



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

*A Sovereign Nation Exercising Self-Governance
Over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation*

Resolution No. 02-2013-44A

(Approving Carrizo Woodland Management Project Proposal and Authorizing Land Operations to Seek Funding Support)

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is entrusted by the Tribe's Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council desires to conserve and restore woodlands, rangeland and wildlife habitat on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** funding is available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") Western Regional Office, Branch of Forestry for such projects; and
- WHEREAS,** the Land Operation Department seeks to utilize available funding opportunities in the accomplishment of its mission to conserve, protect and restore the natural resources of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Land Operations Department has successfully completed several woodland management projects using funding from the BIA and others; and
- WHEREAS,** information has been by presented Land Operations staff to obtain approval for a Woodland Management Project at Carrizo, such project to involve the mechanical thinning of 85 percent of stems per acre of the target species within the project area up to 500 acres, followed by grazing deferment for a minimum of two growing seasons following project completion; and
- WHEREAS,** this project is expected improve wildlife habitat and grazing lands and decrease soil erosion by restoring plant community balance; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes and appreciates the significance of the woodland plant community and intends to maintain and promote sound management practices.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Carrizo Woodland Management Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Land Operations Department to seek project funding and support from appropriate sources, including the BIA, to carry out the Carrizo Woodland Management Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Land Operations Department to work with the Tribe's Controller, Treasurer, and Grants and Contracts Manager to establish an account if funding is awarded.

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 supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

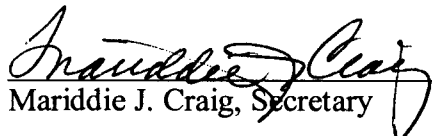
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 21, 2013** 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), (j), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, 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

3/13/13
Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

03/13/2013
Date