

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

- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has presented to the Tribal Council for approval its Maverick Timber Sale Proposal; and
- WHEREAS, said proposal entails the sale of 65.9 million board feet over a total sale area of 29,672 acres, said sale to be cut over a four year period with one year for cleanup; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the sale in depth with the help of its forestry and other technical experts and concludes that the Maverick Sale as proposed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs will severely overcut the timber in the Maverick Sale Area; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that despite a customary 20 year rotation the Bureau is proposing that the Maverick Block Area be entered within ten years in some areas of the sale and within 15 years in other areas; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined the growth in the Maverick Area, based upon C.F.I. Plot data to be 103 board feet per acre and that the net growth determined over the 10 year period since the last entry of sale within the sale acreage is only 20 million board feet; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further rejects the Bureau's proposal that all trees 30 inches dph or larger be harvested and that the basal area in the Maverick Sale Area be reduced to 80 square feet; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council rejects the Maverick Sale as proposed by the Bureau in that it constitutes a severe overcutting and destruction of the tribal forest which will leave the forest valueless if the proposed 65 million board feet of timber are harvested; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further concludes that only a harvest of the 10 year net growth should be taken in the Maverick Block Area, that a basal area of 115 square feet should be retained and that the

timber be marked according to the 6 Point Bomberg-Hall Risk Rating System; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council directs that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Department premark the sale well in advance of the fallers so that a more professional and accurate marking can be accomplished prior to the cut.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the harvest of timber within the area proposed by the B.I.A. as the Maverick Timber Sale on the condition that only the net growth of the last 10 years be harvested over the 29,672 acres which amounts to approximately 20 million board feet and that the basal area not be reduced below 115 square feet per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Bureau shall mark the trees well in advance of the harvest applying the 6 Point Bomberg-Hall Risk Rating System;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and FATCO Management to sign any and all required documents to allow harvest of the timber in the proposed Maverick Sale Area according to the conditions set forth herein.

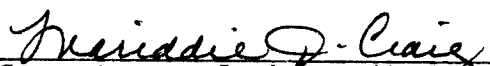
The foregoing resolution was on June 1, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of FOUR for and TWO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i), (h), of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 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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