

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised by the Fort Apache Timber Company and the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Phoenix Area Office has denied the sawmill's request for an extension of time to complete Deer Springs Timber Sales contract; and
- WHEREAS, said denial by the Phoenix Area Office Bureau of Indian Affairs will cause financial hardship to the Tribe as the Cibecue Mill will run out of sawlogs and will have to curtail operations which will result in a loss of employment and grave economic losses for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Deer Springs Sale was approved over a year ago prior to the BIA's directive that no timber sale after the South Odart Timber Sale would be approved without provision in the timber sale contract for disposal of logging slash; and
- WHEREAS, the Deer Springs Timber Sale predates the South Odart Sale and BIA directive; and the Tribe's request for an extension of the Deer Springs Sale Contract therefore does not come within the prohibition of the BIA directive; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council advises the Bureau that it has in good faith reviewed the burning study conducted by a 638 contractor and has sought additional review of that study by the tribe's experts, which will be discussed with the Bureau on January 24 and 25, 1991 during a special Tribal Council meeting; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further advises the Bureau that Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe conducted a meeting with BIA Agency Forester, David Reinhold and other tribal employees and experts in his office January 4, 1991, for the purpose of discussing alternatives to prior prescribed burning practices and that significant headway was accomplished in understanding and discussing alternative means of disposing logging slash and natural fuel built up in the forest; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Tribal Council concludes that the Tribal Chairman should by formal letter request the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Agency to reconsider the denial of an extension.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Chairman Ronnie Lupe to formally request the Fort Apache Indian Agency Superintendent to reconsider extension of the Deer Springs Timber Sale Contract.

The foregoing resolution was on January 9, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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).

Ronnie Lupe

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Virginia M. Dalton

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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