

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised that a Memorandum of Understanding has been executed between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture to provide services for Reservation soils inventory, classifications, and mapping on Indian Reservations in Arizona, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed and considered such action, and the advice of tribal legal counsel, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is already undertaking soils inventory, classification and mapping on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is currently involved in litigation over its water rights, to which such soils inventory, classification and other such matters are directly related, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that any such "services" to be provided by the Soil Conservation Service is without the consent or authorization of the Tribe, is unnecessary and, further, proposes a direct conflict with tribal efforts to determine such factual matters and to prosecute tribal water rights litigation in the best interests of the Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to prohibit, cease, and terminate all its efforts with the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture to provide services for soils inventory, classification, and mapping, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby prohibits the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture from entering upon the lands of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is directed and authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on November 21, 1979 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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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Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council