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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grants Program Awards 23 Native American Tribes in 14 States for Conservation Work

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced Tribal Wildlife Grants awards to Native American tribes in 14 states to fund a wide range of conservation projects.

“The mindful stewardship of fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats is a value that tribal nations share with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,” said Service Director Dan Ashe. “Tribal Wildlife Grants create opportunities for us to work together in a variety of ways, including species restoration, fish passage, protection of migratory birds, and coping with long-term effects of a changing climate.”

More than \$60 million has gone to Native American tribes through the Tribal Wildlife Grants program since 2003, providing support for more than 360 conservation projects administered by participating federally recognized tribes. These grants provide technical and financial assistance for development and implementation of projects that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitats, including non-game species.

The grants have enabled tribes to develop increased management capacity, improve and enhance relationships with partners (including state agencies), address cultural and environmental priorities, and heighten tribal students’ interest in fisheries, wildlife and related fields of study. Some grants have been awarded to support recovery efforts for threatened and endangered species.

The grants are provided exclusively to federally recognized Indian tribal governments and are made possible under the Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2002 through the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. Proposals for the 2014 grant cycle are due September 3, 2013.

For additional information about Native American conservation projects and the Tribal Wildlife Grants application process, visit <http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html>.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov. Connect with our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/usfws, follow our tweets at www.twitter.com/usfwshq, watch our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/usfws> and download photos from our Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwshq>.

FY 2013 Tribal Wildlife Grants

ALASKA

Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove (\$199,731)
Monitoring Ecologically Important Species

Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (\$199,943)
Invasive Rodent Prevention Program on St. Paul and Pribilof Islands

Native Village of Wales (\$33,352)
Community Seal and Walrus Unusual Mortality Event (UME)

ARIZONA

Hopi Tribe (\$200,000)
Ecology of Golden Eagles on Hopi Lands

Navajo Nation (\$200,000)
Golden Eagle Aviary for the Navajo Nation

CALIFORNIA

Hoopa Valley Tribe (\$200,000)
Multi-level Trophic Monitoring From Soil to Threatened Vertebrates in Response to Poisons Found at Large Scale Illegal Marijuana Cultivation Sites

Smith River Rancheria (\$200,000)
Surf Smelt Habitat Assessment and Conservation Plan

Round Valley Indian Tribes (\$82,270)
Mill Creek Riparian Corridor Development Project

Wiyot Tribe (\$200,000)
Eel River and Humboldt Bay Pacific Lamprey Restoration Project and Management

FLORIDA

Seminole Tribe of Florida (\$200,000)
Environmental Science Program

MAINE

Penobscot Indian Nation (\$197,542)
Atlantic Salmon Enhancement on Tribal Lands

Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (\$199,625)
Aquatic Habitat Restoration Program: Fish Passage Enhancement and Demonstration Projects

MICHIGAN

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi (\$198,148)
Grand Kankakee Marsh Restoration

MINNESOTA

Red Lake Band of Chippewa (\$197,000)
Rehabilitation Evaluation and Range determination of Lake Sturgeon

Prairie Island Indian Community (\$200,000)
Conservation Restoration Area

NEVADA

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (\$200,000)
Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

NEW MEXICO

Jemez Pueblo (\$200,000)
Mule Deer and Elk: Habitat and Movements in Rapidly Changing Forests

NORTH CAROLINA

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (\$200,000)
Tribal Wildlife Action Plan

NORTH DAKOTA

Standing Rock (\$191,286)
Small Mammal Diversity and Abundance

OREGON

Burns Paiute Tribe (\$52,351)
Baseline Data and EIS for Removal of Non-native Brook Trout to Benefit Bull Trout

SOUTH DAKOTA

Cheyenne River Sioux (\$200,000)
Black-footed Ferret Recovery Project

WASHINGTON

Cowlitz Indian Tribe (\$195,762)
Monitoring and Assessment of New Subpopulations of Columbia White-tailed Deer

Colville Confederated Tribes (\$187,000)
Developing the Gray Wolf Management Plan

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