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39 government trained Field Rangers placed for jobs within North West Parks Board

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Mahikeng: The North West Parks Board (NWPB) an entity of the Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ) has appointed and placed 39 Field Rangers at various Parks within the Bokone Bophirima Province as part of the Skills Development Programme. The Field Rangers who have graduated in February this year are young people mainly coming from areas near and adjacent the 15 Game Reserves managed by the Board. The NWPB recently hosted an event to welcome and mark the appointment of the Field Rangers who have completed a one (01) year training course offered by the Southern Africa Wildlife College.

Speaking during the event, MEC for READ, Ms Manketsi Tlhape said the training programme is part of the Provincial Government's Vision of addressing the triple challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment. MEC Tlhape said it was important for the young people to grasp an opportunity offered to them.

She further said Parks security was imminent due to the persisting scourge of Rhino poaching and continued security threats in some of the Reserves, hence these training has been prioritised. MEC urged the young people to be loyal in their duty. She emphasised that nature conservation was critical as it would benefit many generations to come. "You are our Ambassadors in your respective

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role. Go and do your work diligently and make us proud. We are making efforts to Rebrand, Reposition and Renew our Province, yours is a great role to play in these,” she added.

Stanely Mampe who delivered a message on behalf of the group emphasised that their 12 months training period was never easy. Mampe said he hoped that their contribution to conservation would go a long way. “We envisage making a difference in the Wildlife Sector. We are here to preserve nature and we would like to see ourselves doing that responsibly,” he said.

The SAWC is a Wildlife Management and a Conservation Training institution founded in 1997. Its accreditation has gained international integrity, recognized and utilized by Governments, Conservation and Wildlife Management Authorities in South Africa and SADC Countries. Parks Board has sent a number of Field Rangers and Parks Managers for training over the years.

The NWPB through this training and recruitment elevates the Community Based Natural Resource Management Strategy which envisages ensuring that local communities play a pivotal role in the conservation and preservation of nature resources.

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Rangers 01 –The newly appointed Field Rangers in a jubilant mood, with them is MEC Manketsi Tlhape and NWPB Chairperson, Dr Leballo

IMG-20170517-WA0001 – MEC Manketsi Tlhape, the NWPB Board members and the field rangers

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