

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has on this date reviewed options for instituting immediate salvage lumber operations in the region impacted by the Rodeo/Chediski Fire; and

WHEREAS, the fire burned more than 276,000 acres within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, creating an immediate need to salvage within the next two years the fire killed timber estimated to be in excess of 466 million board feet; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency staff have received requests from off-reservation timber operators to make proposals for purchasing and harvesting a portion of the burned area salvage timber; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council on this date has requested federal funding to assist the Tribe in employing personnel and operating its mill to recover as much of the salvage timber as possible; however, the Tribal Council recognizes that due to the immense scale of the fire impacts, outside logging operators may be called upon to assist in the salvage program; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports efforts by Agency personnel to solicit bids from viable off-reservation logging operators for consideration by the Tribe, provided that the Tribe's Fort Apache Timber Company, ("FATCO") be afforded the right of first refusal on any salvage sale to any off-reservation logging operator.

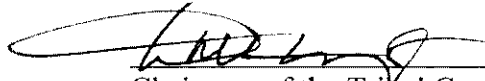
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the proposal for Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency staff to solicit bids from off-reservation logging operators for purchasing and logging, provided that the Council shall have final approval of any salvage sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman is authorized to present this request to the United States Congress for emergency funding as a rider to any bill this fiscal year for immediate consideration.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 23, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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),(c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (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, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Resolution No. 07-2002-179




Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council