



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2005:005

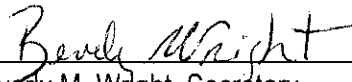
AMENDMENT TO USET RESOLUTION NO. 2004:016 ON NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 2004:016 pertaining to Non-Native Invasive Plants on USET Member Tribes' Reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** said Resolution did not include a dollar amount to be allocated to the eastern region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Eastern Regional Office Noxious Weeds Control Program which serves to control Non-Native Invasive Plants; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous Non-Native Invasive Plants that occur in the east are listed on the Federal Noxious Weeds list but are not included on the BIA Noxious Weeds list, including Australian pine, kudzu, and others, some of which are stated in Resolution No. 2004:016; and
- WHEREAS,** Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping is an integral part of Noxious Weed Control; and
- WHEREAS,** many USET member Tribes do not have GIS capabilities to assist in noxious weed control; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby amends USET Resolution No. 2004:016 by requesting that the BIA provide \$300,000 to the Eastern Regional Office for Noxious Weeds Control for USET Member Tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that this funding be used not only for Noxious Weeds Control but also to increase Tribal GIS capabilities; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that Australian pine, kudzu, and other eastern region noxious weeds be added to the BIA Noxious Weeds list.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 28, 2004.


Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

“Because there is strength in Unity”