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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has adopted resolutions that require skidding the tops of trees to landings on certain portions of timber sales; and
- WHEREAS, one of the primary reasons for skidding tree tops was to remove them from thickets and reserved tree areas that would be damaged when the slash in those areas are burned; and
- WHEREAS, the skidding of tree tops to landings is resulting in unacceptable damage to the areas which are to be protected and unnecessarily increasing logging costs; and
- WHEREAS, thickets and reserved tree areas would receive less damage is the tree tops were simply moved sufficient distances away from the thickets and reserved trees before they are burned.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Coyote East, Lone Pine South, South Faught Ridge, Whiskey Trail, and Wild Horse Timber Sales be amended to remove the provision that requires tree tops to be skidded to landings.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that these same contracts shall be amended to provide that tree tops in designated areas will be skidded a distance sufficient to place them, at least six feet from the bole, or out from under the crown of a reserve tree, whichever is farther or as necessary to protect remaining thickets and reserved trees from fire damage when the slash in these areas are burned.

The foregoing resolution was on November 13, 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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