

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

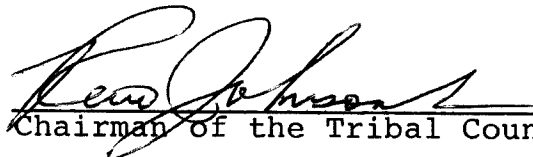
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 86-180, adopted a schedule for reduction of the annual allowable cut for the next five years for the Fort Apache Timber Company; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council proposed a reduction of the annual allowable cut, net log scale from 82.8 mmbf to 75.2 mmbf, effective this year; and
- WHEREAS, the reduction in the annual allowable cut was adopted by the Tribal Council in order to bring the annual allowable cut of Tribal forests in conformity with the Congressional mandate that Indian forests be maintained and harvested on a sustained yield basis; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously rejected the Bureau of Indian Affairs annual allowable cut on the grounds that the Bureau was marking tribal timber for harvest far in excess of growth to the detriment of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has only recently, through independent scientific analysis, determined that the Bureau's determination of the annual allowable cut was far in excess of the growth, thereby necessitating a reduction in the annual allowable cut; and
- WHEREAS, said reduction will result in unemployment and financial hardship for the Tribe due to the fact that the Bureau had not previously informed the Tribe that it was harvesting timber in excess of the growth of the forest on a sustained yield basis; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is seeking off reservation sources of timber to off-set the necessary reduction of annual allowable cut on the reservation according to the five-year plan, and has sought the assistance of the Congressional Delegation and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has delegated to the Tribal Chairman the authority to obtain off reservation timber sources in sufficient quantities to provide the FATCO mills with 82.8 mmbf during FY 87/88; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has forced the White Mountain Apache Tribe to base its 1987/1988 budget upon the harvest of 82.8 mmbf exclusively for the Fort Apache forests and is attempting to compel the continuation of overcutting of its forests.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the harvest of 75.2 mmbf net log scale for Fiscal Year 87/88, with the understanding that if the Tribe is unsuccessful in locating off reservation sources of timber, that (1) the FATCO income will be reviewed at such time as the harvest of 75.2 mmbf is nearing completion to determine if the 87/88 budget can be met; (2) additional sources of revenue will be sought; and (3) only in the event no other means of meeting the 87/88 budget requirement are available, a harvest not to exceed 82.8 mmbf will be approved at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent, if any, the Tribe's harvests exceeds the 75.2 mmbf projected reduction for the year 1987/88, the Tribe will in the succeeding three years reduce its harvest in amounts sufficient to maintain the same projected reduction in the five year program of reduction as set forth in its resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on May 15, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and TWO 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council

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For Approval
White Mountain, Arizona


Secretary of the Tribal Council