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

WHEREAS, the Mount Baldy Wilderness Area has been set aside for special protection, and it is susceptible to forest fires; and

WHEREAS, the land area covered by pinyon-juniper and associated brush has a relatively low value compared to other portions of the reservation, wildfires in these low value areas would improve range conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED that all available means will be used to suppress forest fires in the Mount Baldy Wilderness Area with the exception of heavy equipment, unless it is determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that forest fires can only be suppressed with the use of heavy equipment, and they will then use the least harmful means of suppressing forest fires in the Mount Baldy Wilderness Area and will make every reasonable effort to rehabilitate burned areas to their natural state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will allow fires to burn in the low value areas unless the Bureau of Indian Affairs determines that fires threaten improvements or higher value areas.

The foregoing resolution was on January 3, 1979, 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 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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