White Mountain Apache Tribe

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

- WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Timber Company during the past 5 years has not harvested, nor processed into lumber its allowable cut of timber from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 30 million board feet of timber has not been harvested from the Tribal Management Unit during the past 5 years; and
- WHEREAS, logging was discontinued the entire month of October, 2000; and
- WHEREAS, although logging operations resumed in November it is not possible to harvest nor pay for adequate volume to be delivered by the end of December to sustain FATCO sawmill production until Spring; and
- WHEREAS, it is evident that logging must continue during the winter months to prevent FATCO sawmills from running out of lumber to process; and
- WHEREAS, FATCO anticipates the annual allowable cut may be less during the next cutting cycle than it currently is; and
- WHEREAS, FATCO will then be required to use next year's new Annual Allowable Cut of timber in order to sustain lumber production until spring, thereby reducing the timber available during the balance of the calendar year; and
- WHEREAS, FATCO has determined an additional harvest from the Tribal Management Unit of 10 million board feet is sufficient to provide the volume required.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that after receiving the information listed herein it requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs approve a modification to the existing Forest Management Plan and allow FATCO to harvest an additional 10 million board feet from the Tribal Management Unit for harvest in calendar year 2001 which shall be considered allowable cut during the 1996-2000 cutting cycle.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 7, 2000</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (h), (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,

Resolution No. <u>12-2000-351</u>

pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council