



# The Wildlife Society

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Network

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January 2022 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events & Opportunities

#### **DEADLINE EXTENDED: U.S. Forest Service Native American Research Assistantship**

The U.S. Forest Service, through a partnership with The Wildlife Society, is offering research assistantships for Native American undergraduate or graduate students as part of the Native American Research Assistantship Program for Summer 2022. Applications are being accepted now through **January 31, 2022**.

*View the announcement to learn more this opportunity:*

<https://wildlife.org/deadline-extended-native-american-research-assistantship-2/>

#### **Apply to the Diversity Joint Venture for Conservation Careers Management Board**

The Diversity Joint Venture for Conservation Careers is accepting applications through **January 31**. The DJV is governed by a Management Board responsible for making decisions regarding partnership actions on behalf of the DJV Partners.

*To apply for the DJV Management Board, complete the online application form:*

<https://diversityinconservationjobs.org/board-member-application/>

#### **Native American Fish and Wildlife Society is Hiring**

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society has two position openings: [Senior Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison – Alaska Region](#) (accepting applications through **January 31**) and [Director of Programs](#) (accepting applications through **January 21**).

Visit the NAFWS website to learn more about the organization and associated opportunities:  
<https://www.nafws.org/>

### **Latino Heritage Internship Program for Environment for the Americas**

The Latino Heritage Internship Program for Environment for the Americas seeks to engage young Latine professionals in natural and cultural resource research and management, interpretation, and public affairs. Applications are open through **February 6** for several summer 2022 internship opportunities.

Visit Latino Heritage Internship Program website to learn more and apply for these internships:  
<https://latinoheritageintern.org/>

### **Apply now for TWS Leadership Institute Class of 2022**

The Wildlife Society's flagship leadership training program, the Leadership Institute, is now accepting applications for the Class of 2022. The Leadership Institute is geared toward early-career professionals who are actively pursuing employment in the wildlife profession - whether that is seasonal, part-time, or full-time experience. The program committee strives to create pathways to help enhance the efficacy of current and future leaders of TWS and the wildlife profession. The deadline to submit applications is **March 20 by 11:59 p.m. EST**.

Read the program announcement for more information on how to apply:  
<https://wildlife.org/apply-now-for-tws-leadership-institute-class-of-2022/>

## **Resource Highlights**

### **Integrating Yurok Knowledge and Wildlife Management**

In a study published recently in the Journal of Wildlife Management, Seafha Ramos conducted semi-structured interviews with 20 Yurok community members from 2011 and 2013, asking respondents about their relationships with wildlife and how they viewed traditional ecological knowledge (TEK). She has worked with her Yurok community to build a roadmap for how to understand Yurok TEK.

Read the full article in the Journal of Wildlife Management: <https://doi.org/10.1002/jwmg.22140>

### **NAFWS Professional Development Webinar Series**

Students and professionals at all levels are invited to join NAFWS education coordinator every 3rd Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time to learn professional development skills, tricks, and tips.

View the program webpage to learn more about the webinar schedule and topics:  
<https://www.nafws.org/youth-pre-professional/professional-development/>

## **TWS Wellness & Wildlife Webinar**

The Wildlife Society Fall 2021 interns developed a Wellness & Wildlife series to promote and support discussions on the value of mental health in the wildlife field. Interns, Brielle Manzolillo and Alexia Yau, hosted a webinar in December 2021 and created a set off resources to support future engagement.

Visit TWS' website to view the webinar recording:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/jmKF8p9iC0Xk0b76ilmZ8lOltYZgZQd3GD-WfSWd2htyBC2gMH3Xh6XPFzKZXmM.w\\_YWObseogFYp6YF](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/jmKF8p9iC0Xk0b76ilmZ8lOltYZgZQd3GD-WfSWd2htyBC2gMH3Xh6XPFzKZXmM.w_YWObseogFYp6YF) (passcode: P2Rv\*9Cw)

## **TWS Headquarters Updates**

### **TWS Welcomes Two New Interns**

In January 2022, The Wildlife Society was joined by two new interns who will be working with members and staff through June 2022. Valerie Ramirez is working with Mariah Beyers and Jamila Blake as the Spring 2022 Operations and Outreach Intern. Valerie received her B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Science with a concentration in Fish and Wildlife Conservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Some of her previous experience includes working with the Chicago Park District, the Student Conservation Association, and the UIUC Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment. Cassie Ferri is working with the Government Affairs team as the Spring 2022 Joe Burns Memorial Wildlife Policy Intern. Cassie is a part-time undergraduate student in her final semester at the University of Maine, where she is pursuing a B.S. in Wildlife Ecology. Cassie currently serves as the President of the UMaine Student Chapter of TWS after holding several chapter positions throughout her undergraduate career. Cassie is also very active in the Maine Chapter of TWS, and serves on the chapter's conservation affairs committee.

## **TWS DEI Network Resources & Contact Information**

Contact Jamila Blake at [jblake@wildlife.org](mailto:jblake@wildlife.org) with any questions, activity updates, success stories, or other items you would like to share. Please let us know if there is a different contact you would like to receive communications from the DEI Network.

To learn more about The Wildlife Society's DEI efforts and current resources, visit the diversity, equity, and inclusion page: <https://wildlife.org/dei/>

Recent newsletters are also available on [The Wildlife Society's website](#).