



Resolution No. 03-2006-72

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

(Authorizing a Fire Cooperative Agreement between the Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs)

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (the "Bureau"), is authorized by 25 C.F.R. § 163.21 to manage fire preparedness, suppression, and post suppression activities, as well as to provide funding, equipment and supplies, and to provide technical oversight and training to Tribal and Bureau employees working in any fire activity; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has personnel, equipment, supplies, and facilities to assist the BIA in a variety of wild land fire programs at the tribal, local, state, and national levels including fire suppression, training, prescribed burning, and response to other incidents as requested under the National Interagency Incident Management System/Incident Command System (NIIMS); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Forestry Department is developing capacity and employees to provide assistance in fire suppression and other incidents managed through the NIIMS system; and

WHEREAS, utilizing tribal employees for fire suppression and related activities directly enhances tribal goals of providing increased employment opportunities for tribal members; and


WHEREAS, the Fire Cooperative Agreement provides an avenue for Tribal Forestry to participate as a full partner in the participation of fire response and provides the mechanism for financial reimbursement to the tribe when qualified tribal employees, equipment, and facilities are pre-approved and utilized through NIIMS.

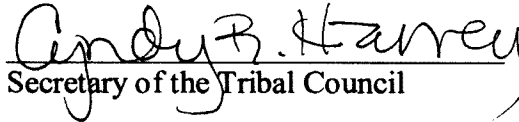
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a Cooperative Agreement between the Tribe and the Bureau to provide financial reimbursement to the tribe for emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this Fire Cooperative Agreement will be reviewed by the Bureau and the Tribe's Legal Department prior to final authorization by the Tribal Chairman.

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The foregoing resolution was on March 9, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and TWO 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), (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