



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving the Fort Apache Programmatic Prescribed Pile Burn Plan for 2019 - 2024)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(f) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Apache Agency is required by Federal Law Policy (US-1996, Modified in 2001) that is guided by the 2009 *Guidance for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy* to have an approved Interagency Prescribe Fire Plan and Implementation Procedures Guide that coincides with the Wildland Fire Management Plan to manage White Mountain Apache Tribal lands by fire use for a five (5) year period, 2019-2024; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry, has contracted with the White Mountain Apache Tribal Forestry Department to develop the Environmental Assessment for the Fort Apache Programmatic Prescribed Pile Burn Plan (“Plan”); and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Plan and Project Review committee have reviewed the Plan and this day present it to the Council for the Tribe’s approval; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the Plan and finds that its adoption and implementation will reduce wildfire hazard and severity through the appropriate use Prescribed Burns, and is in the best interests of the Tribe, its members, and the natural resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Fort Apache Programmatic Prescribed Pile Burn Plan for a five year period from 2019 - 2024.

**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 the conflicting subject matter.


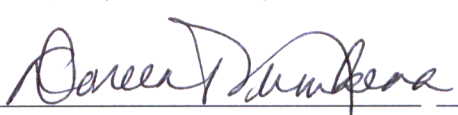
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

***Resolution No. 09-2019-191***

**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 the Chairwoman, or in her 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ZERO against, and ONE abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

	<u>10/8/19</u>		<u>10/8/19</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date