

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

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs Burned Area Emergency Response team has identified timber damaged or killed by the Kinishba fire in the Tribal Management Unit; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to begin salvaging this timber immediately to capture the greatest value before insects and disease render it valueless; and

**WHEREAS,** the stumpage selling value of salvage timber to the Fort Apache Timber Company has previously been set by the Tribal Council at 6% of the past six months average lumber selling value; and

**WHEREAS,** the joint BIA and Tribal employee interdisciplinary team identified issues of concern related to sensitive cultural and natural resources. And these issues have been resolved through mitigation processes to develop a preferred action alternative in the project Environmental Assessment. And that the BIA Fort Apache Agency has approved the preferred alternative with a "Finding of No Significant Impact" statement; and therefore.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Kinishba Fire Salvage, as presented in the proposed contract for sale of timber, and subject to minor changes and administrative adjustments by the Approving Officer, be sold to the Fort Apache Timber Company as described below:

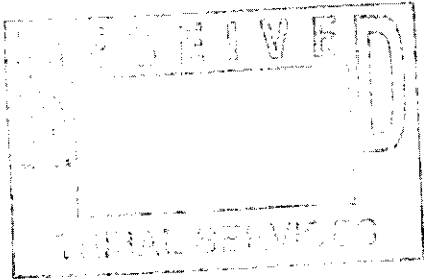
<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED STUMPAGE RATE</u>
All Species	3.5 MMBF	6% of lumber selling value (past 6 months)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in order to efficiently process the salvage material, earning greatest economic return and promoting employment, the higher grade material will be transported to and processed at FATCO's Whiteriver mill, and the lower grade material transported to and processed at Cibecue.

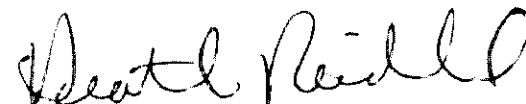
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman of the Tribal Council or his representative is authorized to execute the contract and related documents necessary to administer the sale of timber for and on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Resolution No. 12-2003-277

The foregoing resolution was on December 15, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and THREE 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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
**ACTING** Secretary of the Tribal Council