

Committee: Resources  
Date: 10-03-08 Committee Date: 10-13-08

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Sponsor: Councilor Curtis Snell

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-08**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION'S FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, United States Federal law and regulation require Federally recognized Indian Tribes to conduct all forestry-related activities under a specific, DOI-formatted "forest management plan";

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation desires to operate under the principles of self-governance, self-determination, and sound natural resource stewardship/management;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation has gauged community desires regarding Tribal forest land management and determined the proposed Cherokee Nation Forest Management Plan to be adequate in addressing all of these aforementioned criteria.

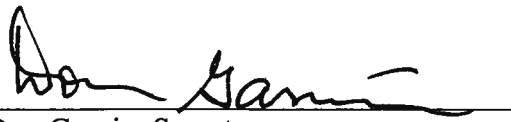
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Nation formally support, adopt, and adhere to the rules, regulations, authorities, and polices of the attached "Cherokee Nation Forest Management Plan".

**CERTIFICATION**

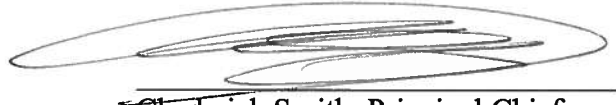
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
Don Garvin, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 14th day of November, 2008.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**



Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

# Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:**

Program/Project Manager:

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Signature Date

Department Director:

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Signature Date

Group Leader:

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Signature Date

Finance Approval (if needed):

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Signature Date

Government Resources Group:

*Gita Maupin* 10/3/08  
Signature Date

Administration Approval:

*M. [Signature]* 10/3/08  
Signature Date

Act

Resolution

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Department Contact:    Angela Drewes

Resolution Presenter:    Pat Gwin

Council Sponsor:        Curtis Snell

**NARRATIVE:**  
*(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)*  
The purpose of this resolution is to submit the "Cherokee Nation Forest Management Plan" to the US Bureau of Indian Affairs for formal approval. This action will bring the Cherokee Nation into compliance with Federal Indian law/regulation concerning forestry activities upon Cherokee Nation Tribal Trust lands. This plan will afford the Nation the legal authority to operate its own Tribal Trust Land forestry operations in a manner that provides for Tribal self-governance, self-determination, and natural resource stewardship (all to the utmost extent the law allows).

**LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE**

Legislative Aide:

*Shelli Brittain* 10/3/08  
Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee:

*Resource*

10/13/08  
Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

*Snell*  
Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date