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MEDIA INVITATION

8TH MAY 2017

The North West Parks Board will be host an event to welcome 39 Field Rangers who have completed a 1 year Field Rangers training course offered by the Southern Africa Wildlife College. The event will be led by MEC **Manketsi Tlhape of the Department of Rural Environment Agricultural and Development on the 11th May 2017, at the Mmabatho Palms Resort at 11h00.**

The training programme is part of the South African government plan of addressing the triple challenges of inequality; poverty and unemployment that affects the youth of the North West Province, particularly those leaving near and adjacent the 15 Game Reserves managed by the Parks Board. The training programme was funded by the 2016 Jobs Fund training and skills development programme at the Southern Africa Wildlife College (SAWC), a Wildlife Management and a Conservation Training institution with international integrity, recognized and utilized by Governments, Conservation and Wildlife Management Authorities from South Africa and SADC Countries.

The Graduates will be in a position to be employed either as Field Rangers or as General Assistants across the 15 Game Reserves. The recruits will fill the current vacant positions in parks through the Job Fund programme conditions and the Field Ranger's Recruitment Strategy. The candidate selection was done by Wildlife College wherein 40 Youth was selected with only one drop-out. Training started in February 2016, with participants receiving monthly stipends and practical training duties in the parks and reserves during the 12 months period.

The North West Parks Board has a mandate to ensure conservation and preservation of the provincial natural assets. In doing so, the North West Parks Board could not turn a blind eye to the priorities of government and the plight of our people. The Board strives to ensure that community play a pivotal role in the conservation and preservation of its resources through its different programmes such as this one.

The **media is therefore invited** to join the MEC and Parks Board as they will be welcoming the graduates and offering them letters of appointment as informed by the memo of understanding signed prior to the training programme. The event will be held as follows:

DATE: 11TH MAY 2017

VENUE: MMABATHO PALMS RESORT

TIME : 10H30 FOR 11H00



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