



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Application for FY 2023 USDA Forest Service Woodlands Innovation Grant for the WMATCO Advanced Manufacturing Implementation Project)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Timber Company (“WMATCO”) Advanced Manufacturing Implementation Project is an initiative to accelerate advanced manufacturing technologies within the wood products manufacturing system, whereby the planned technology integrates a complete lumber manufacturing system, reflecting turnkey innovation with state-of-the-art sawmill equipment, automated controls, and high-tech optimization, which will enhance quality, lumber recovery, and grade yield, increasing the productivity and profitability of WMATCO operations; and

WHEREAS, WMATCO requests to apply for the FY 2023 USDA Forest Service Woodlands Innovation Grant, in the amount of \$ 1,000,000, to implement the WMATCO Advanced Manufacturing Implementation Project and to remove vegetation from the tribal lands and process byproducts from ecosystem restoration projects in areas at high risk of wildfire or insect or disease mortality to supply raw material requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council is in support of WMATCO’s mitigation efforts and finds it in the best interest to approve the grant application for FY 2023 USDA Forest Service Woodlands Innovation Grant.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission of the White Mountain Apache Timber Company FY 2023 USDA Forest Service Woodlands Innovation grant application in the amount of \$ 1,000,000, for the WMATCO Advanced Manufacturing Implementation Project.

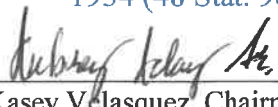
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution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

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.

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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 DECEMBER 7, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ZERO 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Kasey Velasquez, Chairman
Acting Chairman

12/13/22
Date



Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

12/13/2022
Date