



Resolution No. 07-2005-202

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

**(Approving Tribal Departments to nominate Fort Apache – Seven Mile Trails Network into the Arizona State Trails System and seek funding)**

**WHEREAS**, self-propelled travel in general, and walking, running, and horseback riding in particular are pervasive and prevailing themes in White Mountain Apache history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2003 the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) Heritage Program (Historic Preservation Office and Cultural Center) and its partners have been planning, re-establishing, expanding, and enhancing a recreational and historic trails system centered on Fort Apache Historic Park and the Cibecue community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Apache Trails Program Plan is intended to serve as a preliminary guide for diverse and long-term efforts to return trails to their rightful place in White Mountain Apache Tribe life through pursuit of the following objectives:

1. Community wellness and recreation: *To provide WMAT members and the residents of WMAT lands with safe, diverse, well-marked, and attractive options for traveling between and among community destinations and for enjoying outdoor fitness and recreation.*
2. Transportation system expansion, enhancement, and diversification: *To complement the existing network of roads with safe, accessible, intermodal options for movement within WMAT trust lands.*
3. Tourism-focused economic development: *To increase revenues and employment opportunities by expanding the number and diversity of recreational and interpretive opportunities-both guided and unguided-for visitors to WMAT lands.*
4. Preservation-focused trail identification, documentation and protection: *To return to service the most useful portions of the vast trails networks centered on Fort Apache, Cibecue, and other WMAT communities.*

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these four overarching goals, the Fort Apache Trails Program Plan is generally intended to guide interested WMAT members to training and employment opportunities in the fields of transportation, wellness and recreation, tourism, and preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, the Planning & Resources Conservation Department's Transportation Planning Office and the Apache Diabetes Wellness

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Program have been working together to develop the Trails Program and secure funding to implement objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, there is funding available from the Arizona Trails Heritage Fund grant to implement objectives but require that eligible trails be part of the Arizona State Trails System; and

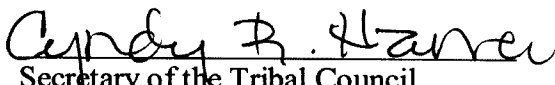
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, the Planning and Resources Conservation Department and the Apache Diabetes Wellness Program seek authorization from the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to nominate the Fort Apache – Seven Mile Trails Network into the Arizona State Trails System and consequently seek funding thereafter.

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

1. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office, the Planning and Resource Conservation Department and the Apache Diabetes Wellness Program to nominate the Fort Apache – Seven Mile Trails Network into the Arizona State Trails System and seek any available funding to implement objectives identified in the Fort Apache Trails Program Plan.
2. Expenditure of any funds received is hereby authorized according to the terms and conditions of the applicable grant and the budget thereto.

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), (b), (c), (f), (g), (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