



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Rescinding Resolution No. 11-2023-255 and Authorizing a Request For Proposals for the Purchase of a Consolidated Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Program Insurance for the Tribal Herd and all Livestock Associations)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) 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”; in Section 1(h), the power “[t]o regulate the uses and disposition of Tribal property”, in Section 1(i), the power “[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe...and any other Tribal activities”, and in Section 1(s), the power “[t]o regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe has chartered ten livestock associations for the management of the herds, which the Tribe and Tribal members share an ownership interest in, for the productive management of grazing lands on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** These livestock associations include: Forestdale, Canyon Day, Grasshopper, Cedar Creek, Carrizo, Turkey Creek, North Fork, Oak Creek, Cibecue, and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Herd; and
- WHEREAS,** On November 23, 2023, the Council enacted Resolution No. 11-2023-255, thereby rescinding prior Resolution No. 11-2022-283, and leaving decisions and responsibilities regarding insurance to the individual livestock associations; and
- WHEREAS,** Payment of premiums to participate in Pasture, Rangeland, Forage insurance policies are to be paid by the respective livestock associations, but are subsidized and backed by the Tribe without full transparency of records, nor the Tribe receiving any direct benefit; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council now opts for the participation and consolidation of the Tribal Herds with all other pasture, rangeland, and forage areas of all ten livestock associations, including coverage of all grazing lands and any other applicable or viable Tribal trust lands in the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Program (the “Insurance Program”), sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, which provides payments to farmers and ranchers to offset precipitation shortfalls; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that rescinding Resolution No. 11-2023-255 and authorizing a new request for proposals to select an insurance provider/agent for the Tribe’s consolidated participation in the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Insurance Program is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby authorizes a new request for proposals to select a singular insurance provider/agent for the Tribe’s consolidated participation of the Tribal Herds with all other Livestock Associations and other viable Tribal trust lands, in the USDA Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Program.

Resolution No. 11-2024-233

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Council Resolution No. 11-2023-255 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

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.

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 NOVEMBER 07, 2024 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).

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| Kasey Velasquez, Chairman | Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary |
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