

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

- WHEREAS, pending the implementation of a reservation-wide logging plan in which the Tribal forests will be harvested as a single logging unit, it is necessary to approve individual timber sales prepared by the BIA; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has proposed the Turkey Creek Timber Sale with a represented harvest of 59,500,000 board feet (NLS) on a harvestable area of 27,709 acres within the Tribal Management Unit; and
- WHEREAS, experts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe have reviewed the Turkey Creek Timber Sale and have determined (1) that the sale area was harvested previously between 1967 and 1975, (2) that the average number of years since the last harvest was 17.7 years, and 3) that growth on the Tribal Management Unit has averaged 80 board feet per acre per year; and
- WHEREAS, experts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe have applied the net growth rate of the Tribal Management Unit to the August 27, 1987 determination of operable acres on the Turkey Creek Sale area and have determined that 25,667,000 board feet (NLS) is the harvest volume that can be taken from the Turkey Creek sale area without exceeding net growth; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA has advised the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the harvestable area proposed in the February 2, 1987 letter of 27,709 gross operable acres has been reduced to 18,155 net operable acres as stated in an August 26, 1987 letter to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairman, and that therefore the 25,667,000 bd. ft. (NLS) will be harvested within the 18,155 net operable acres; and
- WHEREAS, officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs met with representatives of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on August 6, 1987, and agreed to implement future timber sales including the Turkey Creek Timber Sale with a harvest volume of 25,667,000 board feet, and it was further agreed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, upon implementation of the Timber Sale contract, will proceed to begin marking the timber sale area based upon BIA reviews of the cruise data previously collected by them to determine the marking guidelines to use on the sale area; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the experts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe have mutually agreed that marking will be guided by preliminary prioritized marking guidelines and adjustments will be made periodically in the marking, if necessary to insure a harvest of 25,667,000 board feet (NLS) without exceeding net growth on the Turkey Creek Sale area, and subject to minor changes and administrative adjustments by the Approving Officer, be sold to the Fort Apache Timber Company as described below:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED STUMPAGE RATE</u>
All species	25,667,000 bd. ft.	Currently Approved (Royalty Rate)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council or his representative is authorized to execute the contract and related documents necessary to administer the sale of timber for and on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that deductions not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the gross receipts received from the Purchaser will be accrued in the Road Suspense Account. This accrual will continue until the Road Suspense Account is funded to the extent required to provide the road construction fund reserves authorized by the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on September 10, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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).

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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