

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 in regular session this 7th day of June, 1943, that:

WHEREAS, the North Fork Livestock Association, which uses the range known as North Fork District, have more livestock than the rated carrying capacity of the North Fork Range and need additional range for their expanding cattle business, and

WHEREAS, the Charles Pettis range, being fenced and lying almost in the center of the North Fork District, contributes to extreme overgrazing of certain parts of the North Fork Range, and is a barrier for effective movement of cattle from winter to summer range and visa versa, and

WHEREAS, the Pettis and Rancher Families want to sell all their livestock, and improvements, buildings, etc., so as to establish themselves elsewhere in order to give their children, who have only a small degree of Indian blood, greater education opportunities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Reservation be instructed and authorized to enter into an agreement with the Pettis and Rancher Families for the purchase of their holdings, consisting of approximately 300 head of cattle, 50 horses, 20 miles of range fence, clearing and improving about 65 acres agricultural land, houses and other buildings including fixed equipment, and all livestock brands now used by these families, all of which are located within the Fort Apache Reservation and principally within the North Fork Grazing District.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Reservation have an appraisal made of all the above livestock and improvements and if the total appraised value does not exceed \$30,000, that the Superintendent is hereby constructed to prepare and sign an agreement with the contracting parties for approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Secretary of Interior in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 (e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fort Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment for the purchase of the above property from the Pettis and Rancher Families be made from available and applicable Tribal Funds which are adequate and now on deposit in the I.I.M. Accounts of the Fort Apache Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the livestock remain on the Pettis range until the Fall of 1943 when all the cattle so purchased shall be rounded up and sold to the highest bidder; that the saddle horses be sold either to Indian stock owners needing saddle horses or through other sources; that all mares and stallions, suitable for breeding be either sold to Indians or retained by the Tribe for the production of saddle horses; that all other horses be sold.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds derived from the above livestock or improvements be deposited to the credit of the Fort Apache Tribe in the I.I.M. accounts of the Fort Apache Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grazing and range land now used by the Pettis and Rencher Families, with the exception of a small area of approximately 1,000 acres, surrounding the Girl Scout Camp and the U. S. Fish Hatchery, be hereafter included as a part of the North Fork Grazing District and for the use of the Indians of the North Fork District and the North Fork Livestock Association.

The foregoing resolution was this 7th day of June, 1943, duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Section 1 (c) Article VI 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).

/s/ ROE CLARK
Chairman of the Tribal Council

/s/ SILAS TENIJIETH
Secretary of the Tribal Council

Recommended:

/s/ Wm. Donner
Superintendent

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