

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council in Resolution 07-2002-181 has established a priority for use of donation funds received by the Tribe in response to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has reviewed a proposal to use up to one-half of those funds to immediately fund additional salvage logging activities in the Rodeo-Chediski Fire burned area; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposal would allow the Tribe to achieve several vital recovery goals, including the employment of loggers and mill workers, production of revenue for the Tribe, and recovery of the remaining value of the dead standing timber; and
- WHEREAS,** representatives of FATCO, the Tribe, and the BIA met last week to evaluate additional portions of the burned area for which salvage logging may occur immediately to allow recovery of as much of the salvage timber as possible; and
- WHEREAS,** it is agreed that a portion of up to eight million board feet from the Hop Cot Management Unit could be plotted for sale under a salvage contract to FATCO, with the goal of completing the regulatory clearance on that area within approximately two weeks; and
- WHEREAS,** if the Tribe had funding through the donation account in order to assist in the payment of this salvage activity, FATCO could utilize one to two logging crews in the area, bringing the salvage material to the Whiteriver mill; and
- WHEREAS,** a budget has been drawn up authorizing up to \$500,000.00 from the donation funds account to assist with the salvage logging over a two month period in the amount of \$250,000.00 per month; and
- WHEREAS,** this funding is especially needed at this time while the Tribe is awaiting final determination on its request for federal funding to assist the Tribe with the necessary salvage logging program; and
- WHEREAS,** use of the donation funds for this purpose would be limited to ensure the other priority goals for the donation funding are preserved, and such use would serve only as a temporary measure until the federal funding request is fulfilled; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe expects to receive the federal funding as requested and does not view the limited use of the precious donation funds as offsetting its urgent request for federal assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** upon a receipt of federal funding for the salvage work the Tribe will direct a portion of those funds, if allowed, to reimburse the donation account in the amount of the withdrawals authorized here for the salvage work so that those donation funds will

be available to assist with the Tribe's other key recovery needs, including the massive land rehabilitation work yet to be completed; and

WHEREAS, in the event the federal funding is not available for the purpose of salvage operations, reimbursement to the fund account will be made from the proceeds of the Tribe's Fort Apache Timber Company salvage operations.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the interim salvage activity in the Hop Cot area in the amount of up to eight million board feet for the Fort Apache Timber Company to deliver to the Whiteriver mill, with the understanding that the regulatory clearance for the proposed salvage activity will take less than two weeks, and be separate from the pending Environmental Assessment for the amendment to the reservation-wide salvage sale, which is expected to be completed in approximately thirty days.

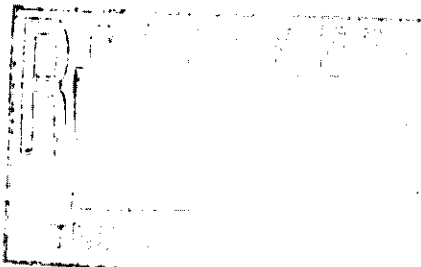
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the transport of this salvage material directly to the Whiteriver mill for processing as the Grasshopper Salvage Operation is providing full capacity for the Cibecue mill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the use of up to \$500,000.00 over a two month period of donation funds for this purpose, subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the limited use of the donation funds for this purpose is an interim measure only while final determination is made on the Tribe's pending request for full federal funding for these important salvage activities, and that the use of these funds does not in any manner offset the need for the requested federal funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that upon receipt of federal funds for salvage, the full amount authorized from the donation funds for the salvage work shall be replenished either through such federal funds, or if not available, through payment from the Fort Apache Timber Company from proceeds realized from the salvage operations.

The foregoing resolution was on September 16, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (k), (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

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