



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 04-2014-46

(Adopting Aquatic Invasive Organisms Prevention and Sanitation and Dipping/Drafting Water Guidelines)

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 Guidelines for Aquatic Invasive Organisms Prevention and Sanitation and Dipping/Drafting Water are technical guidelines for managing and protecting natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Water Resources Program did prepare the guidelines, as attached and incorporated by this reference, that provides practices for the protection of the Tribe’s surface water; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the guidelines as proposed by the Tribe’s Water Resources Program and finds the guidelines in the best interest of the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and adopts the Aquatic Invasive Organisms Prevention and Sanitation and Dipping/Drafting Water Guidelines.

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 **APRIL 9, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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

3/24/14
Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

5-23-2014
Date

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Guidelines for Aquatic Invasive Organisms Prevention and Sanitation and Dipping and Drafting water for any activity including but limited to firefighting, construction, ..etc.

GUIDELINES FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE ORGANISMS PREVENTION AND SANITATION

Prevention and Sanitation of the spread of Aquatic Invasive Organisms

Aquatic invasive plants and animals pose a risk to both the environment and equipment used for dipping and drafting water. Prevention measures can be taken by avoidance and sanitation to prevent the spread of these organisms.

The following list general prevention and sanitizing guidelines that will apply to both aviation and ground equipment while on the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT):

Prevention

- Avoid entering waterbodies or contacting mud and aquatic plants.
- Avoid dumping water directly from one stream or lake into another.
- Use screens to avoid sucking organic and bottom material into water intakes when drafting from streams or ponds.
- Avoid obtaining water from multiple sources during a single period unless equipment is sanitized between sources.

Sanitizing

- Any equipment that comes into contact with raw water should be sanitized.
- Cleaning and sanitizing equipment will be required after use as well as before use if the equipment has been obtained from a source where sanitizing history is unknown.
- Establish sanitation areas where there is no potential for runoff into water sources.
- Remove all visible plants and mud from external surfaces of gear and equipment.
- Disinfect all equipment prior to use if it has an unknown sanitizing history as well as after an incident.
- Sanitation areas shall be in an area where there is no potential for runoff into water sources, those can include but not limited to washes, storm drains, ...etc.

GUIDELINES FOR DIPPING AND DRAFTING WATER FOR ANY ACTIVITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIREFIGHTING, CONSTRUCTION..ETC.

Aviation

There are many different types of vectors that can spread aquatic invasive organisms. In aviation those include: helicopters with buckets, snorkels and internal tanks, and portable tanks, fixed

wing aircraft with air tankers (used for retardant), single engine ag tankers and “scoopers” or “ducks”.

The prevention and sanitation general guidelines must be followed as well as the following which are specific for aviation:

- Helispots, staging areas and spike camps should be at least 150 feet away from any water sources.
- All buckets, snorkels, internal tanks, and portable tanks shall be sanitized prior to use.

Ground

Many different types of vectors also can be found on the ground which include: engines, portable tanks, water tenders, portable pumps/drafting

The prevention and sanitation general guideline must be followed as well as the following which are specific to ground equipment:

- Avoid entering wetlands and cienegas during fire suppression. (If absolutely necessary document the location, time, and what equipment was used. This information shall be passed on to the WMAT for investigation and/or monitoring)
- Do not directly apply foams or any other fire retardants into any water sources. If foam or any type of retardant is applied to water sources document the location, time, type of equipment and amount of foam/retardant that was used. This information shall be passed on to the WMAT for investigation and/or monitoring.)
- Limit crossing water sources and wetlands as much as possible.
- When drafting from the bank of a river, lake or any water source the vehicle shall maintain a buffer of 50 feet from the edge of the bank.
- If a portable pump is being used to draft water, do not place the pump into the water. Keep the pump on a liner at all times during pumping to avoid any leaks or spill from entering the water body.

Spill Prevention and Response Plan

During all activities with fire suppression equipment all vehicles and aircrafts must have a Spill Prevention and Response Plan as well as Spill Kit in their vehicle or aircraft at all times. If a spill occurs it must be cleaned immediately as well as the WMAT contacted.