

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the

Fort Apache Reservation that,

WHEREAS, the Council is extremely interested in the development and

protection of reservation resources, and the attached plan

would provide the means of accomplishing this with respect

to the recreational resources, said plan is hereby approved

by the council.

The foregoing Resolution was on March 24, 1952 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (d) and Section 1 (p) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Nelson Lopez Jr.
Chairman of the Tribal Council

Wm. C. Endfield
Secretary of the Tribal Council

Approved: APR. 1 1952

John O. Crow

John O. Crow, Superintendent

WHITE MOUNTAIN RECREATION ENTERPRISE

Introduction: The recreational resources of the Fort Apache Reservation, with its more than 300 miles of trout streams, numerous small lakes and incomparable mountain scenery, offer an almost unlimited potential contribution to the economy of the Indian people. Many tourists and fishermen visit the reservation each year and aside from the sale of reservation fishing permits, the tribe has realized little benefit from this activity. Previous small scale efforts to provide facilities for these visitors have had inadequate results and the lack of maintenance and supervision has resulted in an unsightly and unsanitary littering of stream banks and camping places. The lack of the means of providing needed supervision has also resulted in increasing poaching of reservation wildlife.

Under a cooperative agreement dating back to 1946 between the Tribe, the Agency and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a modern trout hatchery is operated at Williams Creek on the reservation. With the prospective relaxing of fishing regulations to permit year around fishing on reservation streams, this hatchery will need increased assistance in fish distribution.

The purpose of the enterprise, therefore, is to provide the means of solving these problems on a self-sustaining basis insofar as possible and to take the initial preliminary steps toward a better development and utilization of the recreational resources both for the added enjoyment of public and the increased return to the Indian people.

Plan of Operation: Council Resolution No. 136, dated May 7, 1945, authorized the sale of fishing permits and directed that the revenue therefrom be deposited in an Individual Indian Account at the Agency. Subsequent resolutions have authorized the diversion of one-half of these receipts up to a maximum of \$5,000 each year to the operation of the Williams Creek Hatchery. This arrangement was apparently abrogated by the appropriation of \$3,000 for this purpose in the Council budget for fiscal year 1952. There is at present a balance of \$23,360 in this account which is available for use in this program. It is estimated that revenues from sale of these permits in calendar year 1952 will be approximately \$8,000 and for succeeding years this amount should increase. It is proposed to establish a revolving fund, using the available balance and anticipated collections, to carry on a continuing program of development and administration of recreational resources under the supervision of the Indian Service. Additional sources of revenue for the enterprise are proceeds from sale of special hunting permits as authorized by the Council from time to time, camp ground fees, fines for game violations, contributions and miscellaneous collections in connection with this program. A budget will be developed covering each calendar year's proposed work, taking into consideration the balance on hand and anticipated collections. The present arrangement for carrying on beaver trapping and control is merged with this plan and expenditures and collections therefor will hereafter be accounted for in this program. The following general objectives will be observed in the operation of the program:

1. Employ, instruct, place on duty and supervise Indian wardens. Equip with guns and badges and require suitable uniforms.

2. Establish regular camp grounds and restrict camping to these areas. Expend funds as available for development of these areas by building tables, fireplaces, privies, garbage disposal and require regular policing by users.
3. Place appropriate signs at strategic locations for the information of the public.
4. Improve streams and camping areas by providing fish shelters, foot logs, trails, etc. as funds are available.
5. Maintain game checking stations during big game seasons and check hunters and fishermen in the field and in camps for observance of appropriate Tribal, Federal and State regulations.
6. Assist hatchery with fish planting program.
7. Provide for winter feeding of turkeys and other game as needed.

Budget for 1952 Calendar Year Operation:

(a) Salaries for 3 wardens @ \$200 per month	\$ 5,400.
(b) Purchase of 2 Jeep Pick-ups	4,500.
(c) Purchase of 2 horse trailers	1,200.
(d) Purchase of 1 truck 1-1/2 ton flatrack	3,000.
(e) Purchase of guns and badges	300.
(f) Printing of signs	200.
(g) Operation, materials and supplies and miscellaneous	7,000.
(h) For direct assistance to Hatchery, 7-1-52 to 12-31-52	1,000.

Total \$ 22,600.