



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Approving Land Restoration Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026)

**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", and at Article IV, Section 1(i) "[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe including... any other Tribal activities"; and

**WHEREAS,** On November 9, 1995, by Resolution No. 11-95-354, the Tribal Council set aside twenty percent of the 22-H judgment funds for the establishment of a perpetual and permanent White Mountain Apache Land Restoration Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** The Land Restoration Code, authorizes ten percent of the funds to be available for implementing activities with the remaining balance divided at eighty percent for land restoration projects and twenty percent for scholarships and internships; and

**WHEREAS,** The Land Restoration Board, at this time requests the Tribal Council to provide final approval for the following eighteen (18) projects, proposed by the named persons:

1. Annette Tenijieth – District III Community Trash Pick Up
2. Annette Tenijieth – District III Community Chinese Elm Cutting Project
3. Sean Parker – Shi Kih Bah Onsah (part 1)
4. Sean Parker – Shi Kih Bah Onsah (part 2)
5. Brenda Pusher-Begay – Clean-up of Dumpsites & Home Site on the FAIR
6. Earlson Begay – Chizh for Shi-woye'
7. Gary Alchesay – District IV Community Clean-up
8. Larold Pinal – Ndee Bikiyaa Drought-Resilient Agro Ecology & Wildfire Mitigation Initiative
9. McNary-Hondah Community Board - Highway & Community Trash Pick-up Initiative
10. Randall Massey Jr. – District III H.E.O. Clean-up
11. Cheryl Pailzote - McNary Heirloom Apple Tree Restoration
12. Cheryl Pailzote – Developing Native Seed Resources for Diverse Restoration Projects
13. Lisa Tessler – Keeping Apache Land Beautiful Clean-up
14. Jarvis Davis – Smith Cienega Dead/Down Tree Reduction & Tribal Community Wood Harvesting
15. Sean Parker – Salt River Rehabilitation Day
16. Cheryl Pailzote – 2025 FATCO Baseball Field Restoration
17. Tara Chief – Tribal Elder Small Home Garden
18. Elmer Nastivar – Property Clean-Up; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council concurs with the Land Restoration Board, and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to approve the above-listed projects for fiscal year 2025-2026.

**Resolution No. 04-2025-51**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the eighteen (18) land restoration fund projects listed above, as proposed by the Land Restoration Board for fiscal year 2025-2026.

**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 APRIL 02, 2025 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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

Date

4-2-25

  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date

04/02/2025