

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


- WHEREAS,** the sustainable development of mineral resources on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is an important objective in the White Mountain Apache Tribe's economic development strategy; and
- WHEREAS,** the sustainable development of the Tribe's mineral resources while protecting the environment and ecosystems can provide benefits including increased tribal revenues and employment; and
- WHEREAS,** iron ore deposits in the Canyon Creek area could potentially provide marketable iron oxides that could be sustainably developed and marketed; and
- WHEREAS,** there are extensive sand and gravel deposits that when identified and located could provide environmentally safe borrow pits for on-reservation construction projects and potential off-reservation sales; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council would consider the development of the aforementioned mineral resources dependent upon acceptable information regarding; the location of mineral deposits, market conditions, sustainable development, and environmental safety; and
- WHEREAS,** there is funding available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct mineral resource assessments on Indian reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to assess the location, marketability and other aspects of the Tribe's mineral resources, specifically the iron oxides, and the sand and gravel deposits.

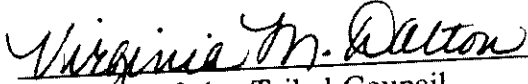
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves submission of grant applications for the assessment of iron oxides and for the assessment of sand and gravel resources on the reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby agrees to consider publication of any mineral resource information gathered under the proposal and to conduct at least one public hearing to publicize the results of the individual mineral assessments and that the assessment reports will be available for review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it prefers to have the mineral program conducted by either by a geoscience consultant or a federal agency.

The foregoing resolution was on September 08, 1994, duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (b), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (n), (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

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council