

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

- WHEREAS, at the direction of Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, Ross Swimmer; Mr. Walt Mills, Assistant Area Director, Phoenix, requested a meeting with the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for purposes of discussing the Tribe's request to augment its supply of logs from off the reservation for the Tribe's Whiteriver and CBQ Sawmills in addition to the Tribe's calculated supply of logs from its own forests; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the request of Mr. Mills for the meeting, the Tribe with its forestry and mill experts and Mr. Robert Miller, Assistant Chief Forester, BIA, Branch of Forest Resources Planning, John Philbin, Phoenix Area Forester, and members of their staff met in Phoenix, Arizona February 11 and 12, 1987, and fully discussed the issues respecting volume and value of the Tribe's forest and the need of re-evaluating those goals of forest management; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe referred to the fact that it had on January 28, 1987, in Washington, D.C., conferred with the Honorable Ross Swimmer, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs at which meeting Tribal Chairman Reno Johnson outlined in detail to Assistant Secretary Swimmer, the issues involving the management goals of the Tribe's forest and that the Department of the Interior assist the Tribe in obtaining 20 MMBF for the year 1987 from the neighboring National Forest and 40 MMBF thereafter until the issues of forest management involving both volume and value of the Tribe's forest be resolved; and
- WHEREAS, Assistant Secretary Swimmer promised to cooperate and assist in the resolution of the issues of forest management and directed that his staff members meet with Chairman Johnson for said purpose; and
- WHEREAS, the matter of the management of the Tribe's forest and the necessity of the Tribe obtaining off-reservation timber, without cost, was fully reviewed in detail with Congressman Morris Udall and Senator Dennis DeConcini on January 29, 1987, from whom the Tribe received assurances of their concerns over the problems discussed and their desire that the issues of forest management be resolved in a manner acceptable to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the February 11 and 12, 1987, meeting referred to above, which was called by Mr. Swimmer, provided a review of the problems presented by the Tribe and the imperative need to have those problems resolved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Miller, Mr. John Philbin and their staff agreed fully to support the Tribe in its efforts to augment its log supply from off-reservation forests on the basis that there would be made available in 1987 up to 20 MMBF (net log scale) and that thereafter the tribe would obtain 40 MMBF (net log scale) during which time there would be a full reassessment by the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the volume of logs necessary for the Tribe's sawmills.

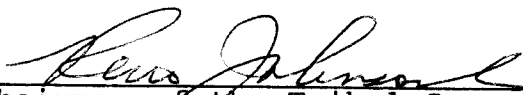
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Chairman Reno Johnson is hereby directed to proceed forthwith to obtain the off-reservation logs without cost to the Tribe in the amounts and for the purpose of maintaining full production of the Whiteriver and CBQ Sawmills pending a total reassessment of the Tribe's forest by the Tribe and B.I.A. from the standpoint of determining the appropriate volume and value of timber in the forest for the best interests of the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on February 24, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for and ZERO 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 Bylaws 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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