

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

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Tribe's inherent sovereignty over the lands and waters of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, in addition to the powers listed in the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council has the authority and responsibility to protect and promote the health of the tribal ecosystems through the implementation of the Land Restoration Code using the permanent Land Restoration Fund; and

WHEREAS, several restoration projects have vividly demonstrated the potential of these areas to recover through reduced pressure from grazing; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has adopted a Watershed Strategic Plan that lists priority areas for restoration, including the Cibecue, Lofer, and Gooseberry Watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Land Restoration Board has, by a vote of 4 to zero in favor and zero against, approved a suite of restoration projects based on the 1998 income. The Board intends to use the coming year as an opportunity to hold community meetings to discuss future restoration projects to meet goals of the community; and

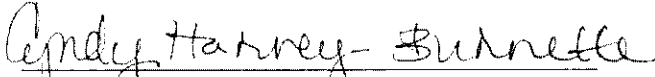
WHEREAS, the proposed restoration projects will extend ongoing restoration efforts through the physical restoration of channels, the replanting of riparian vegetation, the protection of restoration areas from unrestricted grazing and the education of local community members through tours and involvement of local schools.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Cibecue, Lofer, and Gooseberry Restoration Projects submitted by the Watershed Program.

The foregoing resolution was on April 7, 1999, duly adopted by a vote of TEN and ONE 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), (k) (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, 1933 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council