



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

(Authorizing Release of Forestry Fuels Data by the BIA to Update LANDFIRE Program)

- WHEREAS,** the natural resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") are of major importance to the overall well-being of the White Mountain Apache people; and
- WHEREAS,** both the Tribe and the Fort Apache Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("Bureau") have an interest in protecting the lands and forests of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and
- WHEREAS,** to fulfill the Bureau's trust responsibilities, the trust programs and activities of the Bureau, and/or as may be contracted to the Tribe, depend on adequate funding; and
- WHEREAS,** the funding necessary to protect the Reservation from wildfire, to conduct prescribed fires, to reduce hazardous fuels, and to conduct other activities to reduce risks from fire hazards have been declining; and
- WHEREAS,** the fire funds are allocated nationally, in part, through a budget process controlled by the national LANDFIRE program; and
- WHEREAS,** the LANDFIRE program relies on accurate data to determine fire risks and hazards, and to allocate funding; and
- WHEREAS,** the current LANDFIRE program data indicates that there is a zero (or near zero) percent chance of a large wildfire occurring within the exterior boundaries on the Reservation because of inadequate data; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau and Tribal Forestry disagree with the current assessment of LANDFIRE that concludes there is a zero percent chance of a large wildfire occurring on the Reservation, and therefore, the Bureau recommends the release of a minimal amount of data, on fire risks and hazards, to the LANDFIRE program in order to adequately reflect the conditions on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interests of the Tribe to authorize the release of data requested as described herein, provided that the Tribal Forestry Department, Legal Department, and Outside Counsel Bob Brauchli are involved and review the relevant data before it is released.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the release of Tribal Forestry fuels data as described herein, provided that the Tribal

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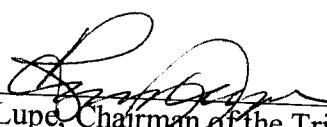
Forestry, Legal Department, and outside counsel Bob Brauchli, review the data before it is released for use by the national LANDFIRE program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the release of any information by the Bureau in furtherance of this Resolution shall require the segregation of data, with unauthorized information retracted from the government dataset as a condition of the authorization granted by this Resolution.

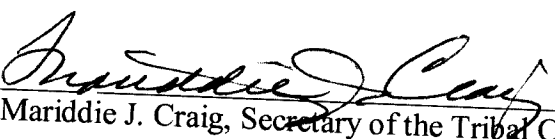
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on **November 14, 2011** 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), (f), (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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council