

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

(Granting a Lease to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Rick Lupe Fire Management Facility and Permitting the Installation and Operation of a National Weather Monitoring Station within the Facility)

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 09-2003-213, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, has obtained Tribal Council approval to utilize approximately 35 acres of land for the construction of a new Fire Management Facility, to be known as the Rick Lupe Fire Management Facility; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of the Facility will be to provide office space to coordinate fire suppression activities, specified and sufficient areas for equipment and tool maintenance activities, housing for fire engines, training facilities, warehouse and fire cache, and a kitchen and dining facility, with sufficient parking for employees and visitors; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to the fire suppression activities described herein, an area of approximately 576 square feet will be designated for the installation and operation of a U.S. Historical Climatology Network Modernization (USHCN-M) monitoring station for collecting and analyzing high quality climate data; and
- WHEREAS, said weather monitoring station will operate pursuant to an agreement between the Lessee and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Tribal Plan and Project Review Committee and the Legal Department; and
- **WHEREAS,** the construction of the Rick Lupe Fire Management Facility is now complete, however, a valid lease has not been executed between the Tribe and the BIA for the premises; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA is requesting that the Tribe grant them a lease for the premises identified as the Rick Lupe Fire Management Facility, for a lease term of 25 years, with an automatic 25 year renewal, at the gratuitous lease fee of \$1.00 per 25-year term; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, upon review and consideration, finds the proposed project is in the best interest of the Tribe in monitoring, maintaining, and protecting its forests, and concurs with this request.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants a lease to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the premises identified as the Rick Lupe Fire Management Facility, for a term of 25 years, with an automatic 25 year renewal; at the gratuitous lease fee of \$1.00 per 25 year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 9, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>FIVE</u> for and <u>ONE</u> 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), (f), (h), (i), (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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

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