

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

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs Burned Area Emergency Response team has identified approximately 466 million board feet of timber damaged or killed by the Rodeo-Chediski fire in the West Management Unit; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the Trust Responsibility to obtain the greatest value for damaged Trust Resources; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to salvage this timber immediately to capture the greatest value before insects and disease render it valueless; and

**WHEREAS,** within the moderate to severe burned areas of the Rodeo-Chediski fire, some of the timber at risk for infestation by insects and disease plus some of the greatest volume per acre and therefore the greatest value per acre is on the slopes greater than 40%; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1991-2000 Forest Management Plan which has been extended does not allow management on slopes greater than 40%; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mexican Spotted Owl Management Plan as adopted by the Tribe in October 1994 protects owl habitat, including habitat on 40% and greater slopes; and

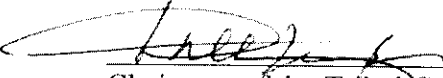
**WHEREAS,** it may be economically feasible and environmentally sound to remove damaged timber in the moderate to severe burned areas on 40% or greater slopes by helicopter logging.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage may include helicopter logging within the moderate to severe burned areas on slopes over 40% where it is economically feasible and environmental protections can be maintained as determined by the Tribal Plan and Project Review Panel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to amend the environmental assessment for the 1990-2000 Forest Management Plan and other documents and directs the Tribal Forester, Sensitive Species Coordinator and Legal Department to work with the Fort Apache Agency to amend other documents as necessary to allow for timber salvage by helicopter on slopes greater than 40% within the boundary of the Rodeo-Chediski fire in the moderate to severe burned areas.

**Resolution No. 08-2002-222**

The foregoing resolution was on August 21, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (c), (f), (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, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council