

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

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution Nos. 04-93-088 and 12-95-372, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe established an Interagency Endangered Species Task Force to facilitate coordination among agencies and departments involved in the submission of information to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reference proposed federal actions that potentially threatened the Tribe's control over its natural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the task force has made great strides in working to ensure that harmony exists between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and all other living things on the reservation, and has helped bring the Tribe to its current position of being recognized as a natural leader in the progressive management of its ecosystems, which includes the management of habitat for sensitive species; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe is currently developing various integrated resource management plans to continue its aggressive and proactive approach to protecting and restoring the priceless natural resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution No. 08-96-182, the Tribe has established a Tribal Plan and Project Review to provide a mechanism for full tribal control over the Tribe's natural resources, especially as those resources are impacted by project planning and management decisions, and to ensure that such decisions are integrated and coordinated fully within the expressed policies and directives of the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Plan and Project Review includes a component that ensures the thorough review of all actions on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in light of their impacts and potential impacts on sensitive species; and
- WHEREAS,** all functions and priorities of the Endangered Special Task Force have been fully incorporated into the Tribal Plan and Project Review process, such that the Endangered Species Task Force is now redundant and its purposes are now served by the Tribal Plan and Project Review; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 30, 1997, through Plan Number 01-97-4, the Tribal Plan and Project Review Committee, resolved to recommend to the Tribal Council that the Endangered Species Task Force be disbanded, and that all of its functions be folded into the Tribal Plan and Project Review process; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes that the Tribal Plan and Project Review process is fulfilling the Tribal Council's stated objectives and is otherwise implementing the Council's directive to provide integrated review and management of all impacts to the Tribal ecosystem; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council agrees with the Tribal Plan and Project Review's recommendation that the Endangered Species Task Force be dissolved.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Interagency Endangered Species Task Force, created pursuant to Resolution Nos. 04-93-088 and 12-95-372, is hereby dissolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all functions and priorities delegated to the Interagency Endangered Species Task Force are transferred in their entirety to Tribal Plan and Project Review.

The foregoing resolution was on November 05, 1997, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (h), (i), (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).

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