

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

**WHEREAS,** the serious and rapid decline of the Miner Flat well field, exacerbated by a region-wide drought which may continue for the years to come, has caused a drinking water crisis on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has initiated both short-term and long-term initiatives to secure a dependable drinking water supply for the White Mountain Apache people and to that end, has sought to develop replenishable water supplies within the Reservation for domestic, municipal, industrial, agricultural and other needs for the Apache people to thrive and prosper well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and


**WHEREAS,** in the search for alternative sources, the Tribal Council is aware of the historic use of the Ditch Camp diversion which diverted water from the North Fork of the White River above Ditch Camp by a pipeline to a ditch which then entered Horseshoe Lake and then exited, south to Gooseberry Creek near McNary and eventually to the McNary Mill Pond; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council wishes to explore the feasibility, efficiency, and potential usefulness of reopening the Ditch Camp diversion as a source of water for development in or near the growing McNary Community and Apache Dawn Housing Projects now being built in the Hondah-McNary area and as a possible future water source for the Apache people in the years to come.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribe's water rights attorney, Robert C. Brauchli, to investigate the Ditch Camp diversion and report back to the Tribal Council his findings as to the potential of the Ditch Camp diversion as a drinking water and other purpose water supply for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on April 21, 2003 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), (b), (f), (h), (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