



SWTF Weekly Digest #18-2020

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Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning and happy autumnal solstice everyone!

I hope you and your families remain healthy and happy! It is only 44 days til the National election and 94 days until Christmas! There is much less time to finish your census form and be counted for the funding and future of your community.

And since fall is when we think about fish...ok, we think about fish and fishing all the time - remember that the AFS virtual conference still has a couple days to go. Pandemic news, climate change, political turmoil, fires in the west, racial justice protests, there are so many things to distract from our every day work, but unfortunately, it doesn't go away while we wait. So be strong, and take a few minutes to watch the [Navajo Nation collect fish from their fish pond...](#)

Speaking of hatcheries, the Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatcher got some good news, receiving their BIA Funding for Hatchery projects and maintenance. And we got some news as well – the USFS has extended the deadline for us to spend our current youth grant – so we have more money for those of you who are ready for it! Send me your Tribal Youth in Natural Resources applications!!

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [New Mexico unprepared for drier future](#)
2. [Aquatic Scientific Societies call for cuts to greenhouse gas emissions](#)
3. [NEPA RULE Takes effect – 9-14-20](#)
4. **The [AFS Virtual Annual Meeting](#) started yesterday! **Sept 14-25, 2020****
5. Remind all of your friends and neighbors (and anyone else) to [fill out their Census forms!](#) Here is an [article about it from the NM Political report!](#)
6. Remind all of your friends and neighbors (and anyone else) to register to VOTE!! And then do it when the time comes!!
7. [USFWS Proposed Rule for designating critical habitat](#)
8. [World Fish Migration Day](#) – is in 26 days. Check out the planned events so far!

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 for more information!
2. **Desert Fish Habitat Partnership** – Deadline to apply has been extended to October 9, 2020!
3. 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. This opportunity will be open for application through October 18, 2020. Contact barak_shemai@fws.gov for more information.
4. **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 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](#)
5. **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.

Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. The Forest Service is hiring student interns and recent graduates using the Pathways program soon.
 - a. They will be hiring through the Wildlife Society: Merit, intern indefinite, and recent graduate job announcements will open on September 25 and close on October 10.
 - b. Society of American Foresters: Merit, intern indefinite, and recent graduate job announcements will open on October 27 and close on November 2.
 - c. And Women of Color in STEM: Merit, intern indefinite, and recent graduate job announcements will open on October 6 and close on October 13.
2. **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/>.
3. 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.
4. **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
- b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>

Science! Or science-y...

1. [At least 11 fish species may be capable of walking](#)



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