

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has always sought to protect its land and waters; and

WHEREAS, many of the streams and wetlands of the ID Range are sensitive areas and have undergone degradation in recent years due to overgrazing by cattle, horses and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the area contains some of the richest wetland ecosystems on the Reservation and provides habitat for medicinal plants; and

WHEREAS, several livestock management plans have been developed for the ID Range without stemming the degradation of this area; and

WHEREAS, one year ago the Tribal Council adopted resolution number 08-96-180 which authorized the pursuit of funds to restore the ID Range area through the cessation of livestock grazing; and

WHEREAS, protection of the sensitive streams and wetlands in the east side of the ID Range can best be afforded by designating this area as a restoration area, removing cattle and feral horses, and reducing elk numbers.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates all of the area within the ID Range from the Paddy Creek Watershed east to the Reservation boundary as a restoration areas depicted in the attached map incorporated by reference herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the ID Herd Enterprise will be responsible for removing cattle from the area as soon as possible but no later than October 30, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the ID Herd Enterprise will be responsible for ensuring that cattle do not reenter the area in the future and for modifying their operations to ensure sustainable use of the remaining lands in the ID Range.

Resolution No. 08-97-227

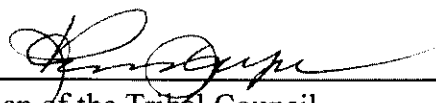
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the land Operations Program will oversee removal of feral horses and livestock from the area after October 30, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it authorizes the preparation of grant applications to aid these efforts and to develop appropriate economic development activities that are compatible with the recovery of this area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Watershed Program, Land Operations Program, Forestry Department and Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, cooperatively develop a long-term plan for the restoration area for review by the Tribal Council no later than December 31, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the ranch houses at Pair O' Dice Cienega, Paddy Creek Cienega, Ten O' Diamonds Ranch, and Reservation Ranch be maintained in the interim period by the Tribal Land Operations until the long-term management plan is developed to accommodate tribal uses such as youth programs and guided outdoor recreation activities.

The foregoing resolution was on August 7, 1997, 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), (f), (i), (l), (m), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council