

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2018)

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Office Branch of Forestry is responsible for managing Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) forest resources for the benefit of the Cherokee community; and

WHEREAS, it is a federal requirement for tribal trust lands to conduct all timber management and harvesting activities under an approved Forest Management Plan or FMP (CFR 163.11); and

WHEREAS, forest management activities outlined in the FMP must adhere to certain protective measures to ensure negative impacts to species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 are minimized; and

WHEREAS, the EBCI Natural Resources program in collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have established a recent agreement to reduce restrictions on timber harvesting for single house-site forestry projects; and

WHEREAS, under this updated agreement the FMP has been revised to allow for the clearing of individual house sites less than 1.5 acres in size, totaling up to 50-acres a year, between the dates of August 1st and October 15th, regardless of the presence of suitable habitat for federally protected bat species

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Tribal Council approves the revised FMP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief

Submitted by EBCI Natural Resources Program