

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has taken steps to restore its wetlands to healthy, productive conditions through the establishment of the Land Restoration Fund and the adoption of a Wetlands Conservation Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the wetlands are valuable natural resources that provide many benefits to the Tribe, including water quality, water storage, recreation, wildlife habitat, culturally significant plants, and scenic beauty; and

**WHEREAS,** Candy Lupe, a Tribal member and a Tribal employee with the Watershed program, is currently working toward a masters degree in Forest Service at Northern Arizona University and is seeking permission to prepare a thesis on four wetland areas on the Reservation using data from old lakesite reports compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and old range surveys conducted by BIA; and


**WHEREAS,** this research will examine historical and current conditions of four montane wetlands within the Black River Watershed (Ess Spring, Deep, Maverick and Lofer Cienegas) and interviews will be conducted to document the cultural concerns of these important sites; and

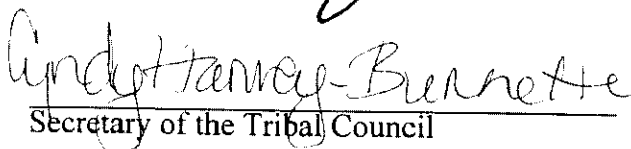
**WHEREAS,** this research will provide valuable information that the Tribe can utilize for development of detailed plans to restore its wetlands and will help preserve traditional ecological knowledge about the land for use by future generations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to Candy Lupe to conduct her research on historical and current conditions of four montane wetlands, specifically Ess Spring, Deep, Maverick and Lofer Cienegas, within the Black River Watershed for the purpose of preparing a thesis for her Master's degree.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it further authorizes publication of the thesis and associated journal articles upon review and approval by the Tribe's Legal Department and Cultural Advisory Board.

The foregoing resolution was on August 1, 2001 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), (f), (h), (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).

  
ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council