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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has consistently supported environmentally and economically sound development of aggregate and fill material sources for its own enterprises and other construction projects from Stago Pit, Williams Creek, Carrizo Canyon, and Gold Gulch for economic benefits to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Materials Consultant, working with the Tribal Public Works Department and the Tribal Transportation Coordinator has submitted to Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) Project No. 01-01-01, titled Bear Canyon and Gold Gulch Limestone Rock Quarries; and
- WHEREAS, the project involves development of up to two limestone sites in Bear Canyon and one limestone site in upper Gold Gulch of approximately five (5) to eight (8) acres each; and
- WHEREAS, development of these sites will improve the distribution of materials sites in the Whiteriver area and reduce trucking costs to Canyon Day by using rock sources closer than Carrizo; and
- WHEREAS, all proposed material sites undergo thorough review through Tribal Plan and Project Review, yet there is a need to gain Tribal Council approval for conducting sampling for developing mining and reclamation plans, and for mining material from sites for the use of Public Works/Fort Apache Materials and others; and
- WHEREAS, TPPR approval is conditioned on the review and acceptance of the project by the Tribal Cultural Program Director and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby has considered the need to develop additional material sources for Tribal benefits and economic gain, but that all material source development must be accomplished in accordance with any mining and reclamation plans and with the oversight of the Tribal Materials Consultant, appropriate Tribal Engineering, Environmental and other staff.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves development of the proposed Bear Canyon and Gold Gulch limestone deposits to provide aggregate products for upcoming road, airport improvement and other construction project to benefit the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that if historical/cultural sites or artifacts are discovered during project development, this would be cause for immediate consultation with appropriate Tribal and BIA staff to survey findings and recommend mitigation to protect historical/cultural sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in place of a mining and reclamation plan for the Three Limestone Pit developments, a set of guidelines shall be developed by the Tribal Materials Consultant and pit developer to provide for careful management of the sites to maximize the materials potential of the sites, and to minimize environmental impacts to the sites to the greatest degree possible.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>January 5, 2001</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), (b), (h), (i), (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).

DEGENMED NAPRELLES

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council