

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that Luke Air Force Base proposes to widen and realign existing military training routes for airforce fighter aircraft; and

WHEREAS, one proposed route will be realigned to pass over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation at a location where no routes existed before; and

WHEREAS, said aircraft will be flying at high speeds and extremely low altitude and will pose a significant danger to the population, wildlife, timber and other resources of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned about bald eagle nesting sites within the corridor proposed for the high speed fighter aircraft training routes, the danger of destruction to thousands of acres of ponderosa pine, environmental noise and fuel pollution of the environment, air and soil, danger to helicopters and other aircraft utilized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Tribe for wildlife surveys and for forest fire surveillance and control of fires.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes the Luke Air Force Base proposal to widen and realign existing military training routes for airforce fighter aircraft to include a pass over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes and directs Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe to conduct formal communications with Luke Air Force Base, the Secretary of the Interior, the Arizona Congressional delegation, and other persons and officials deemed appropriate for the purpose of opposing the proposed action by Luke Air Force Base and to request that Luke Air Force Base withdraw the proposed route from further consideration.

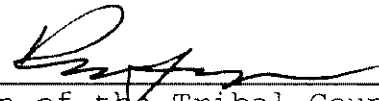
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Chairman that it directs the Fort Apache Agency Superintendent to exercise the United States Government trust responsibility and to take whatever steps are necessary to protect the Tribe and its resources by requesting that Luke Air Force Base withdraw the proposed aircraft training route over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on January 05, 1994, 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (f), (i), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council