

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

**(Authorizing Research into the Ancient Fire and Landscape History
of the Mogollon Rim Region to be Conducted in part in the Forestdale
Valley by Christopher Roos, University of Arizona)**

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has heretofore provided consistent support for the development of White Mountain Apache Tribal Heritage Program partnerships and for environmental research to contribute to land and resource planning and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Anthropology at the University of Arizona maintains collaborative research and educational programs with Arizona communities and has expressed an interest, through Christopher Roos (PhD Candidate), to pursue ecological research in the Forestdale Valley in August 2005, as described in "Fire history and Landscape Management in the Forestdale Valley, Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Arizona" submitted to White Mountain Apache Tribe Heritage Management Office; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has already completed preliminary review and approval by Tribal Legal Department and Heritage Program; and

WHEREAS, the Forestdale Community President, Mrs. Cornelia Hoffman, has been consulted and has indicated her support of the project contingent upon approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roos has agreed in principle to:

- (1) Tribal member preference in employment for fieldwork; and
- (2) Exclusive ownership and control by the White Mountain Apache Tribe of all information and materials collected from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- (3) Ongoing consultation with the Tribe regarding program policies and procedures having the potential to affect the White Mountain Apache heritage resources located both on and off tribal lands; and
- (4) Collaboration with Heritage Program staff in the initial presentation and publication of results; and
- (5) Assistance to the Tribe through the creation of an educational poster for tribal schools, and the provision of training to tribal members in field methods for environmental history; and
- (6) Commitment of all proceeds from resultant book sales based on this research to the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Heritage program to expand the collaborative relationship with the University of Arizona to include the proposed research into environmental history and the provision of technical and material assistance to the Heritage Program.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Mr. Roos is hereby authorized to conduct the proposed research project in environmental assistance subject to an Agreement between the Tribe and Mr. Roos in which the following shall apply:


- (1) Mr. Roos shall provide tribal member preference in employment, through the University of Arizona, for fieldwork; and
- (2) All information and materials collected from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation shall remain within the exclusive control and ownership of the Tribe; and
- (3) Mr. Roos shall provide ongoing consultation with the Tribe regarding program policies and procedures related to his project having the potential to affect White Mountain Apache heritage resources located both on and off tribal lands, and that such consultation shall be provided without charge; and
- (4) Mr. Roos shall collaborate with the Tribe's Heritage Program staff in the initial presentation and publication of results, in the provision of tribal Member training, and in the creation of an educational poster for distribution to school on the White Mountain Apache Tribal lands; and
- (5) Mr. Roos shall commit all proceeds from resultant book sales or other financial benefits from products based on this research to the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Mark Altaha, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), is authorized to act as the primary liaison to the University of Arizona and to assist in the supervision of the program in a way that will maximize benefits to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and otherwise protect tribal interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the THPO and all other parties are to comply fully with all applicable tribal, federal, and state regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements relating to the proposed research.

The foregoing resolution was on MAY 11, 2005 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), (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


Secretary of the Tribal Council