

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

WHEREAS, the area described as the Lofer Reserve lies within the Lofer Timber Sale Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Lofer Reserve was set aside from timber harvesting activities during the last entry to maintain a pristine area; and

WHEREAS, this area has sacred value to the Tribe; and





WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further considers the Lofer Reserve area to be pristine and that timber harvesting in this area would detract from this pristine nature; and

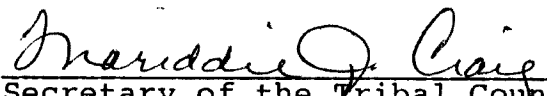
WHEREAS, the Forestry Committee has reviewed this proposal and recommended approval.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Lofer Reserve be established as presented in the Lofer Timber Sale Contract of 1988.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this area, totalling 1,087 acres, be set aside from logging activities indefinitely and that the acreage base of the forest be reduced accordingly.

The foregoing resolution was on November 10, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and TWO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1(b), (f), (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).





Acting- Alvina Hawthorn
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Mariddie J. Craig
Secretary of the Tribal Council

LOFER RESERVE PROPOSAL

The Lofer Reserve lies approximately 17 miles East of Whiteriver, Arizona. It surrounds Lofer Cienega and is accessed by the Y-55 road. The legal description is T5N, R25E, Sections 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, & T5N, R26E, Sections 19 and 30.

The Reserve, as presented, encompasses 1,087 acres, broken down in the following categories:

A. Cienega	200 Ac.
B. Inop and over 40%	284 Ac.
C. Operable	603 Ac.

The elevation range is from 7,800' to 8,440'.

The area would be delineated on the ground and logging activity prohibited within the boundary with the exception that log hauling will be allowed on the Y-55 road, which runs through the reserve.

By establishing this reserve the acres involved would be removed from the allowable cut calculations which in turn will reduce the AAC by approximately 98.5 MBF annually.

The primary feature is Lofer Cienega which is surrounded by virgin timber both pine and mixed conifer. Lofer Cienega Creek and Boggy Creek drain into the Cienega. Boggy Creek contains a population of Apache Trout, Salmo apache which is a threatened and endangered species. Further surveys are needed to determine the presence or absence of this species in Lofer Cienega Creek.

The area supports an abundance of wildlife including Elk, Deer, Bear, Turkey, Ducks and Wild Horses.

