

**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 tribal ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, many people remember the watersheds of the Reservation when they were healthier, with lush riparian areas and clean water; and

WHEREAS, several restoration projects have vividly demonstrated the potential of these areas to recover; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed restoration project will extend ongoing restoration efforts through the restoration of channels and the replanting of riparian vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Statement of Relationship with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledges the parties' common interest in promoting healthy ecosystems and agrees to cooperate on a government-to-government basis; and

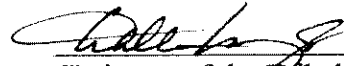
WHEREAS, the Service has agreed to provide technical assistance and funding in the amount of \$9,000 for the Lofer Cienega restoration project through the Service's Partners for Wildlife Program; and

WHEREAS, Tribal staff and Special Counsel have negotiated a mutually-acceptable Agreement with the Service and the Regional Solicitor's office.

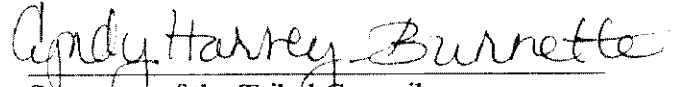
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Lofer Cienega Restoration Project Agreement between the Tribe and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice Chairman or other duly authorized official, to execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 12, 1999, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (i), (j), and (t) 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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

