



**SWTF Weekly Digest #01-2021**  
**January 05, 2021**

**Executive Directors Message of the week:**

Good Morning everyone! Happy 2021!

It was another short week, and short digest with New Year's Eve on Thursday, and the Friday Holiday. Most of the News was wrap ups and favorite stories from the last year, but rather than look back, I'd rather look forward! As we pull the wrapping paper off the New Year, anxious to see what is in it, I think we all have high hopes. Despite those hopes, it is important for us all to remember that COVID-19 is still with us and still killing Americans at an incredible rate and will likely continue to do so for some time. Has your tribe received its share of the vaccine yet?

Although the last year was pretty rough on a lot of people, the stock market did great, and as a result, our official distribution to the Mescalero Apache Tribe, home of the Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery, will be the largest ever!

There are some new job opportunities with the USFWS in the region, new critical habitat rules, a presidential veto, not to mention all eyes on Georgia today and on Congress tomorrow. Lets all hope for some good news on all fronts!

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, 😊

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

**News and Links:**

1. [The toll of climate change on the Colorado River](#)
2. [More reasons to restore wetlands](#)
3. [President vetoes Driftnet Modernization Bill](#)
4. [USFWS jobs – Student Trainee \(GS-4\) and Sikes Act Coordinator \(GS-11/12\) due by Jan 8!](#)
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. [The Desert Fish Habitat Partnership is charging ahead – 2022! Applications are due March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.](#)
2. 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**.

3. **STILL OPEN - USFS- SWTFC Youth Grant 2021:** 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!

## 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 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](mailto:jblake@wildlife.org).
3. **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](#).
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=>

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