

RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs by letter of February 6, 1957, addressed to the Area Director has advised of the inclination to recommend an increase in the stumpage rate for ponderosa pine on the Maverick Logging Unit from \$12.55 to \$16.00, and has instructed the Area Director to confer informally with the Tribal Council and the purchaser concerning this proposed recommendation, and
- WHEREAS, we have on this date conferred with the representatives of the Area Director and the Forest Manager on this matter, and have also conferred today with representatives of the Southwest Lumber Mills, Incorporated, at which time the latter have explained the difficulties that have arisen by reason of the material increase in wage rates and the serious decline in the lumber market since last June, and
- WHEREAS, we appreciate the fact that the proposed stumpage increase might prove embarrassing to the purchaser due to the increase in costs and the depressed condition of the lumber market; nevertheless, we do not feel that the Tribe should be deprived of the rightful share of the improvement in economic conditions which the purchaser enjoyed during the fiscal year ended April 30, 1956, and
- WHEREAS, it appears that the present contract is seriously at fault in that there is always a material lag, in this case over a year, between the base period and the date when the new stumpage rates become effective, and that this may cause serious difficulties, and
- WHEREAS, it appears that much of this serious lag may be eliminated through a modification of the Maverick contract to provide for either monthly or quarterly adjustments of stumpage rates in accordance with the trend in lumber index rates, in a manner similar to that under the modified Forestdale Unit contract.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs be urged to take such steps as may be necessary to secure such

a modification of the Maverick Unit Contract, provided, that the terms thereof be mutually agreeable to the purchaser and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and that the modification be approved by the Tribal Council.

The foregoing Resolution was on February 18, 1957, duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1.(a) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

E. Martin Kessay
Chairman
of the Tribal Council

Mary G. Lonsfield
Secretary
of the Tribal Council

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