

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is experiencing a severe financial crisis as a result of the fiscal mismanagement and over-expenditures generated by the previous administration during the last four years; and

WHEREAS, the financial problems of the Tribe have required the Tribal Council to either close programs or make significant cutbacks in the spending levels of programs, as reported in the attached newspaper article from the Arizona Republic; and

WHEREAS, these program cut-backs have resulted in the layoff of more than one hundred Tribal employees, many of whom reside in housing under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, these affected individuals are likely to experience problems in meeting their expenses including difficulties in maintaining their rent or house payments.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that it respectfully requests, that the HUD Office of Indian Programs, be sensitive to and make allowable exceptions for the serious financial problems being experienced by affected Tribal members and the negative impact the current economic conditions will have on the the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority's Tenant Account Receivable (TAR's).

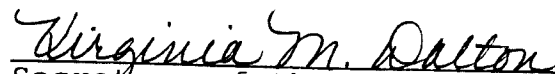
The foregoing resolution was on July 12, 1990, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and one against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 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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## Apache tribe faces cutback

**White Mountain workload slows — 300 affected**

By Fred Smith  
The Arizona Republic

**WHITERIVER** — About 300 employees of the White Mountain Apache Tribe — one-fourth of the tribe's work force — will be laid off for at least two weeks or will have their hours reduced because of a financial crisis, tribal officials said Friday.

The cutbacks, effective Monday, will result in a two-week closure of 34 tribal enterprises, including the Apache-Sunrise Ski Resort and a 50 per cent reduction in other areas, including the tribe's Police Department.

Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe said the move should save the tribe about

\$324,000 over two weeks.

He called it "drastic," but said, "Unless we do this, we're dead."

Lupe said the tribe's business operations lost \$8.5 million in 1989. In recent weeks, he said, the operations were spending \$50,000 more a day than they were taking in.

"I figured we'd have been broke in six days if we had kept going the way we were," Lupe said.

The chairman blamed the tribe's financial problems on the administration of his predecessor, Reno Johnson, who left office May 2. Johnson could not be reached for comment.

"He (Johnson) devastated the tribe's financial position," Lupe said. "There was mismanagement and politics in every business operation."

The cutbacks were approved Tuesday by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council. Lupe said the council will meet again in about two weeks to discuss whether they should be extended.

Sandy Grant, the tribe's comptroller, said the tribe's current financial distress could be traced to last year's deficit and to a lowered demand for lumber in the West.

The Fort Apache Timber Co. sawmills at Whiteriver and Cibecue are the tribe's biggest industry.

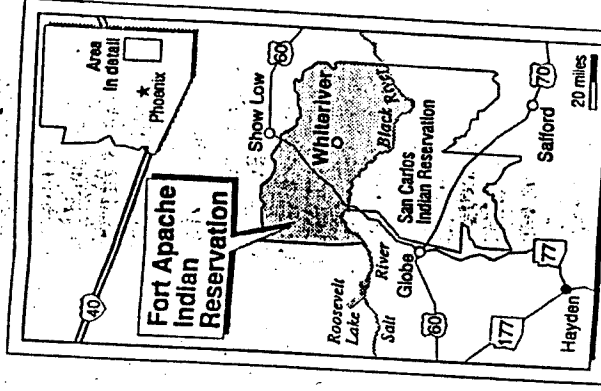
Because of the lower demand, prices paid for lumber were dropped in May to \$246 per thousand board feet from \$320. The manufacturing cost at the timber-company mill is \$273.

"Instead of closing the mill, we tried to keep it open," Grant said. "And it became a losing proposition."

About half of the mill's 400 employees will be laid off or have their hours reduced, Grant said.

Closing for two weeks are such tribal entities as the Apache Museum, the tribal vocational-skill center, and libraries in Whiteriver and Cibecue.

Operations that will continue with work-force reductions include the



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Police Department, the sawmill, the judiciary, and fire and rescue service.

Grant said some of the tribal employees could face permanent loss of their jobs. They would be eligible for state unemployment benefits, he said.

# Wider Proposed Local Toll charges by U S West would decline

By David Schwartz  
The Arizona Republic

State utility regulators proposed Friday that U S West Communications vastly expand its local-service calling area in metropolitan Phoenix and Tucson.

The proposal by Corporation Commission staff members would eliminate extra charges for many calls from U S West customers. The calls would become part of customers' basic monthly fee.

But the monthly rate might change or increase. How much has not been determined.

The proposal also recommends that U S West offer callers two other options:

- Unlimited local service, plus free calling to adjacent areas for a basic monthly rate. Other calls would be charged by the minute.
- A basic monthly charge covering

