

# CAREERS CONNECT

Edition #005

A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: State jobs are back in focus this week along with new opportunities to work with youth and embody near-peer mentorship and build leadership skills. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP:** For those of us engaged in land stewardship, forest therapy may simply be a way of life. Immersing in nature walks during this changing season can ground you through memory of why and what you love in conservation, give you space and time to grieve and let go of a job or an imagined career that no longer holds the same luster, while keeping you connected to the land and place that makes you whole. Here is an interesting story about [forest therapy and the trauma response](#).

## »» Reforestation Program Coordinator (deadline March 28)

Land restoration and rehabilitation has never been more important. NM Forestry Division is seeking to fill this critical role in expanding reforestation capacity in New Mexico and restoring wildfire-impacted landscapes. This is a full-time benefitted position (\$29.58-\$47.33 p/hr) with interviews starting within two week of application deadline. This position will implement the reforestation strategy as outlined in the [2020 Forest Action Plan](#).

## New Mexico Wildfire Crews: Pecos River and Mimbres Crews ««

As the Mogote Hill fire in Wagon Mound recently demonstrated, we need more of wildland firefighters. Multiple positions including administrative managers, squad leaders, senior firefighters, crew members, and asst. superintendents. Pay is tiered based on experience, with hazard pay, health benefits, and pension. Predictions for the [2025 wildfire season in NM](#) is dire.



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ➤➤➤ NM FOREST & WATERSHED RESTORATION INSTITUTE

NMFWRI's [Ecological Monitoring](#) program is seeking 3 [seasonal positions](#) for Summer 2025 for graduated students with a B.S. in natural resources or equivalent experience (\$18.76+ p/hr DOE), technician aide for currently enrolled sophomores/juniors/seniors at NMHU (\$14.50-16.50 p/hr DOE) and non-NMHU juniors and seniors (\$15-16.50 p/hr DOE). Must thrive in the outdoors and work well in a team. Season spans May 11-August 16; applications reviewed on rolling basis starting March 25.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS

Colorado-based [Rocky Mountain Youth Corps](#) has adult [Conservation Corps crews \(members and leaders\)](#), [Youth Conservation Corps crews \(leaders for crews of kids 11-14 or 15-18\)](#), and [Natural Resource Internships \(individual placements although sometimes they work alongside a crew of interns\)](#). All opportunities are summer-only or extend into the fall.

## ➤➤➤ AMERICORPS POSITION IN WATROUS, NM

Conservation Legacy's [Resource Management Steward](#) is an AmeriCorps position based at [Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge](#) via the Bureau of Indian Affairs' WaterCorps Program. This position will work alongside refuge biologist in riparian habitat assessment and surveys of the endangered NM's meadow jumping mouse; playa lake management, and invasive species monitoring. This is a 26-week placement (~May 12 – Nov. 7). Funding for this position is secure, and includes \$3,697 education award, \$600 weekly living allowance (housing is included), \$100 weekly benefit, \$2,255 professional development.

## ➤➤➤ ADDITIONAL POSTINGS (ALPHABETICAL ORDER):

- Institute of Applied Ecology is seeking to fill a Santa Fe-based [administrative assistant](#) position (\$20.45-25.50 p/hr) for an April 1 start date.
- NM Dept of Health: ABQ-based [environmental microbiologist](#) (\$19.82-31.71 p/hr) to monitor levels of Covid-19 in waste water across the state (deadline: March 24). [Health educator](#) position (\$23.07-\$36.91 p/hr) working in heart disease and stroke prevention.

## ➤➤➤ MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR NMHU & ALUMNI

Dear students: We understand that the recent federal layoffs may have significantly impacted you and your family, and we want you to know that New Mexico Highlands University is here to support you during this challenging time. To better understand your needs and explore how we can assist, we are hosting a listening session where you can share your experiences, express concerns, and help us identify the best ways to provide support.

Listening Session Details:

Date: Thursday/March 20

Time: 12:00PM

Location: SUB 321

Zoom: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/2722304847>

## FREE WORKSHOP

[Accessing USDA Resources & Aerated Static Compost on Rangelands, Tsai AZ](#)

April 9 -10, 9 AM – 330 PM  
(attend one or both days)

## STEM CAREERS EXPLORATION

Thursday, March 27 / 10 AM – 3 PM @  
NMHU's ARMAS Center

## ➤➤➤ 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)

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Firing federal employees was swift. [Unwinding the terminations](#) is proving complicated.
- Fired fed workers won their jobs back, but many [linger in 'administrative leave' limbo](#)
- [Safe Place for Science](#): funding from French University for climate research
- [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))*