



Resolution No. 07-2005-199

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

(Authorizing lobbying efforts against BIA forestry budget cuts)

WHEREAS, Article IV (f) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe vests authority with the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council (Tribal Council) to protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the forest lands of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency (BIA) with consultation provided by the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was notified by the BIA that its forestry department will be receiving \$3.5 million in budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year with \$2.2 million being cut from the fire, pre-suppression program and \$1.3 million being cut from the fuels management, prescribed burns program; and

WHEREAS, this reduction in funding will have the effect of cutting approximately half of the positions for these programs, which are mostly held by White Mountain Apache tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget cuts will detrimentally affect the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and its forests, in fact, increased funding is needed to protect against potential disasters like the Rodeo-Chediski fire that devastated the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council regularly protests against budget cuts that will affect the White Mountain Apache Tribe and would like the BIA and any other applicable federal office/agency to receive notice of these protests; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council would like to gain the support of the Intertribal Timber Council, the National Congress of American Indians, and any other organization that can assist it in resisting the proposed budget cuts.

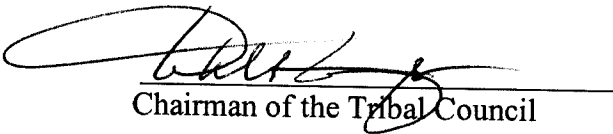
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby:

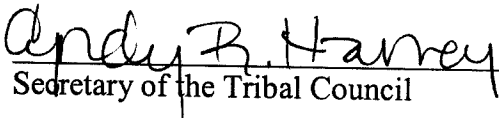
1. Objects to the proposed budget cuts to the upcoming fiscal year because this will detrimentally effect the White Mountain Apache Tribe and its forests; and

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2. Authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, and any other authorized representative appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, to work with the Intertribal Timber Council, the National Congress of American Indians, and any other organization that can assist the White Mountain Apache Tribe in lobbying against the proposed BIA forestry budget cuts; and
3. Authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, and any other authorized representative appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, to send letters of protest to the BIA and any other applicable federal office or agency.

The foregoing resolution was on July 13, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (f), (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