

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

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Tribal Council in connection with ongoing litigation, there has been intensively conducted, investigations as to the forestry practices on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to which there has been adherence by Secretary William P. Clark, predecessors of that official and subordinates of that official, and

WHEREAS, those investigations have been sufficiently complete so that serious questions must be raised as to whether the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are being served by reliance upon information supplied to the White Mountain Apache Tribe by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; particularly, in connection with the determination by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Allowable Annual Cut at the rate of 93 million Board Feet annually is proper, and

WHEREAS, the investigations referred to above cast doubt upon the Allowable Annual Cut figure to the point that the Bureau of Indian Affairs must be called upon to fully justify the 93 million Board Feet Allowable Annual Cut as declared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to explain in detail the criteria relied upon by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in informing the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Allowable Annual Cut of 93 million Board Feet can be continued now and in the future, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has imposed upon Secretary William P. Clark and the subordinate of that official on the Bureau of Indian Affairs the absolute obligation to operate the forest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe upon a sustained yield basis, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid investigations not only cast serious doubt upon the 93 million Board Feet Allowable Cut, all as stated above, those investigations have likewise under-scored the probability that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has not complied with the mandate imposed by Congress on it requiring the Bureau of Indian Affairs to administer the forest on a sustained yield basis.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Tribal Council Forestry Committee forthwith demand that Secretary William P. Clark, subordinates of that official and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, explain in detail, in writing and through oral explanations to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, the factual basis utilized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in arriving at the aforesaid 93 million Board Feet Allowable Annual Cut and likewise fully to explain any and all assumptions utilized in arriving at the 93 million Allowable Annual Cut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Secretary William P. Clark and the Bureau of Indian Affairs explain fully in writing and orally to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council whether there has been adherence to the Congressional mandate to manage the Tribe's Forests on a sustained yield basis and the factual predicate utilized in declaring that the forest has been managed on a sustained yield basis and the assumptions, if any, that have been utilized that the White Mountain Apache Tribe's forest has been managed on a sustained yield basis.

The foregoing resolution was on January 10, 1985 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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