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Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Training

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The goal for the \$60,000.00 funding for 2018 is to support the increase Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) presence on Indian Lands for the protection, conservation and enhancement of Indian fish, wildlife and associated natural resources. In line with the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society's (Society) priority goal to provide training to CLEO's, the Society will offer the following in 2018:

The Society will facilitate and cooperate with Tribes, Federal and State agencies and private organizations to offer training in the area CLEO training. The Society will train in necessary procedures that pertain to Federal and Tribal regulations and needs. Training will focus on firearm safety, range firing (including competition) of service weapon, self-defense, Federal rules and regulations and an adjudication course for Federally Mandated Background and Character Investigations for Tribal Organizations. The regions in which the trainings are scheduled will also identify CLEO requirements that are needed and may be specific for that region.

The Society will cooperate with Society Director's, Tribes, BIA, USFWS and other partners to offer the following:

- Three (3) forty (40) hour training sessions that be will be held in two (2) of the following regions - the Great Lakes, Southeast, Great Plains or the Southwest Regions; these sessions will be offered for up to 35 CLEO's at each.
- One (1) training session will be held in conjunction with the National Conference in the North East Region (Rhode Island); this session will be offered for up to 40 CLEO's. Training will allow for 12-16 hours of training, range firing competition and more.
- Two (2) training sessions will be held in conjunction with regional conferences; these will be offered for up to 25 CLEO's at each. Training will allow for 8-16 hours of training, range firing competition and qualifications.

All of these trainings will be open to CLEO's from any region. It will be important for CLEO's to register for the 40 hour trainings.

As of date, two 40-hour trainings have been scheduled. The first will be held in the Great Plains Region (Billings, Montana) from June 4-8, 2018. Planning is being coordinated with Diana Spint, LESA with the USFWS. The second will be held in the Southwest Region (Albuquerque area) from July 9-13, 2018. Planning is being coordinated with the regional directors, USFWS, BIA, SW CLEO's and myself.

The Society will be paying for rooms for the CLEOs, travel for trainers, range fees and other necessary supplies. Information is posted on the Society's website for the Billings training.