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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the Sunrise Ski Manager has proposed summer horseback tours into the Smith Cienega Area; and
- WHEREAS, this area has traditionally been a sacred area for the Apache people as well as an important elk habitat; and
- WHEREAS, it is recommended to the Tribal Council that the Smith Cienega Area be entirely closed to recreational use in order to preserve this sacred area and elk habitat; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that Mr. Phillip Stago, Director of the Tribal Game & Fish Department, Tribal Council Member Darvin Burnette, and Dave Shadle, General Manager of Sunrise Ski Area should meet and confer in respect to the environmental and economic impact on Smith Cienega if the Sunrise Ski Area conducts horseback tours through said area; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that direct alternative routes be explored by Messrs, Stago, Burnette and Shadle for Sunrise horseback tours, and that a report of their findings and recommendations for management of the Smith Cienega Area be submitted to the Tribal Council at the earliest possible date.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain
 Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that Phillip
 Stago, Jr., Director of Game & Fish, Darvin Burnette,
 Tribal Council Member, Dave Shadle, Sunrise General
 Manager, meet and discuss the proposed Sunrise horseback tours into the Smith Cienega Area and report back
 to the Tribal Council as to the environmental and
 economic impact which may result from use of the Smith
 Cienega Area for horseback riding by Sunrise, and as
 to alternative routes for horseback tours, and finally
 as to their recommendation for long range future
 management of the Smith Cienega Area.

The foregoing resolution was on May 13, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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 (f), (h), and (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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