technology to map vegetation and land bases and would provide a huge boost to the Tribe in terms of tools for our land managers, therefore; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed Tribal Forestry’s request and finds that authorizing a 638-Contract between the Tribe and the BIA for completion of the Reservation-wide LiDAR survey is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and

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**WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of the situation, the Tribal Council further finds that this needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a 638-Contract between the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for completion of the Reservation-wide LiDAR survey is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that Tribal Forestry will use the \$3 million in funding will be used contract with an experienced entity in this field, and that agreement will be presented to the Council in a separate resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**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.

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The foregoing resolution was on APRIL 1, 2022 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).

*Arnold Beals*  
*Acting WMAT Chairman*

*4-1-22*

*Doreen T. Numkena* *4-1-2022*

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No: 04-2022-69 initiated the 1st day of April 2022.

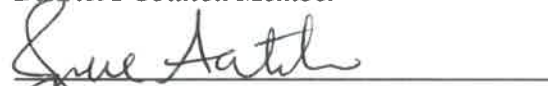
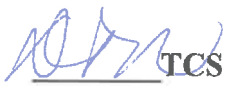
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 4.1.22  TCS Initials  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood  
Tribal Chairwoman  
Date Signed

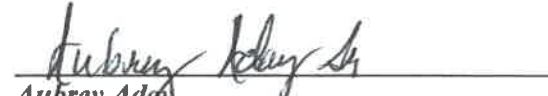

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Jerome Kasey, III  
Vice Chairman

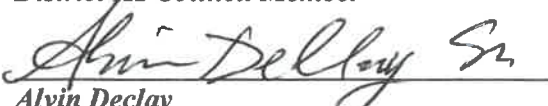

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Arnold Beach, Sr.  
District I Council Member  
Date Signed

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Travis Tessay  
District I Council Member


 04-01-22  TCS Initials  
Jerold Altaha  
District II Council Member  
Date Signed



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District II Council Member  
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District III Council Member  
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District III Council Member  
Date Signed

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Gary Alchesay  
District IV Council Member  
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Alvena Bush  
District IV Council Member  
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 4.1.22  TCS Initials  
Kasey Velasquez  
District IV Council Member  
Date Signed

ATTEST:

 4-1-2022  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary  
Date Signed