

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

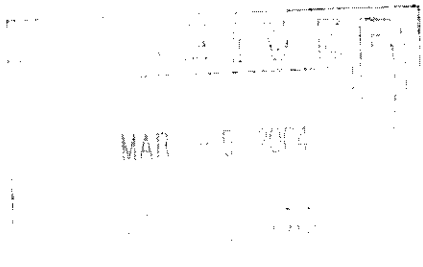
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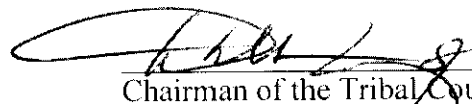
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been involved in the early planning stages of an effort by the Arizona Historical Society, in cooperation with Arizona State Parks Department, the United States Forest Service, the United States National Park Service, and historians and other community representatives to obtain National Historic Trail for a major segment of the "General George Crook Government Road" ("Crook Trail"), pursuant to Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) as amended; and
- WHEREAS**, the segment of the Crook Trail under consideration begins at Fort Apache on White Mountain Apache Tribe trust lands, and then runs north along Highway 73 to a point near the Hon Dah Resort, westerly along the Mogollon Rim, ending at Fort Verde, near Camp Verde, Arizona; and
- WHEREAS**, the Arizona Historical Society seeks the active participation and support of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the effort to designate and develop the Crook Trail for purposes of heritage tourism; and
- WHEREAS**, the Crook Trail passes through some of the most scenic, historic and culturally significant areas of Arizona, including the region affected by the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski Fire, and has significant potential to attract historic, ecological, and "adventure" tourists to the White Mountains; and
- WHEREAS**, General George Crook, remembered as both a military adversary and a political advocate of the Apache, consistently respected Native Americans, recognized Apaches as great warriors, and worked to ensure Apache dignity throughout his career; and
- WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Crook Trail within the National Historic Trail System would provide an opportunity to promote the balanced interpretation and an enhanced understanding of the respective historical roles of the Apache and other Native Peoples, the United States Army and the early immigrants to the Mogollon Rim of Central Arizona Territory; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is engaged in efforts to expand and enhance trail systems to contribute to community focused health and tourism focused economic development, and the Crook Trail is one of the dozens of historic trails on Tribal lands that merits inventory, protection, and revitalized use.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Crook Trail from Fort Apache to Fort Verde, Arizona, merits designation as a National Historic Trail by the Congress of the United States, and the Tribe fully supports and encourages this effort.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that continuing support from the White Mountain Apache Tribe is generally contingent upon attention to the following:

1. Crook Trail project proponents shall coordinate the designation and development activities with the President of the Cibecue Community, the Director of the Tribe's Office of Tourism, the General Manager of the Hon-Dah Resort, and the Director of the Nohwiké Bágowa Cultural Center and Museum;
2. All signs and interpretive materials associated with the Crook Trail shall be sensitive to and respectful of Apache cultural traditions and shall be subject to review and reasonable approval by cultural advisors designated by the White Mountain Apache Tribe;
3. The need for designation of additional rights-of-way, with appropriate conditions and limitations, for those portions of the Crook Trail designated outside of existing State Highway rights-of-way, shall be determined as soon as possible and reported to the Tribal Attorney;
4. All travel on and use of the Crook Trail, and other historic trails within White Mountain Apache Tribe lands and outside of existing State Highway rights of way shall be restricted to equestrian, pedestrian, and other non-motorized uses;
5. The Crook Trail should be established and managed to promote non-motorized travel, without the use of intrusive or historically inappropriate modifications or construction or maintenance methods.

The foregoing resolution was on December 17, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (g), (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).




Chairman of the Tribal Council


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