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C4C Santa Fe

C4C Santa Fe Newsletter - February Issue

February 7, 2025

C4C SF Member,

Thank you for all the news and events you sent in!

As we move through this winter season, we're excited to share updates on the network's upcoming events, projects, and resources to support collaboration and conservation efforts across the greater Santa Fe area. In the February edition, learn about the latest progress in restoration work, explore training opportunities, and stay connected with the amazing work happening across our network.

Please enjoy the February edition of the C4C Santa Fe newsletter!

Our network's regional conservation news...

"Tribal lands forest management to ramp up with federal grant"

January 1, 2025, Alaina Mencinger, Santa Fe New Mexican

"The Jemez Mountains once acted like a sponge."

"That was before the 2011 Las Conchas Fire, at the time the largest wildfire in New Mexico history, covering 156,000 acres. More than a decade later, downstream communities are still feeling the effects, said James Calabaza, the Indigenous lands program director for the Colorado-based nonprofit **Trees, Water and People.**"

[Read the full article here](#)



Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance (HPWA)

The HPWA Advances Restoration Work at the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge

The Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance is advancing Phase II of a collaborative restoration project at the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge. To highlight their progress, HPWA has released a new video showcasing the project and partners involved. Watch the video [linked here](#) to learn more about the impact of this ongoing effort!

Larger regional networking news.....



The Center for Collaborative Conservation at Colorado State University (CCC)

The CCC announces their recipients of the fifteenth Cohort of the CCC Fellows Program

"Collaborative conservation brings people together to solve complex environmental issues in ways that benefit people and nature, the solutions going beyond what any individual or agency could achieve on their own. The CCC Fellows Program equips our Fellows with the skills, knowledge, and networks needed to drive collaborative

conservation efforts and maximize on-the-ground impacts. The Fellows program benefits students, faculty, and practitioners around the globe by providing funding, training, and a community of practice."

[Read the Full Article Here!](#)

Our network's upcoming events and trainings...

The Wildfire Resiliency Training Center at Luna Community College

Wildfire Structural Ignition Awareness Workshop

Saturday, Feb 8th, 2025 from 11am-5pm, at the Bernal Community Center

Join the Interim Director, Hank Blackwell, of the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center for a free workshop on how to better protect our structures and homes from Wildfire Damagers. To RSVP please call or text Ellen Drew at 505-652-9439 or by email: edrewnm@gmail.com



WILDFIRE STRUCTURAL IGNITION AWARENESS

SATURDAY, FEB 8TH, 2025 11-5PM WORKSHOP

BERNAL COMMUNITY CENTER (BCC) 87569 (EXIT 330)

Join us for a very special Free Workshop with Hank Blackwell who is working with Northern NM communities on how we might better protect our structures and homes from Wildfire Damages.

Hank Blackwell is currently the Interim Director for the Wildland Resiliency Training Center, WRTC, at Luna Community College. He has a wealth of experience, including working in top positions at the Santa Fe and Los Alamos County fire departments. He also has extensive experience in emergency services and disaster response. His research includes testing structural ignition.

If You plan to attend, Please [RSVP](#) to Ellen Drew by phone or text: [505-652-9439](tel:505-652-9439) or by email: edrewnm@gmail.com

~ Lite Snacks, Nibbles, Coffee, Tea, Water, ++ will be available ~

~ Plan to come a little early as our BCC Boutique Thrift Shop opens at 10am on Saturdays ~

The Santa Fe Water Association

2025 New Mexico Climate Masters Course

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings March 26th to May 21st from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

The Santa Fe Watershed Association announced that registration for their 9-week Climate Masters Course. The course "explores the changing climate in New Mexico, and how to build resiliency"

To learn more and register for this course, [click here!](#)



**Join the
2025 NEW MEXICO
CLIMATE MASTERS**

A nine week course that explores the changing climate in New Mexico, and how to build resiliency and become empowered to take action in your community

Register today!

For questions or more information, contact Julie Hasty at julie@santafewatershed.org

Thank you to the City of Santa Fe for their support in making this program possible.

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Highlighted resources...

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

Noxious Weed Management Grant

The NMDA recently announced the Noxious Weed Management Grant Program. Competitive grants of up to \$60,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants (including cooperative weed management areas, local governments, state political subdivisions, tribes, acequias, NGOs, and others with proven land management capacity). Projects must include mapping or on-the-ground treatment. The online application opens on March 3rd and closes April 11th!

To learn more, [click here!](#)

The Santa Fe Community Foundation

Community Grants Program

As part of their community grants program, the Santa Fe Community Foundation announced that they are accepting grant proposals from nonprofits in their funding region (Mora, San Miguel, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe counties) that are engaged in direct service, policy advocacy, and/or collaborative efforts to improve outcomes in Civic & Economic Opportunities and Health & Human Services.

To learn more, [click here!](#)

Highlighted Job Posting...

The New Mexico Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute (NMFWR)

Ecological Monitoring Crew Lead

The NMFWR's Ecological Monitoring Program is seeking a Crew Lead to serve as an integral member of the team. The Ecological Monitoring Program at NMFWR maintains a professionally managed field crew to collect data on short and long-term ecosystem responses to restoration treatments, wildfires, climate change, and other disturbances. This data provides a critical scientific basis for adaptive management decisions and improved treatment effectiveness. The program also works with partners to build statewide capacity in ecological monitoring, adaptive management, and restoration.

To apply and learn more, [click here!](#)

The New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute is hiring an ecological monitoring crew lead

WE'RE HIRING

based in Las Vegas, New Mexico

Duties Include...

- field measurements of ecological indicators
- data entry, QA/QC
- analysis & reporting
- mapping & GIS
- outdoor leadership, crew supervision & mentorship
- training, technical materials & outreach
- equipment management
- and more!

Requirements

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- BS in Natural Resources or related field, or equivalent experience
- 2 field seasons experience
- relevant leadership experience
- basic GIS competency

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Familiarity with R coding
- WFR or higher certification
- Crew leadership experience
- GIS certificate or equivalent experience

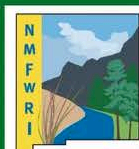
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- possess and maintain a valid driver's license
- occasionally work weekends, evenings, odd hours as required
- willing to travel, including remote locations
- continued employment contingent on grant funding



APPLY NOW

<https://nmhu.peopleadmin.com/postings/q479>



New Mexico
Forest and Watershed
Restoration Institute

New Mexico Highlands University

If you would like any events/resources/etc. to be featured in the next issue, please email us passing along the information or submit the details

using this link: [C4C Information Request Form](#)

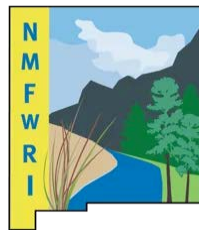
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The NMFWRI Collaboration Team

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