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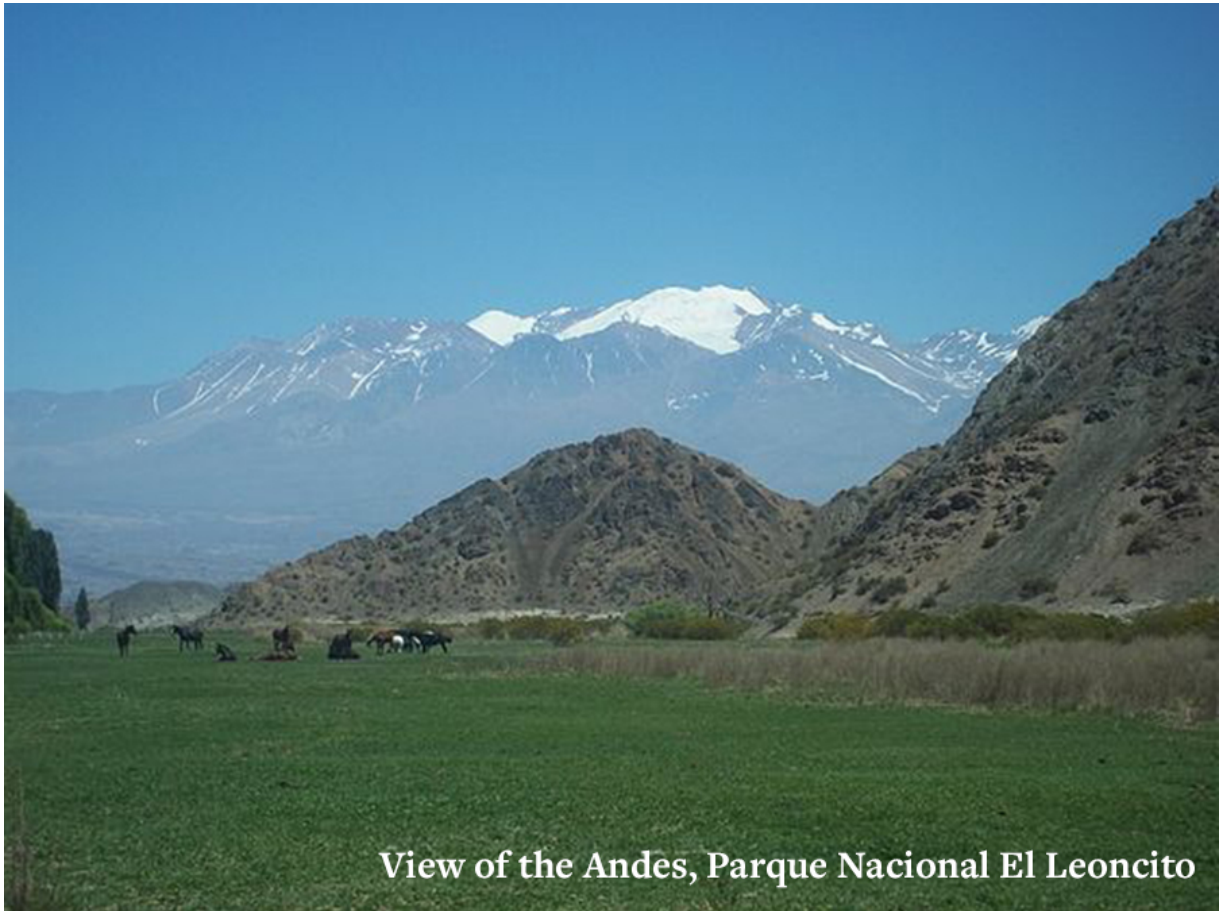
Society awarded State Department grant

GWS to help Argentina national parks improve visitor experiences

GWS has been selected by the US Department of State to oversee an 18-month project with [Argentina's Administración de Parques Nacionales \(APN\)](#) to improve the experience of visitors to five national parks. The \$106,500 grant will be carried out by a social science team led by GWS members Dr. Ryan Sharp, professor in Kansas State University's Applied Park Science Lab, and Dr. Matthew Brownlee, professor in the Clemson University Institute for Parks' [Park Solutions Lab](#). The US National Park Service Office of International Affairs will provide support.

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The GWS team will use methods developed by the US Federal Interagency [Wilderness Use Management Framework](#) to help the five parks, which are scattered across Argentina and represent a range of environments and visitor use patterns, to identify the desired conditions each one wants to achieve for its visitors.



Then, working closely with APN personnel, the GWS team will determine which visitor use management enhancement activities the parks want to do, and put in place indicators and thresholds of quality to evaluate effectiveness. The result will be a scientifically robust program of customized improvements for each park, along with a monitoring regime that allows adaptive management on into the future. The project will culminate with a set of bilingual case studies that we will publish in [Parks Stewardship Forum](#).

We are honored to have been selected for this competitive grant and look forward to creating what we hope will be a lasting working relationship with APN.

