



## SWTF Weekly Digest #20-2020

October 6, 2020

### Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone!

I hope you and your families remain healthy and happy! What a week this has been! Staying out of partisan politics to the best of my ability can sometimes be challenging. But even in crazy times like this, Congress occasionally gets good things done, now we wait on the President to sign the America's Conservation Enhancement Act (S. 3051). And so do the Courts – last week, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit supported Jemez, Zia and Santa Ana Pueblos in upholding their time immemorial water rights – advancing the ball for tribal water rights adjudications across the region.

I know it is 2020, and as such more unpleasantness is likely, but focus on the positive, stay strong, be true to yourself and keep taking steps forward. We can all get through this.

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

### News and Links:

1. [Massive Fish Passage Project at Pyramid Lake](#)
2. [Possible Conservation Gains for Freshwater](#)
3. [BLM's Pendlly appealing ruling to stay in power](#)
4. [NFHP News](#)
5. [ACE Passes House – On to the Presidents Desk](#)
6. Western Division of the American Fisheries Society – [Fall Newsletter](#)
7. [Testing Colorado fish for toxic chemicals](#)
8. [Stream treatments for Utah Cutthroat trout](#)
9. 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!](#)
10. Remind all of your friends and neighbors (and anyone else) to register to VOTE!! And then do it when the time comes!!
11. [World Fish Migration Day](#) – is on October 24<sup>th</sup>! Check out the planned events so far! Including – the [Rivers Full of Fish Webinar](#) – starting on October 22.

## 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. **U.S. Fish and Wildlife QZAP FY2020** funding. The total funding amount for projects is approximately \$1,830,000.00 with expanded categories and priorities of potential projects. There is a significant change in the application process this year resulting from our transition to [GrantSolutions.gov](http://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. Project are 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.** This year they are prioritizing Colorado River Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Westslope Cutthroat Trout, and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. Deadline **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, 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:
  - a. USFS Internship through the Wildlife Society: Merit, intern indefinite, and recent graduate job announcements - **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. [Western Wildfires likely to cause Toxic Algal Blooms](#)

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