



## SWTF Weekly Digest #16-2020

September 8, 2020

### Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

The smell of roasting green chili is in the air! I don't know about the rest of you, but here in Albuquerque we are expecting a 30 degree drop in temperature from Monday through Wednesday this week – I'll admit being ready for it! I hope you all had a chance to appreciate all of the labor laws that are in place as a result of the labor movement many years ago! Remember that not everyone gets that Monday off! Especially the essential workers that have already been relied upon heavily over the last 6 months.

There are a lot of grant opportunities closing soon – I imagine that there is a much better chance to get them this year since so many places have been closed for the last six months – if you have a shovel ready project, get those proposals in!

Remember to fill out your census form! And make sure you are registered to Vote!!

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

### News and Links:

1. Remind all of your friends and neighbors (and anyone else) to [fill out their Census forms!](#)
2. Remind all of your friends and neighbors (and anyone else) to register to VOTE!! And then do it when the time comes!!
3. [Don't move a musse!](#) – AZ Quagga Mussels Story
4. [USFWS Proposed Rule for designating critical habitat](#)
5. [WRP Newsletter August 2020](#)
6. The National Fish Habitat Partnership has released its [Annual Report](#), highlighting activities from our 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships and Board from 2019.
7. **The [AFS Virtual Annual Meeting](#)** will be taking place from Sept 14-25, 2020
8. In Arizona, four U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service national wildlife refuges are adding hunting and/or fishing opportunities: Leslie Canyon, Buenos Aires, Cabeza Prieta, and Cibola National Wildlife Refuges.

In New Mexico, two national wildlife refuges are adding hunting and/or fishing opportunities: Bitter Lake and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuges. The [final rule](#) will publish in the *Federal Register* and will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket Number: FWS-HQ-NWRS-2020-0013.

Sorry, I didn't get any notices for our other states.

9. [Draft Invasive Species Strategic Plan](#) - Tribal consultation conference call is on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
10. [Call for Papers – Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management](#)
11. [World Fish Migration Day](#) – is in less than 2 months. Check out the planned events so far!
12. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share! Vice Chair Glenn Selby was a rock star last week and gave enough for the whole week!!

## Grant Opportunities:

1. **USFS- SWTFC Youth Grant 2020:** We have funding from the USFS for tribal youth employment – if you are interested, please contact me [adam.ringia@gmail.com](mailto:adam.ringia@gmail.com) for more information!
2. The **2021 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency** Grant funding opportunity is open until **September 17, 2020**. The Program supports water management organizations developing projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water savings, increase the production of hydropower and support broader water reliability benefits. [News Release](#)
3. [Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#) – 2021 request for proposals open! Due **September 25, 2020** by 5pm.
4. The **Funding Opportunity for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife QZAP FY2020** has officially been posted. The total funding amount for projects is approximately \$1,830,000.00, which is a significant increase from years past. Consequently, USFWS has expanded the categories and priorities of potential projects. Additionally, there is a significant change in the application process this year resulting from our transition to [GrantSolutions.gov](http://GrantSolutions.gov). This opportunity will be open for application through October 18, 2020. Contact [barak\\_shemai@fws.gov](mailto:barak_shemai@fws.gov) for more information.
5. **Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program** is making up to \$1 million available in Fiscal Year 2021 for tribes and tribal organizations in the western United States to develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Each selected project is eligible to receive up to \$200,000. The funding opportunity is available on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by searching for funding opportunity number BOR-DO-20-F013. Applications are due on **October 28, 2020 at 4 p.m. MDT**. [News Release](#) and [Native American Affairs Homepage](#)
6. **Western Native Trout Initiative's FY2021 Request for Proposals is live.** You can view the funding opportunity at [This RFP](#) is our first year of prioritizing Colorado River Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Westslope Cutthroat Trout, and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. Please note the application deadline is **Friday, October 30, 2020 and proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m.** (Mountain Time). If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact Theresa Thompson (WNTI Coordinator) at [tthompson@westernnativetrout.org](mailto:tthompson@westernnativetrout.org).
7. Here is a potential funding opportunity [for partnership projects with the NRCS](#)...USDA has announced \$360 million in funding for the next round of Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) conservation projects. Project applications are now being accepted for locally driven, public-private partnerships that improve the nation's water quality (including drinking

water sources), combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat, and protect agricultural viability. Projects are eligible to receive between \$250,000 and \$10 million in RCPP funding that is expected to be leveraged with funding and in-kind contributions from partners that are equal or greater to the NRCS investment. Funding is open to private industry, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, water districts, universities, and more. RCPP funding is divided evenly among two funding pools, one for Critical Conservation Areas (CCAs) and one for projects in a single state or across several states.

## Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. **ENHANCE YOUR CREDENTIALS** and join your colleagues in gaining certification by AFS. Certification sets standards and guidelines for professional competence and is used by organizations worldwide to measure qualifications. For information on how you can apply- and a list of current certified professionals- go to, <https://fisheries.org/membership/afs-certification/>.
2. **Now Virtual: 2020 National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference**  
The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) will host the First Biennial National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC) along with support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Resilience Program. The NTICC is open to all U.S. tribal nations & Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world, with an emphasis on including Elders and Youth. The NTICC will convene experts on climate change and will include a balance of Traditional Indigenous Knowledges and Western Science and will now be held VIRTUALLY September 14 – 17. **Learn more:** <https://sites.google.com/view/2020-nticc-itep/home>
3. **Teton Science Schools Graduate Program Native American Fellowship Opportunity** It is with great pleasure to reach out to you and share an amazing opportunity for which you might be eligible, or might know someone who would be interested and eligible. The Teton Science Schools' (TSS) Graduate Program is offering a full scholarship, covering tuition and room and board, to someone who is currently affiliated with a Native American tribe as an educator, or aspiring educator, or is of Native American descent. Interested scholarship candidates should begin the enrollment process for the [TSS Graduate Program](#). If you have specific questions or want more information, please contact Dr. Nikki Gamrath, Vice President of Educator Development, at the Teton Science Schools at [nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org](mailto:nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org).
4. Tribal engagement webinar/listening session for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Trust Fund Act. If you think would be willing to present on your work or might be interested in helping to put this webinar on, please contact me and I will get you to the right people! Looking at October as a possible timeframe.
5. **DOI Talent and DOI University.** I'm leaving these links up here just in case:
  - a. DOI Talent: [https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil\\_learners](https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil_learners)
  - b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>

...and a variety of upcoming (with dates) and pre-recorded (without dates) webinars:

1. [AFS – Stream Simulation Design – September 9<sup>th</sup>](#)

## Science! Or science-y...

1. **Smaller fish populations accumulate mutations faster**

**SWTFC Contacts:**

**Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery**

P.O. Box 190

Mescalero, NM 88340

**Jacob Mazzone – Chair**

**Phone: 575-759-3255**

[jacob.a.mazzone@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.a.mazzone@gmail.com)

**Glenn Selby – Vice-Chair**

**Phone: 979-446-2041**

[gselby@nndfw.org](mailto:gselby@nndfw.org)

**Steve Whiteman – Sec/ Treasurer**

**Phone: 970-563-0130**

[swhitema@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:swhitema@southernute-nsn.gov)

**Adam Ringia – Executive Director**

**Phone: 505-235-2228**

[adam.ringia@gmail.com](mailto:adam.ringia@gmail.com)

**Shelley Belin – Hatchery Manager**

**Phone: (575) 464-8768**

[sbelin@mescaleroapachetribe.com](mailto:sbelin@mescaleroapachetribe.com)