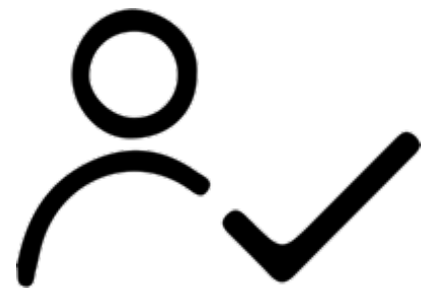
Deadline is August 15

Call for Candidates:

2020 GWS Board of Directors Election

Our Argentina project is an example of how your support of GWS is having an international reach. Would you like to help the Society do even more? You can by serving on the GWS Board of Directors. Working with the executive office, the Board oversees all aspects of the Society's operations. This year, two open seats on the Board are up for election. We are now accepting nominations of GWS members who would like to run for these seats. The term of office runs from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. Nominations are open through August 15, 2020.

Board Directors represent the interests of the membership and ensure that the mission of the GWS is carried out. A major role of Directors is to provide oversight of organizational finances and fiscal well-being, and all Directors are expected to support the Society's financial stability either by making contributions directly or taking part in fundraising activities. Directors serve on Board committees, such as the Program, Finance/Development, Publications, and Awards Committees. Potential candidates must be willing to take part in Board conference calls, which occur several times per year; help prepare for and carry out GWS-sponsored meetings; and do other work associated with the Society. Travel costs to any required in-person Board functions are paid for by the Society; otherwise there is no remuneration.



The nomination and election procedure is as follows:

1. GWS members nominate candidates for possible inclusion on the ballot. To be eligible, both the nominator and the potential candidate must be GWS members in good standing. It is permissible to nominate one's self.
2. The GWS executive office will acknowledge receipt to both nominator and nominee.
3. The Nominating Committee then, in its discretion, determines the composition of the ballot from the field of potential candidates. Among the criteria the

committee considers when determining which potential candidates to include on the ballot are their skills and experience (and how those might complement the skills and experience of current Board members), the goal of adding to and/or maintaining diversity on the Board, and the goal of maintaining a balance between various resource perspectives on the Board.

4. Once the ballot is determined, the Nominating Committee will ask candidates for a 250-word statement that will be published on the ballot.
5. The election will be held online in September and October, with results announced in November.
6. It also is possible for members to place candidates directly on the ballot through petition; for details, contact the GWS office.

To propose someone for possible candidacy, send the person's name, a brief statement of background and interests, and complete contact details to GWS Executive Director Dave Harmon at dharmon@georgewright.org.

K-State students explore Buffalo National River

Tallgrass Student Chapter shares spring break video

Joining one of GWS's [Student Chapters](#) is a smart move for young place-based conservationists looking to boost their careers. But it's also a good way to have a good time with like-minded friends! Check out this [awesome five-minute video](#) the Kansas State Tallgrass Chapter made of their Spring 2020 canoe camping trip at Buffalo National River in Arkansas. Great footage, great soundtrack, great fun! Well done K-State!

Announcements & opportunities

IUCN publishes review of Covid-19 and PAs. IUCN's [World Commission on Protected Areas](#) has published a [global overview of the impacts and implications of the Covid-19 pandemic](#) for protected areas. The review covers the relationship between zoonotic diseases and protected areas, indirect (but major) impacts such as the crippling loss of tourism revenue to park administrations, opportunities to use the pandemic as a catapult to propel the reframing and expansion of the values of parks and other protected and conserved areas, and much more.

Karst2020 goes virtual, August 18–20; registration open. [Western Kentucky University](#), the [George Wright Society](#), and the [Mammoth Cave Area Biosphere Reserve](#) invite you to attend **[Conservation of Fragile Karst Resources: A Workshop on Sustainability and Community](#)** to be held online August 18–20, 2020. The purpose is to enhance communication and the sharing of ideas and resources between major international conservation and science programs that protect, study, or manage cave and karst resources. The meeting will be hosted via Zoom over 3 half-day sessions that include technical presentations, flash-talks, interactive workshops, and virtual field trips as well as access to all related online resources produced in preparation for and during the meeting. You can find detailed information at <https://karst2020.com/>.

New podcast: Nature Insight—Speed Dating with the Future. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) secretariat is pleased to announce its first-ever podcast: [Nature Insight - Speed Dating with the Future](#), launching on Wednesday 8 July. Co-hosted by Rob Spaul, Head of Communications at IPBES, and Brit Garner, science communicator and co-host of SciShow, this first IPBES podcast series features six unique and diverse expert voices from the wider IPBES community. It will bring personal perspectives on the incredible values of nature from around the world direct to your headphones and speakers – all you have to do is subscribe to Nature Insight wherever you get your podcasts or by [clicking here](#).

New global guidelines on connectivity conservation. The [IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group](#) (CCSG) has published the first-ever [IUCN Guidelines for Conserving Connectivity through Ecological Networks and Corridors](#). This important effort is made possible through the contributions of twelve lead authors, and more than 100 experts in 30 countries. The Guidelines introduce common definitions, highlight applications around the world with 25 case studies, and recommend designation of ecological corridors that knit together protected and conserved areas to form ecological networks for conservation. The document is available for download at <https://doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.CH.2020.PAG.30.en>.

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