

# CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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**Students, Colleagues and Peers:** For those of you who have recently had positions terminated or who are in pathways positions and need a new option — we see you and grieve the loss of your talents within our federal agencies. We are compiling resources to support you remaining within our STEM communities.

**Note:** some of you are receiving this email for the first time as friends and coworkers have shared your contact. You may unsubscribe any time by emailing me: [shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu)

**LIFE TIP:** You are entering a competitive job market and may have lost your dream position. Consider leads that grow your life skills in leadership, program management, communications and working with community.

**State of New Mexico:** Current openings for external candidates can be sorted by state agency, geography and salary range.



**NM Forestry Division's forestry and wildland fire positions are posted [here](#)**

- State wildfire crews with tiered pay series, hazard pay, overtime and benefits!
- On-call wildland firefighters – pay starts at \$22 p/hr
- Wildland Firefighter I positions require completion of S130/190 – classes available at the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center – check out their [Spring 2025 schedule](#)

**Water Resources positions**



- [Department of Environment](#) – where NM Environmental Department resides – is flush with open positions, including: [scientist](#), [advanced scientist](#), [surface water specialist](#), [wetland project officer](#) (closes 2/22/25), [river stewardship project officer](#) (closes 2/24/25)
- Also check out the [Office of the State Engineer](#)

**Other State Agencies:**

- Seasonal position with NM Dept. of Game and Fish on [invasive species](#) (closes 2/21/25)
- NM Department of Agriculture has an open [vet lab specialist](#) position

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ➤➤➤ NM FOREST & WATERSHED RESTORATION INSTITUTE

- Ecological Monitoring Crew Lead: seeking candidates with a natural resource background, some leadership experience, minimum 2 field seasons under their belt, and basic GIS competency. Term position starting at \$52,000 with benefits. Application review on a rolling basis beginning 2/24 with start date before 5/1
  - Our sister institute, Ecological Restoration Institute in AZ, is hiring field research technicians for Summer 2025 - \$18-\$23 p/hr starting in mid-May, based in Flagstaff

## WESTERN MORA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mora-based full-time benefited District Manager position and seasonal equipment operator positions are open and active. Reach out directly to Wanda Martinez for details: [westernmorawcd@gmail.com](mailto:westernmorawcd@gmail.com)

## ➤➤➤ WILDFIRE RESILIENCY TRAINING CENTER

Full and part-time grant-funded term positions in program and project management in wildfire, land/forest restoration and community outreach. These programs require several years of experience and education in related fields. Several potential part-time grant funded term positions are in development in simulator lab operators and wildfire. There are also a few openings for contract instructors in the above fields. Contact [hblackwell@luna.edu](mailto:hblackwell@luna.edu)

## ➤➤➤ NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY

- Somos STEM Summer Internships – May 12 – July 11 @ \$18 p/hr for current NMHU undergraduates only
- Department of Forestry is seeking to grow their faculty cohort - Assistant/Associate Professor of Forestry

## ➤➤➤ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (ALPHABETICAL ORDER):

- Audubon Southwest will be opening two positions shortly: a full-time salaried program manager based in southern NM or southern AZ to lead habitat enhancements in grassland ecosystems; and summer camp educators based at Santa Fe's Randall Davey Audubon Center (10 weeks, seasonal at \$16-\$18 p/hr)
- Environmental Education of New Mexico – part-time coordinator position in Greater ABQ area @ \$25 p/hr, up to 20 hours p/week for someone with a passion for immersive outdoor education! Duties include strategic planning, operations and grant/program funding.
- Forest Stewards Guild has positions open in non-NM locations [here](#), plus Summer Crew Leader and Member positions (5 crews across the NM, including Las Vegas!) Their Fall Fire & Fuels positions will operate out of Santa Fe, Jemez Pueblo and Mountainair (stay tuned)
- National Forest Foundation has remote, and hybrid positions open now in the CO region

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (CONT):

- Playa Lakes Joint Venture is recruiting for a [NM Grasslands Restoration Coordinator](#) (closing 2/28) and the **state-funded** [NM Terrestrial Wildlife Recovery Biologist](#) is active
- [Road to Recovery](#) Graduate Fellow position is accepting applications for an April 1 start date; part-time, \$30-40K, 1 year position for **current** graduate students
- [Rocky Mountain Youth Corps](#) are actively recruiting crew members, assistant crew leaders and supervisory positions, plus a full-time Taos-based staff position
- Taproot Collaborative is seeking a full-time [Program Manager](#) to implement field-based conservation projects in southern AZ
- [Trout Unlimited](#) has several positions ranging from as close as Denver, CO, to New Hampshire

## POPULAR JOB BOARDS

- Agricultural-related positions on the [Quivira Job board](#)
- [Conservation Biology job board](#)
- [Conservation job board](#)
- CO State Univ. Warner College's [career newsletter](#)
- [Josh waterjobs](#)
- Oregon State Univ. [College of Forestry](#)
- [Texas A&M](#)
- Univ of GA's [Warnell School of Forestry](#)

## RESUME-WRITING RESOURCES

- NMHU students *and alumni* - resume review and feedback available at [careerservices@nmhu.edu](mailto:careerservices@nmhu.edu) and if you need a professional headshot, you may utilize the photo booth at the Center for Professional Development and Career Readiness at NMHU/Las Vegas campus.
- Handshake is another resource built for [Gen Z](#)
- Ecological Society of America – [Resume Resources](#)

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR NMHU

- CARES Counseling: [cares@nmhu.edu](mailto:cares@nmhu.edu) | 505-454-3006
- After-Hours Crisis Line (Available 24/7): 505-795-3665
- Student Health Clinic (Medical & Mental Health Services - Sunrise Clinic): 505-454-3218 | 901 Baca Ave, Las Vegas, NM 87701
- BetterMynd: Free, confidential online therapy services available to NMHU students. Students can schedule virtual counseling sessions with licensed mental health professionals. Register at [www.BetterMynd.com](http://www.BetterMynd.com) using your NMHU email

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR ALL

- NM Crisis & Access Line (24/7 Licensed Clinicians): 1-855-662-7474 (855-NMCRISIS); <https://naminewmexico.org/crisis-info/>
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org)
- The [Psychology of Your 20s](#) is a podcast available at your favorite app

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- [Help for probationary employees who were terminated](#)
- [Are you a fired federal employee? Here are resources...](#)
- [Resources for federal employees navigating job loss](#)
- [NM Unemployment](#)

*If you know of job opportunities or have a request for a type of resource that can be added to this newsletter, please reach out to Shantini Ramakrishnan ([shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu))*