

# FORT SILL APACHE



## *This is Our Home*

*“Our Tribe has a legal and historical right to return to the land of our ancestors’, and just as importantly we have a responsibility to improve our Luna County community. To us, this is about both honoring our heritage and joining our new neighbors in building a better future for all New Mexicans, not just for our tribe,” says Fort Sill Apache Chairman Jeff Houser.*

## Time Line

### 1872 – 1886

The people that would come to be known as the Fort Sill Apache Tribe were removed from their Southern New Mexico homelands with Government assurance that they could return in two years. The Tribe was held as Prisoners of War and imprisoned for 27 years.

### 1914

The Government releases the Tribe from their Prisoner of War status.

### 1968

The Government and US Court of Claims determined that land in Southern New Mexico, west of the Rio Grande is the Tribe’s legally defined homeland.

### 1995

New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson welcomes the Tribe’s repatriation back to New Mexico.

### 2002

The Tribe purchases, and the Government approves, Indian trust land within the Tribe’s legally defined homelands at Akela, New Mexico.

### 2007

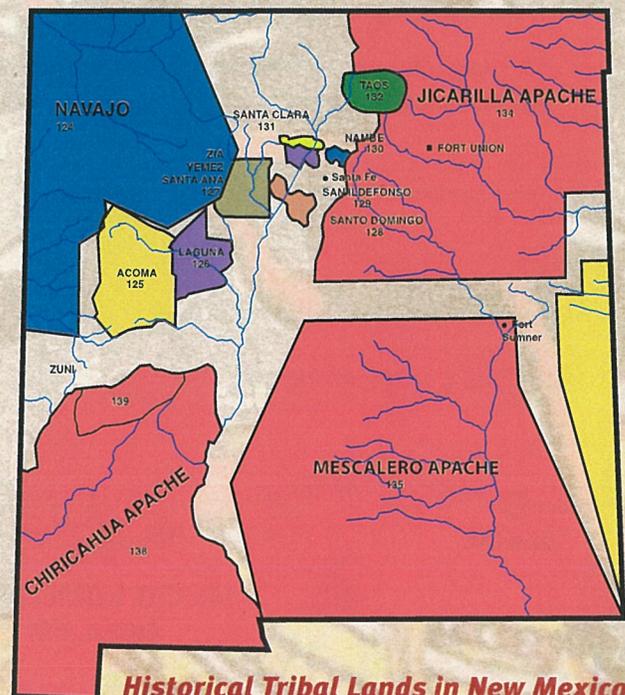
The Tribe enters a settlement with the Government to process the Tribe’s reservation proclamation for its land in Akela, New Mexico.

### 2008

The Tribe continues to work to return to their legally defined homelands and opens a restaurant and smoke shop in Akela, NM with 20 New Mexican employees.

### 2010

The Tribe is approved by the State as a tribe within the State for the Native American Cigarette Tax Stamp Act.



*Historical Tribal Lands in New Mexico*



Apache Homelands in Akela, NM

## ***Economic Growth in Southwestern New Mexico***

*The Apache Homelands Entertainment Center currently attracts neighboring residents to its restaurants, smoke shop and tribal cultural display. The Fort Sill Apache Tribe has a specific plan to help transform Luna County's and Southwestern New Mexico's economic outlook. The Tribe has a proven record of creating quality, well-paying jobs and careers – a record they are committed to bringing to Luna County and New Mexico.*

- » Upon completion and stabilization in 2015, the Apache Homelands Casino will generate an annual ongoing economic impact of \$112 million and 983 permanent jobs for the area<sup>1</sup>
- » The Apache Homelands Casino will generate more than 700 construction jobs<sup>2</sup>
- » The Fort Sill Apache Tribe will generate \$82 million to the local economy through a one-time construction build<sup>3</sup>
- » The Apache Homelands Casino will create 480 permanent new jobs for southwestern New Mexicans<sup>4</sup>
- » 66 percent of New Mexican's SUPPORT the Fort Sill Apache plan to build and operate a casino at Akela and bring economic development to the region<sup>5</sup>
- » The Apache Homelands Casino can be operational with a staff of 80 within 45 days of approval. Within six months, the Casino can expand and employ around 300 New Mexicans
- » As of July, 2011, unemployment in Luna County reached 15.8 percent<sup>6</sup>
- » The Fort Sill Apache Tribe want to be a responsible member of the New Mexico Indian Compact and to contribute its share to New Mexico's general fund

<sup>1</sup> Pro Forma Advisors LLC

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>5</sup> Luntz Global

<sup>6</sup> New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

### ***Southern New Mexico***

