

RESOLUTION
OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Approving and Recommending that the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Approve the New Navajo Nation 10-Year Forest Management Plan with
Alternative No. 4 as the Proposed Action

WHEREAS:


1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 691 and 695 (B) (14), the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight authority for the Division of Natural Resources; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 695 (B) (7), the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to oversee and regulate all activities within the Navajo Nation lands, including actions which may involve the disposition or acquisition of resources, surface disturbance, or alteration of the natural state of resources; and
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 695 (B) (8), the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to approve overall Resource Management Plans of the Navajo Nation, including regulations governing the designation and use of resources; and
4. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 695 (B) (12), the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to establish Navajo Nation policy with respect to the optimum utilization of all resources, including the authority to initiate and require studies of the natural resources for the protection and efficient utilization, management, administration, and enhancement of such resources; and
5. Pursuant to the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act, 25 USC § 3104 and General Forestry Regulations, 25 CFR § 163.11, a forest management plan must be prepared for all Indian forest lands prior to harvest of Indian trust timber and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and
6. Pursuant to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) planning process, 40 CFR §§ 1500-1508, five (5) forest management alternatives were developed for the Forest Management Plan by the Navajo Forestry Department using the

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. After review and consideration of the five (5) different forest management alternatives as presented and documented, the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the New Navajo Nation 10-Year Forest Management Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and selects Alternative No. 4 as being in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.
2. The Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council further recommends that the Bureau of Indian Affairs approve the New Navajo Nation 10-Year Forest Management Plan with Alternative No. 4 as the proposed action.
3. Furthermore, the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby retains the opportunity and privilege to reevaluate the alternative plan from time to time.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 30th day of July, 2001.



George Arthur, Chairperson
Resources Committee

Motion: Elmer L. Milford
Second: Herman Daniels