



## SWTF Weekly Digest #12-2020

August 11, 2020

### Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

I hope you and your families are doing well in this time of crisis. As our children attempt to go back to school (in various fashions) and we all hope that we won't be shut down again, we still have work to do, and projects to complete. For me, wearing this hat, that means it is time to plan our next Board meeting. As you saw this weekend, I am planning on a virtual summer Board Meeting for the SWTFC on Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – noon. Our most recent Microsoft Teams meeting went well enough (and has a team limit of 250, and no real time limit), that we are going to try that again – keep an eye out for the meeting request and information. Please let me know if you are available and plan to attend – especially the representatives for the Member tribes. Since we did not have quorum at our last two meetings, we are hoping to get some good business done at this one, electing officers, approving minutes, hearing updates, and more.

In the bigger world, things continue happening, the President signed the Great American Outdoors Act into law. On the other hand, pressure is building for there to be an official hearing on Acting BLM Director William Pendley. There are some exciting Climate workshops and trainings. Trout Unlimited and the Western Landowners Association is working to make sure that a proposed Agriculture and Natural Resources funding program works for the Indigenous Communities in New Mexico. The Low-Tech River Restoration class starts today!

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

### News and Links:

1. [WRP – July Update](#)
2. [Signing of the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020](#)
3. [Call for Papers – Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management](#)
4. [Acting BLM Director William Pendley's history of racism](#)
5. We are less than 100 days away from [World Fish Migration Day](#) – check out the planned events so far!

6. The NAFWS and Native American Rangelands Partnership are looking for Native Artists and Photographers. Below is the flyer and details. Please forward as you see fit and feel free to submit your artwork or photos! Visit [NAFWS.org](http://NAFWS.org) for details. **Until AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>!**



7. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share!

### 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. **[Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#)** – 2021 request for proposals open! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.
3. **[NAFWS Scholarships open until August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.](#)**

### Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. **["Introduction to Climate Systems"](#)** by the University of Oklahoma from August 31 - September 25, 2020. The course is free and online. If you have questions, you can contact Mr. Maurice Cruz at [maurice.p.cruz@ou.edu](mailto:maurice.p.cruz@ou.edu)
2. 2020 **[Low-Tech Process Based Restoration of Riverscapes Virtual Workshop](#)** This virtual workshop will introduce conservationists to 'low-tech' process-based approaches for restoring streams and their associated riparian areas (riverscapes) to benefit fish, wildlife, and working lands. Participants will learn principles guiding low-tech process-based restoration and become familiar with simple, hand-built tools, including Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs) and Post-Assisted Log Structures (PALS), intended to mimic and promote specific ecosystem processes. Participants will gain basic skills in the planning, design, and implementation phases of project development. Course content is supported by a published Design Manual. **August 11-14, 2020** - Anywhere with Internet
3. **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>

4. **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).
5. 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!
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](https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil_learners)
  - b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>
7. Structured Decision Making for Habitat Restoration - Assessing Landscape Needs and Implementation to Achieve Population Success - **Thursday, August 27 at 3pm ET** and will feature Dr. Jessica Collier from the Green Bay FWCO in Wisconsin. To register for the webinar, please follow this [link](#) or go to the [NCTC homepage](#), click on *Resources/News* tab in upper right, select *Webinar Gallery* in the drop-down menu, and click on the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office gallery picture.

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

1. [AFS – Alligator Gar Webinar – August 12<sup>th</sup>](#)
2. [AFS – Stream Simulation Design – September 9<sup>th</sup>](#)

## Science! Or science-y...

1. Sorry – no science for you! If you read something interesting, share it with us!

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