

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has reviewed and approved each Timber Sale Contract and the slash disposal by burning identified for each sale; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has also approved the Forest Management Plan and the stocking levels and stand objectives identified in this plan; and

WHEREAS, implementing burning for protection includes maintaining stocking levels identified in the Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, burning for other purposes will only be implemented with approval from the Tribal Council and objectives stating guidance for the project or plan; and

WHEREAS, there are no changes in the acceptable smoke quantities from the previous approved plan, and these are being quantifiably monitored through air quality monitors daily; and

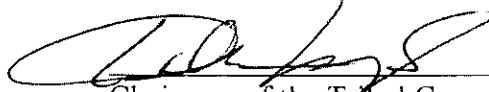
WHEREAS, there has been a Tribal Resource Monitor position funded to enforce the Tribe's concerns for mortality and smoke from prescribed burning, and this monitor is on burn projects whenever burning is conducted by the B.I.A.; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council's request to have the Tribal Forester and the Tribal Plan and Project Review Panel review that the burn plan has been met.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the procedures and guidelines for burning identified in the Five Year Burning Plan, 1997-2001 be adopted with the option to modify areas of the plan that conflict with management direction the Council may want to see changed.

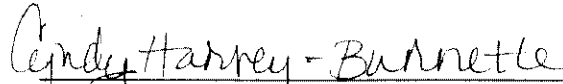
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the burning will be subject to the supervision and monitoring of the Tribal Forestry Department.

The foregoing resolution was on July 9, 1998 duly adopted by a vote of six for, one against, and one abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council