

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

- WHEREAS, over the past six weeks a number of tornado-like winds have hit the high mountain areas and caused approximately 107.5 acres of spruce to be blown down, and
- WHEREAS, it is estimated that from 2½ million to 3 million board feet of lumber is down because of these severe winds, and
- WHEREAS, the estimated value on the market is approximately One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and
- WHEREAS, this condition of the blowdown is in the area affected by the spruce bark beetle and requires urgent action to be salvaged for lumber value and also to prevent an epidemic of this spruce bark beetle, and
- WHEREAS, part of the damaged timber is in a Wilderness Area established by the Tribal Council and maintained for many years, and
- WHEREAS, the tribe is seriously concerned with the epidemic potential of the spruce bark beetle damaging the entire Wilderness Area.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that they grant permission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fort Apache Timber Company to salvage these designated areas as quickly as possible.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hesitates to destroy the flora of the Wilderness Area, but the Tribal Council also realizes that there is no available alternative.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that steps be taken immediately to construct a road into the salvage area and that all reasonable precautions be taken to protect the fish and wildlife and timber resources of the salvage area.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after completion of the salvage, that the roads be obliterated and reseed and the area returned to the state of wilderness.

The foregoing resolution was on June 13, 1978 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 1 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Secretary of the Tribal Council