



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Tribal Forestry to Request a Five-Year Extension of the Forest Management Plan)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”, at Article IV, Section 1(i), the power to “manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe...”, and at Article IV, Section 1(s), “to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes”; and

WHEREAS, As responsible stewards of their ancestral homeland the Tribe began active management and timber harvesting in 1918, and has continued its efforts through its Tribal Forestry Program and WMATCO; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Forest Management Plan (“FMP”) approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”), dated 2005-2014, was granted two (2) five-year extensions from the BIA in 2014 and 2019, respectively, with the current FMP extension expiring on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Since the institution of the current FMP, the Tribe has entered into two (2) forest carbon offset projects, totaling an estimated 210,000 acres of forest lands, into the California Cap and Trade market; and

WHEREAS, A necessary revision to the current FMP is to include the Tribe’s two (2) carbon projects in the forest management objectives, strategy, considerations, and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Forestry seeks to request an additional extension of the FMP, as it intends to work with its carbon credits consultant, Spatial Informatics Group (“SIG”), and the BIA to update the FMP with the carbon projects and any other relevant information over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, The Council recognizes the importance of continued management and stewardship over its Tribal lands and that supporting Tribal Forestry’s efforts to update the Forest Management Plan is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Forestry Program to request a five-year extension of the Forest Management Plan from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in order to update the Forest Management Plan with the carbon credit projects and any other relevant information.

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.

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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 7, 2024 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

8.8.24

Date

Vaneysa Johnson *08/08/2024*

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date