

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

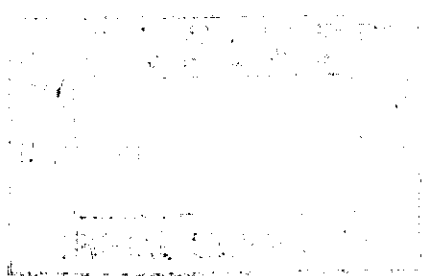
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has determined that the Rodeo-Chediski Fire has created a high potential for flooding and debris flows in the Carrizo Canyon and has issued "Flash Flood Warnings" indicating that initial assessments show that the amount of flooding will be faster and larger than the White Mountain Apache communities have ever experienced in the past; and
- WHEREAS, the BAER team has identified a number of immediate actions to mitigate damage from flash floods, such as a flood warning system, an emergency response plan, cleaning stream debris, protecting bridges, well-heads and septic tank systems, maintaining access, reinforcing stream banks near homes and a massive re-seeding project; and
- WHEREAS, a portion of the community of Carrizo is downstream of the Carrizo Creek at the junction of two major watersheds that burned, and eight housing units located near the Carrizo Creek in the flood plain are at extreme risk of flooding and this risk will not be mitigated by the actions of the BAER Team; and
- WHEREAS, these eight families have addressed the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe requesting permanent relocation due to the ongoing threat to their health and safety caused by recurrent flooding due to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority (Housing Authority), the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, has proposed a new housing development outside of the floodplain to accommodate these families in danger; and
- WHEREAS, The Housing Authority proposes to identify financing to construct the housing units in this proposed housing development outside of the flood plain, in order to eliminate this imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the affected families; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Authority must immediately identify funds to cover the development costs of physical infrastructure for this proposed housing development outside of the flood plain, which infrastructure costs cannot be included within its dwelling unit financing; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has no available funds for this purpose and funds from the Tribe's Indian Housing Block Grant are obligated for other affordable housing purposes, and in recognition of the state of emergency now

becoming evident as a result of actual flooding conditions, detrimentally affecting these families, which commenced earlier this week;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Housing Authority as the Tribe's TDHE to prepare an application on behalf of the Tribe for \$350,000 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Imminent Threat Set-Aside under the Indian Community Development Block Grant to cover infrastructure and construction costs for the proposed housing development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents related to this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on September 12, 2002, 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), (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).



ACTING


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council