

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

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

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment is required prior to the initiation of salvage operations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that while the BIA has adequate funding available to prepare an Environmental Assessment, it does not have the staff necessary to prepare the Assessment; and

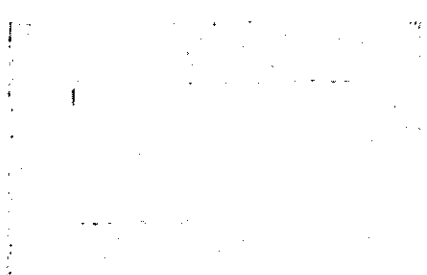
WHEREAS, it would be in the Tribe's best interest to contract this project and coordinate its funding to assure maximum Tribal participation; and

WHEREAS, the current established Forest Management and Protection Contract can be utilized to contract this function.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency to transfer all available Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage Environmental Assessment funding into the Forest Management and Protection Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Forest Manager to hire a qualified consultant to prepare the Environmental Assessment for the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage.

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), (b), (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