



**SWTF Weekly Digest #29-2020
December 8, 2020**

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone!

We are a little more than a week away from our last quarterly meeting for the Commission (December 17th), which will run from about 1-4pm. I hope you can make it! I will be checking in with some of you to make sure you will be there!

Here in Albuquerque, most of the light snow we received a week or so ago has melted, except for those chilly shady spots, but the breath of winter is still in the air – and so is COVID-19. As time passes and the virus is spread around, it continues to impact the lives, jobs, and governments around the region. I can certainly say that it has effected the communities that I work with, and made normal things much harder. I am pretty sure that there is light at the end of the tunnel though, and that the light isn't an oncoming train. Only time will tell what 2021 will bring.

There are a few new opportunities this year – and even an AFS book sale if you need to fill in your library, or need a gift idea for the fish lover near you. Mostly though, it is time to use up that paid time off if you have it, and get ready for the holiday season – in quarantine times. What a strange year.

Around the region, many tribes and pueblos are entering a time of transition, and preparing to bring in new leadership, and administrations. Wish those individuals the best of luck, and the strength they need to face a changed world.

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, and we'll talk to you next week 😊

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [LWCF Projects in NM denied by the DOI](#)
2. [An unexpected benefit of biodiversity: Happiness](#)
3. [NFHP November 2020 Newsletter](#)
4. Nature Conservancy looking to hire a San Juan Fish/River Biologist – visit nature.org
5. If you are looking to fill in your fisheries library – now might be the time! [The AFS is having a book sale.](#)

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. **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 for more information!

Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. [Introduction to eDNA: Applications, Advantages, and Implications](#), Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Eastern Time, [Register now!](#), **Presenter:** *Jay Cashubec, PrecisionBiomonitoring*
2. 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.
3. You are cordially invited to participate in WRP's December 14th [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.
4. 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.
5. **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](#).
6. **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. [What Social Distancing does to fish brains](#)

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