#### January 2023

#### **Announcements**

- 1. We will be hosting our next Webinar Presentation on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3PM EST! Dr. Susan Rupp from Enviroscapes Ecological Consulting, LLC will be presenting "Bioeconomy Development Opportunity Zones: Wildlife Friend or Foe?" Zoom login information will be sent to membership via email.
- 2. We are still seeking members to actively participate in various committees. Please email the REWG at our new email address below to learn more or if you are interested in volunteering!
- 3. <u>TWS REWG has a Youtube Channel</u>! Our webinar series presentations are now on our YouTube Channel found <u>here</u>! These will be uploaded monthly so be sure to subscribe so you don't miss anything!

### **Research and News Highlights**

- <u>Update to BLM's Solar Program</u>. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a Notice of Intent (NOI) for an environmental impact statement to help guide solar energy development across the west. More information can be found on BLM's ePlanning website <u>here</u>.
- Noise pollution from wind turbines and effects on wildlife. A literature review was conducted to evaluate wind turbine noise impacts on wildlife and published in the Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews.
- <u>Underground battery storage project</u>. New long-duration storage ideas are being considered in California and wildlife habitat impact evaluations are ongoing and planned for spring and summer 2023.

# **Career Opportunities**

- <u>Defenders of Wildlife</u> have several positions open with varying disciplines including field and landscape conservation, communications, and research.
- Senior Policy Analyst, Renewable Energy for the Ocean Conservancy
- Assistant Professor, Rangeland Ecologist in Renewable Energy for Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- Several open positions available with the <u>U.S. Department of Energy, Solar Energy Technologies Office</u>

Is your organization hiring? Is there an opening you would like to advertise? Let us know and we will feature it here! Always remember to check the <u>TWS Job Board</u> for new opportunities!

## **Upcoming Conferences and Webinars**

- Conference: Midwest Energy Solutions Conference Jan 31- Feb 2 2023, Chicago, IL
- Conference: Solar Farm Summit March 13-15, Chicago, IL
- Conference: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference March 20 24, St. Louis, MO
- Conference: ACP Project Siting and environmental compliance conference March 28-29 Albuquerque NM
- Webinar Series: The AgriSolar Clearinghouse is providing a monthly webinar series on agrivoltaics.
- Webinar Series: REWI has several upcoming webinars from the end of January through early February.
- Webinar: Solar Project Fencing: Where, How and Why (AFWA/ACP) Jan 31, 2023 at 3 EST
- Webinar: Earth, Wind, and Fire: amphibian response to wildfires, windfarms, and more (Wildlife Acoustics) Feb 2 at 10 am

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Have announcements, research, news, or any renewable energy information you'd like to share with the REWG? Please email us at tws.renewableenergyworkinggroup@gmail.com

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