



**SWTF Weekly Digest #27-2020  
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**Executive Directors Message of the week:**

Good Morning everyone!

Thanksgiving is when things really start to slow down for the year in many cases. So, lets hope that COVID slows down too. I won't be heading home for the holidays this year, and I'm sure many of you won't either. Thanksgiving is also a time for the beginning of transitions to new tribal administrations in many places, and this year, in the country as well. Lets hope they all go smoothly, and that the new administrations bring the changes that the people need, not just those they want.

I am thankful for all of the opportunities and experiences that I have had with the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission and all of the wonderful people I've met. I'm thankful for my family and friends. For my continued employment, for the discovery of vaccines that may help bring some sort of normality back to our lives, and so many more things.

Have a great short work week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

**News and Links:**

1. [A bounty on brown Trout](#)
2. [Judge rules BLM must consider climate change in oil and gas leases](#)
3. [Lame duck administration continues to roll back environmental protections](#)
4. Check out the [Bosque Chapter of Trout Unlimited's new website](#)
5. [Can Senator Heinrich protect the Pecos River Watershed from Mining?](#)
6. The Department of the Interior is pleased to share the final report on its [Safeguarding the West](#) initiative. *Safeguarding the West* included a set of commitments to prevent, contain, and control quagga and zebra mussels in western waters in collaboration with the Western Governors' Association, States, Tribes, other Federal agencies, and numerous other partners. Much of this work is ongoing, as the need persists to address invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Interior looks forward to continuing this important work with partners through the Western Regional Panel's updated Quagga Zebra Mussel Action Plan and other collaborative efforts.
7. Do you want to be the new Environmental Director for Sandia Pueblo? Now is your chance! [Here is the link.](#)

8. Changes Ahead for National Fish Habitat Board, Ed Schriever Appointed as Chairman. The National Fish Habitat Partnership is seeking interested representatives to serve on the Board. If you are interested, please send an email with your name and contact information to [info@fishhabitat.org](mailto:info@fishhabitat.org) with the subject line of "Board representative," and outline your relevant qualifications and interest in NFHP.

### Grant Opportunities:

1. The Northwest and Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (NW CASC, SW CASC) invite statements of interest for tribal climate adaptation research projects to be initiated in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. Statements of interest are due December 17, 2020. [Click here for more information and instructions on how to apply](#). Have questions? Join us for an [informational webinar](#) and get your questions answered. Date: November 30, 2020; Time: 3:00 MST
2. The USFWS is currently soliciting projects for funding through our National Fish Passage Program. Proposals due by December 2. Contact Nate Caswell for more information at [nate\\_caswell@fws.gov](mailto:nate_caswell@fws.gov)
3. **BIA 2021 Funding Opportunities – Endangered Species, Hatcheries, Tribal Youth and Invasive Species announcements and applications -contact your local BIA rep for details.**
4. **STILL OPEN - 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!

### Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. You are cordially invited to the Tuesday, [December 8th Western Regional Partnership \(WRP\) webinar featuring Tribal Resilient Energy Infrastructure](#). This webinar will begin at 1:00 pm Mountain/12 noon Pacific and conclude by 3:00 pm Mountain/2 pm Pacific.
2. You are cordially invited to participate in WRP's December 14<sup>th</sup> [webinar on Water Security Policy Planning and Implementation](#). This webinar, presented by the Western Regional Partnership's (WRP) Natural Resources Committee, will run from 1:00 to 3:00 pm Mountain/12 noon to 2 pm Pacific.
3. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), through partnership with The Wildlife Society, is offering research assistantships for Native American undergraduate (junior/senior level) or graduate students as part of the Native American Research Assistantship Program for Summer 2021. **Applications are being accepted now through Jan. 15, 2021.** <https://wildlife.org/apply-now-for-usfs-native-american-research-assistantship-2/>. Short-term assistantships with USFS are available for Native American students interested in wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Any questions can be directed to Jamila Blake at [jblake@wildlife.org](mailto:jblake@wildlife.org).
4. **ENHANCE YOUR CREDENTIALS** by 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- [click here](#).
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=>

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