



**SWTF Weekly Digest #32-2020
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Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone! And Happy Holidays week 2!

I hope everyone that celebrated last week had a wonderful time and kept each other safe. Mine was a quiet, immediate family event that featured a whirlwind of wrapping paper and gift bags, and almost no ornaments left on the tree, due to our most recent cat. It was a short week, and it seems like most of our partners were also taking a break, so new news is limited. Again, a reminder that since we didn't make quorum, we will be having a short Emergency Board Meeting late January or Early February to complete some last-minute business.

Only a few days left to finalize your BIA funding applications! In addition, the new Covid aid package, combined with the appropriations bill includes a number of Indian Water Rights issues in our region, as well as a National Park Expansion, which stalled briefly in the White House, has been signed...with a slight chance of more to come.

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

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [Fish was likely on the menu in Pompeii](#)
2. [New Fishway technology in Australia](#)
3. [Are you thinking of starting a warmwater hatchery? You can find help here!](#)
4. [The USFWS has a new special permit for cormorant management](#)
5. [New USFWS Critical Habitat Rules go into effect](#)
6. [Deb Haaland of Laguna to be nominated by the Biden Administration for Interior Sec.](#)

Grant Opportunities:

1. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Endangered Species, Invasive Species, Tribal Youth Initiative, and Hatchery Maintenance are being accepted at this time. These funds are available as competitive, non-recurring dollars. All applications (proposals) need to be submitted to the BIA - Regional Office that serves your area and are due to the regional office by close of business on **January 13, 2021**.

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. *The State of New Mexico is hiring a Fish Hatchery Assistant Manager (OSE#74992)* – Check out the New Mexico jobs website to find it (sorry, no link included)
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.
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
 - b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>

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