

# CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: Seasonal wildfire and wildlife positions and Southwest positions in water are featured this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP:** I found comfort in an unusual place this week in encountering Rachel Dillon's Treehouse Climate Action winning poem "[A Dead Whale Can Feed an Entire Ecosystem.](#)" You can also sign up for a daily rumination via [Poem-a-Day](#).

## >>> Fall Fire and Fuels, Forest Stewards Guild

Fall positions for crew leads and crew members are now open in Mountainair, Pueblo of Jemez and Santa Fe. These positions include free Wildland Firefighter certification during this full-time 13-week term running from Aug 20 – Nov 14. Crew leads are paid \$20 p/hr; crew members are \$18 p/hr. Both positions have potential of OT, along with holiday/sick/cultural pay. This is a great way to get a foot in the door in wildland fire, natural resources or learn about prescribed burning.

## Water Resources Manager, Santo Domingo Pueblo <<<

Seeking candidates with well-rounded experience in planning, management and administration to develop, organize and implement conservation management plans (salary: \$65K-\$80K annually).



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- **Director of National Philanthropy**, Conservation Legacy (deadline: May 16): Remote-based full-time position during a critical time of funding uncertainties for a national NGO that focuses on restoring and rehabilitating landscapes through community service (salary starts at \$106,300, full benefits).
- The Watershed Center is seeking a full-time **River Project Manager** based in Longmont, CO, to manage, plan, design and implement river restoration projects (salary: \$47K-\$80K).
- Trout Unlimited is looking for a **Project Manager** to lead initiatives in AZ's White Mountains. Candidates with project management experience and a background in riparian restoration, and partnership cultivation are encouraged to apply (salary: \$59K-\$66K annually).

## WEBINARS & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Wildfire Resiliency Training Center at Luna CC is offering the following wildfire fighting classes:

- Friday afternoon, May 16: RT-130 Wildland Refresher\*
- May 17-18: S-211 Portable Pump Operations\*
- May 31-June 1/June 7-8: S-212 Chainsaw Operations in Wildfire\*

\*At least 10 students are needed in order to make the classes. For information/assistance, contact Hank Blackwell at [hblackwell@luna.edu](mailto:hblackwell@luna.edu).

- **Wildlife Biology Member** at San Andres NWR, starting on Aug. 11 with an 18-week commitment to establish and maintain remote camera arrays to track big game. This is an American Conservation Experience position with a \$500 weekly living allowance and an education award.
- **Deer Technician** (deadline: May 26) with CO State Univ.; temporary position for individuals with experience darting and trapping deer with clover traps and drop nets (salary: \$3K-\$3,400 monthly).

## YOUR WORK MATTERS & YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

- Partnership for Public Service Poll show strong support for federal workforce
- Federal News Network wants to hear from managers, and fired probationary employees

## ➤➤➤ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

In an era of how to do the work with diminishing funding resources, these opportunities may boost/bridge funding for your work:

- NM Forestry Division is accepting proposals for Forest & Watershed Planning and Facilitation Specialists to provide expert facilitation, coordination, and logistical support for meetings and strategic planning among agencies and stakeholders to advance the implementation of the 2020 New Mexico Forest Action Plan (NM FAP). Proposals will be accepted through 5:00 pm (MST) on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## CALL TO ACTION

Action Lab is a resource for actionable advocacy. Or Run for Something! The National Nature Assessment is being reimaged and relaunched as United by Nature. Support this effort through partnerships, success stories or content review via [weareunitedbynature@gmail.com](mailto:weareunitedbynature@gmail.com).

## ➤➤➤ 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](https://988lifeline.org)

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

## ➤➤➤ MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR NMHU COMMUNITY

- 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

- Some fired federal employees now face health insurance chaos
- Probationary employees face stricter review process under new executive order
- Largest federal employee union to lay off more than half of staff
- Benefits Cuts for Federal Employees being considered in budget legislation
- Organ Mountains in NM on list of national monuments to lose federal protections
- 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))*