



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

(Approving Stumpage Repayment Plan)

- WHEREAS,** in 2010, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“Bureau”) notified the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of overdue stumpage payments that the Fort Apache Timber Company (“FATCO”) failed to submit using the Missouri Lockbox system in place; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Bureau at the local level, the Tribe’s failure to address this problem has led to consequences, namely, the Tribe’s inability to actively pursue logging in planned timber sales due to the past-due stumpage; and
- WHEREAS,** this issue has delayed the Tribe’s FATCO start-up plans and therefore, in order to address the Bureau’s concerns, pursuant to *Resolution No. 06-2011-108*, the Tribe proposed a plan to address the problem. The plan was pre-approved at the local agency level, however, it was later rejected by the Bureau’s Western Regional Office; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe is unable to submit payment for the past due amount in its entirety, and therefore, the Tribe hereby proposes a new Stumpage Repayment Plan (“Plan”), incorporated by reference, to address issues raised by Bureau officials with the previous proposal that was submitted by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the new Plan for the repayment of past-due stumpage fees to the Bureau in order to allow the Tribe to resume logging and otherwise engage in economic activities that will benefit the Tribe and its members.

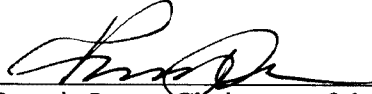
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports and authorizes the latest version of the Stumpage Repayment Plan, attached hereto, in order to recommit the Tribe to managing its Forest for sustained yield in a manner that would most benefit Tribal Members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

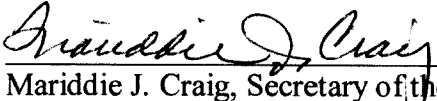
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 08-2011-159B

The foregoing resolution was on **AUGUST 18, 2011** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** 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), (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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council

STUMPAGE FEE REPAYMENT PLAN

AUGUST 18, 2011

The total arrears FATCO owes as a result of past activities as of July 25, 2011 is \$392,830.90 broken down as follows:

Forest Management Deduction	\$225,519.32
Slash Suspense (FY 08 - FY10)	\$167,311.48

according to BIA records.

The Roads Suspense account is being zeroed out by Council Resolution and is thus not part of this plan. Timber sales are suspended until BIA approves a repayment plan.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe proposes to repay the amount due in increments of \$10,000 on a monthly basis. These payments will start the 1st of the month following approval of this plan. The Tribe wishes to proceed with pending timber sales on a timely basis and seeks timely approval of this revised repayment plan.