

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

WHEREAS, All nine Tribal Livestock Associations and the Tribal ID Herd entered into contracts with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to participate in the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) to defer their cattle from a specified number of acres within their grazing districts; and

WHEREAS, Through EWP, the livestock associations and Tribal ID Herd will receive financial assistance to move their livestock from specified areas during the fall and spring growing seasons (September 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000); and

WHEREAS, A cost share amount of \$.42/acre/month for deferred grazing will pay for temporary conservation practices like fencing, and hauling water and for actual costs of moving cattle and monitoring deferred areas; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Conservation and Restoration Board has provided administrative and technical assistance and the Tribal Range Management Program is overseeing the field implementation of the Program and assisting the Livestock Associations and Tribal ID Herd in deferring livestock from each designated area; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that the cost share funding will be spent specifically for conservation practices to defer cattle under the EWP program, the deferred grazing funds are recommended to be received directly by Central Tribe and distributed as follows:

- 60% of the total to fund livestock associations and ID Herd with direct EWP program implementation to cover costs of removing cattle from deferred rangelands; production losses from reduced herds sizes, and cost share for restocking at the end of the program period, and
- 40% of the total to fund the Tribal Range Management program over the course of the EWP program, for providing technical assistance and for ensuring program management and compliance. Funds will be used for staff time, equipment, transportation, and other necessary costs, and

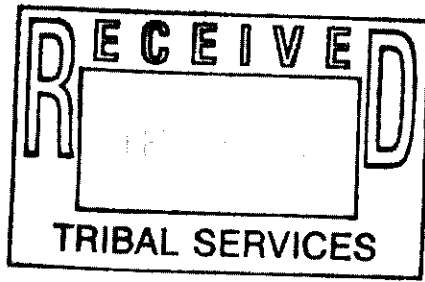
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that this project and fund management arrangement will help to ensure successful participation in the NRCS EWP Program, allowing for assistance of this type in the future.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the above stated 60%/40% funding distribution, and for funds received by Central Tribe under the EWP program, and

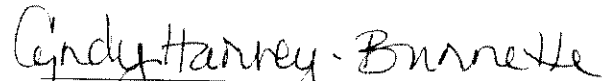
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that reimbursements and distributions of funds received will be made to livestock associations and the Tribal ID Herd only after letter certification from the Tribal Range Management Program is received by Central Tribe, verifying work and deferment completion.

The foregoing resolution was on December 1, 1999, 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), (b), (f), (h), (i), (k), (r), (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