

CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: NGOs feature strongly in this week's issue. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: A reflective editorial on who we are and what we value on [Laura Paskus'](#) recent Substack on the Rio Grande is well worth the read.



Playa and Water Conservation Outreach Specialist, Playa Lakes Joint Venture

Playa Lakes Joint Venture is seeking a full-time, term-limited position with benefits through 4/30/2029. Community engagement candidates will support playa restoration and regional water planning in eastern NM; priority given to residency in eastern NM (salary: \$70-\$74K; deadline: 9/1).

Senior Manager, Southern Rockies Private Lands Reforestation, American Forests



Full-time exempt position, based in NM (remote) to engage under-served landowners and Tribal Nations to develop/design/implement reforestation strategies (salary: \$60K-80K annually).



Outreach Associate, Wild Arizona

Part-time permanent position, remotely based in AZ and western NM to engage volunteers, members and partners through the Wilderness Stewardship and Wild Connection programs (salary: \$25 p/hr; deadline: 9/26).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Chapter, National Scleroderma Foundation

Full-time position at this medical research and advocacy non-profit for English-Spanish bi-lingual applicants with strong fundraising background, residing in NM, AZ, CO, MT, UT or WY.

Forestry Technicians, Mt. Taylor Ranger Districts with the Forest Stewards Guild

These full-time seasonal positions (Sept. 15-Oct 24) are based in Grants and include timber marking, fire line construction, fence building, and trail maintenance. Work up to 10+ hours daily, hike 3+ miles with 20lb backpack (salary: \$ 18.84 p/hr; deadline 8/25).

CALL TO ACTION

Input needed for Martinez/Yazzie Action Plan; all meetings 4-7 PM:

- 8/14: SE NM College, 1500 University Dr. (Carlsbad)
- 8/14: Grant County Veterans Memorial Business and Conference Ctr., 3031 US-180 E. (Silver City)
- 8/14: Zuni Wellness Center, 31 Pincion St. (Zuni)
- 8/20: Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE (Albuquerque)
- 8/22 & 8/26: Virtual 1-4 PM

>>> Other Positions:

- Education Coordinator, Climate Advocate Voces Unidas; part-time position supporting teachers and students in northern NM (deadline: 8/15)
- Pronghorn Biologist (DGF#38589), full-time permanent, based in Santa Fe (salary: \$26.57-\$39.86 hourly; deadline: 8/22)
- Hatchery Manager (DGF#5127), full-time, permanent position with N M Game & Fish based in Santa Rosa (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200; deadline 9/1)
- Archeology Project Director (DCA#23804) , full-time position at the Dept. of Cultural Affairs based in Santa Fe (salary: \$26.57-\$39.86 hourly; deadline: 9/4)
- Asst. Professor of Environmental Studies and Science, CO College, tenure-track position based in CO Springs; H-1B eligible(salary\$: 90K, deadline: 9/5)
- Water Resources Professional (OSE/ISC#10115901); full-time position with Office of State Engineers based in Las Cruces (salary: \$35.37-\$53.05; deadline 9/10)

>>> Fellowships & Scholarships:

- Student volunteers needed to staff and support REGENERATE in Santa Fe, Nov. 5-7. Volunteers gain free access to the conference and events. Contact Kristina Britt to sign up: kristina@quiviracoalition.org
- Manager Fellowship with Quivira Coalition opens this Friday (8/15) to support early career agrarians to build entrepreneurship, management and financial skills. Management training runs from Oct. 2025-Oct. 2026.

>>> FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

- [New Agrarian Wellness Training](#) program seeks to empower early career agrarians with community and socioemotional tools to persist in the inherent market uncertainty and isolation from ranching and farming life.
- Sept 1 deadline for [Wildland Fire Professional Certification Program](#) with Association for Fire Ecology (\$72-\$180 application fee, with 30% discount for students)

>>> FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

In an era of how to do the work with diminishing funding resources, here are recently announced opportunities to boost/bridge funding for your work:

- USDA-NIFA seeking proposals in [Foundational and Applied Science](#) (\$10K-\$10M)
- [YCC 2026 Project Proposals](#) funds projects that employ young New Mexicans (ages 14-25) to improve public spaces while providing job training (capped at \$225K; deadline: 10/8)
- CO-based projects with the [Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation](#) grant program opens for applications through 10/9
- Bureau of Reclamation [Small Storage Program Funding](#) reopened with up to \$43.5M available for small surface and groundwater storage projects (25% federal cost-share required). Projects proposing water storage capacity between 200 and 30,000 acre-feet (deadlines: 2/13/2026 for feasibility study; 4/17/2026 for application).

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS



- Aug. 26, 10 AM webinar on [Fuels to Flows: Bringing Nature-based Restoration to the Headwaters](#)
- Aug. 26, 11 AM webinar Federal News Network [Workforce Reimagined](#)
- Aug 27 @ 12 noon webinar on [Stop, Drop, and Roll Out of Biocrust Sods: Targeting the Grass-Fire Cycle Through Soil-Surface Rehabilitation](#)
- Aug 30, 11 AM-1230 PM workshop on [Grazing on Challenging Landscapes](#) at Badger Creek Ranch, near Salida, CO
- Aug. 30, 830 AM-12 Noon walk on [Geology Rocks at Bachechi](#) in ABQ
- Aug. 30, 10 AM-12 Noon class on [Introduction to Composting](#) in ABQ
- Aug. 30, 8AM-3PM workshop on [Bullseye Monitoring](#) in Lamy
- Sept. 3, 930 – 11 AM webinar on [Fire Management Considerations in the Urban Interface](#)
- Sept. 7, 9 AM-4 PM workshop on [small solar/wind](#) w/ Santa Fe CC (tuition: \$149)
- Sept. 10 & 24, 530-630 PM webinar on [Navigating USA programs: Producer Panel](#) webinar series
- Sept. 10, 415-615 PM interactive virtual workshop on [Causes and Effects of Climate Change in the SW](#)



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR NMHU COMMUNITY

- CARES Counseling: 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

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR ALL



- NM Crisis & Access Line: 1-855-662-7474 (855-NMCRISIS);
- Peer-to-Peer Warmline is free and confidential service with a NM Certified Peer Support Worker; 7-1130 AM & 6-11 PM daily (1-855-466-7100)
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): 988lifeline.org

HANDS-ON RESTORATION PROJECTS:

- Head to higher elevations this summer with an Aug. 15-17 weekend at Midnight Meadows in the Carson National Forest with AWE
- Limestone Canyon in the San Mateo Mtns is a 20-year legacy site with AWF, Aug. 29-31



FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Court ready to hear arguments on fired probationary feds cases
- FEMA, USCIS become latest agencies to end collective bargaining
- 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)