



## SWTF Weekly Digest #19-2020

September 29, 2020

### Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone!

I hope you and your families remain healthy and happy!

I hope that some or many of you had a chance to attend the AFS Virtual Conference. If you did, please share your thoughts? How was it from a Native perspective? I know they were trying to increase diversity and inclusion.

In other big fisheries news, the [American Conservation Enhancement Act passed the Senate](#), and is on to the House this week. This bill includes funding for the National Fish Habitat Partnership – which helps fund the Desert FHP and Western Native Trout Initiatives – there may be some changes, including more funding, as a result of the successful passage of the bill.

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

### News and Links:

1. [Montana Judge removed Acting BLM Director Pendley](#)
2. Western Division of the American Fisheries Society – [Fall Newsletter](#)
3. [Testing Colorado fish for toxic chemicals](#)
4. [Stream treatments for Utah Cutthroat trout](#)
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. [World Fish Migration Day](#) – is on October 24<sup>th</sup>! 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](mailto: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](https://www.grantsolutions.gov). This opportunity will be open for application through October 18, 2020. Contact [barak\\_shemai@fws.gov](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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- [click here](#).
3. Tribal engagement webinar/listening session for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Trust Fund Act. October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Links to come.
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](https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil_learners)
  - b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>

## Science! Or science-y...

1. [Global warming may lead to irreversible arctic ice melt](#)

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