

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

WHEREAS, the Rodeo-Chediski Fire damaged or killed substantial timber throughout the fire area, and this timber has economic value for a short period of time prior to degradation, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe seeks to capture the remaining value of this timber; and

WHEREAS, salvage operations in the form of eight (8) off-Reservation sales and eight (8) sales to FATCO have been underway since November, 2002; and

WHEREAS, salvage and transportation of salvaged timber to FATCO mills and to railheads in Snowflake and Globe requires existing roads on the Reservation to be reconstructed improved and/or maintained so that the timber may be salvaged in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, rock and material necessary for the reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of roads on the Reservation would be mined from existing and proposed pits within or the limits of the approval area as shown on the attached maps area; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts of opening and operating these borrow pits have not been fully addressed under the Rodeo-Chediski Salvage EA; and

WHEREAS, TPPR has outlined a process Attachment A to review and approve proposed borrow pits for road work within the salvage area.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the review and approval process presented by TPPR for locating, establishing, operating, and closing borrow pits is hereby approved.

The foregoing resolution was on January 10, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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).

ACTING

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

December 23, 2002

Mr. James Youtz, Forester
Fort Apache Agency-BIA Forestry
P.O. Box 560
Whiteriver, AZ. 85941

RE: *TPPR Project No. 12-02-5, Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage Borrow Pit Locations*

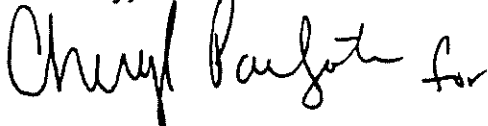
Dear Mr. Youtz:

The above-referenced TPPR Project was reviewed and *approved* by the TPPR Panel at its December 18, 2002 meeting upon the following conditions:

1. Currently, preexisting pit areas, preexisting stock piles, and rock alluviums are approved.
2. Prior to any new areas being developed, a Tribal Council resolution needs to be approved for development of a process of opening new pits with the understanding that Cynthia Dale (Sensitive Species Coordinator) is provided with a map of each proposed site to determine an affect on sensitive species; and Arnold Pailzote (Non-Point Source Coordinator); and Emery Hoffman (Hydrology Program) will be making on -the -ground recommendations for each pit.
3. In order to be consistent with the BA and the EA, no pits may be located in areas of less than 25% burn intensity, and seasonal restrictions will be in place for pits in the 25%-50% mod-low burn intensity areas
4. No blasting in low or moderate-low burn intensity areas since it was not considered in the BA; and
5. Any buffers that were designated under the EA and BA for the Rodeo-Chediski Fire for riparian areas need to be followed.
6. Identify entity responsible for closure and restoration of each pit.
7. Provide follow-up documentation on closure of each pit to TPPR Coordinator.

Please provide a copy of the Tribal Council resolution to TPPR for our files. If you have any questions or concerns, call me at 338-4346 ext. 223. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brenda Pusher-Begay
Environmental Manager/TPPR Coordinator

cc TPPR Panel

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