

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

WHEREAS, weather conditions the past year have resulted in serious stock water shortages on the Canyon Day Range Unit, and

WHEREAS, the Canyon Day Livestock Association is grazing 604 animal units, more or less, in excess of the authorized grazing capacity, and

WHEREAS, range feed supplies are dangerously low and range conditions are deteriorating rapidly, and

WHEREAS, present market prices are low and the poor condition of the Canyon Day cattle are not conducive to profitable cattle sales at this time, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Mt. Baldy Wildlife Reserve in the vicinity of Bear Cieniga Creek and Paradise Creek has an abundance of range feed and could be used for livestock as an emergency measure.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canyon Day Livestock Association be authorized to graze, not to exceed three hundred (300) animal units, in the Mt. Baldy Wildlife Reserve in the area of Bear Cieniga and Paradise Creeks. These cattle are to be grazed in strict compliance to a range use plan to be prepared by the Branch of Land Operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in lieu of payment of grazing fees by the Canyon Day Association that the said association construct and repair all fences within the Mt. Baldy area wherein the cattle are to graze. The location of said fences and the specifications of a Committee consisting of the General Livestock Manager, a representative from the Branch of Land Operations and a Tribal Council representative to be appointed by the Chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canyon Day Livestock Association is hereby instructed to reduce the number of livestock grazing on the Canyon Day range unit to two thousand (2,000) animal units on or before November 1, 1961.

The foregoing resolution was on June 15, 1961 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Sections 1 (i) and (k) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws 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).

Lester Oliver
Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mary C. Endfield
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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Mr. F. M. Haverland

Director, Phoenix Area Office

Dear Mr. Haverland:

Resolution No. 61-51 was adopted by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe at a regular meeting June 15, 1961, pursuant to Article V, Sections 1 (i) and (k) of the Tribe's constitution. Under Section 1 (k) the Tribe has authority to appropriate tribal funds and to expend such funds in accordance with an annual budget approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It is recommended that this resolution be approved.

The Canyon Day Range Unit has been deteriorating for the past three years because of a shortage of stock water and feed. These are the results of overgrazing 604 animal units by this association. It was decided that because of the poor condition of the cattle and the low market prices it would not be profitable to sell at this time. I recommended that not more than 300 animal units be transferred to Bear Cieniga and Paradise Creek of the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Area.

The resolution further resolves that in lieu of payment of grazing fees by the Canyon Day Association the members would construct and repair all the fences within the area where the cattle are to graze. The last resolve of this resolution instructs the Canyon Day Livestock Association to reduce the number of livestock grazing on the Canyon Day Range Unit to 2,000 animal units on or before November 1, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

757 Albert W. Hawley

Superintendent

Enclosure



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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August 18, 1961

Mr. Albert M. Hawley

Superintendent, Fort Apache Agency

Dear Mr. Hawley:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 27, 1961, concerning the Canyon Day Livestock Association stocking situation.

We appreciate receiving copies of your letter to Mrs. Mary Riley dated May 31, 1961, to endorse your action together with the Range Conservationist's memorandum on Canyon Day District dated June 9, 1961.

The serious condition of the range of the Canyon Day Association reflects the continued overstocking for many years. The Association needs to move progressively with determination to bring their number of stock within the carrying capacity of their district.

The Association is to be congratulated on its action to spend \$10,000 on livestock water improvements. It needs to be aggressive to improve the quantity and quality of the forage as well as to obtain the proper improvements.

We have been advised that the Branch of Land Operations is making a concerted effort to compile a range water facility inventory for all the districts. It will be appreciated if a copy of the completed survey is submitted for review. The proposed cardex file system for each water facility is a desirable prerequisite and aid in the determination of and justification for additional range improvements inclusive of water facilities.

This Office is not fully in accord with Tribal Resolution No. 61-51 where grazing fee obligations of the Association are waived in lieu of construction and repair of fences in the Mt. Baldy area. The Canyon Day Association is in need of additional range chiefly because they have overused their allocated range. This situation should not interfere with the terms of the grazing permit or the Tribal Range Code.

Please convey the contents of this letter to the Tribal Council
and our appreciation for the Council's action in requesting that
the Association dispose of their surplus livestock by November 1961.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Overland

Area Director