

CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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LIFE TIP: Federal workforce [reductions from January through August](#) are estimated at 199,029, and federal [funding cuts for universities](#) and colleges are dire. [Cyclic sighing](#) can help calm and relieve anxiety, and at just five minutes a day, this is a practice that can result in increased effects over time.



SW Rare Plants Ecologist, Institute for Applied Ecology

Full-time non-exempt position leading a field crew and demography research for BLM's Rare Plant Monitoring Initiative. In addition to inventory work, this position will also support native seed collection, seed banking, pollinator monitoring, floristic diversity surveys, and native plant restoration (salary: \$23-\$28 p/hr; deadline: 9/1; start date: 10/20).

State positions, this week's highlights: <<<

NM Dept. of Environment posted several positions this week for [Environmental Scientist and Specialist II](#) (NMED #12281), [Permit Program Specialist](#) (NMED #80037), [Permit Lead/Reclamation Specialist](#) (NMED #28086); full-time, benefitted positions based in Santa Fe (deadline 9/9).



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

US Fish & Wildlife Service has five [Mexican Wolf Volunteer Technician](#) positions starting 10/6 and based in Sevilleta, NM and Alpine, AZ. These field-based positions include monitoring wolf occurrence and distribution, conflict management activities, radio-telemetry, etc. (salary: \$800 monthly, deadline 8/31).

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS:

- Upper Rio Cebello project with in-stream structures for beaver habitat near Jemez Springs; contact karen@riograndeeturn.org for details
- [Fall Institutional Partners Wetland Restoration Workshop](#) on 9/19, 9 AM-230 PM, in Dixon is targeted for federal/state agency, tribal and NGO partners
- [Rio Embudo](#) project near Dixon building rock structures and thinning juniper, Sept. 19-21, near Dixon
- [Ute Lake State Park](#) project to maintain and upkeep Rogers Nature Trail, Sept. 19-21
- [Red Canyon Fall Gathering](#) from 9/26-9/28 for a camping weekend on nature exploration and conservation work

>>> Fellowships & Scholarships:

- Applications for the [Sullivan Climate & Ecological Security Fellowship](#) closes this Friday (8/29); monthly two-hour virtual sessions for early career professions (<5years)
- 2025 [#MySciJourney Challenge](#) is seeking entries for 2-3 minute vertical videos to produce a large repository of social-media-friendly videos. Cash prizes (\$200, \$300, \$500) and immeasurable fame (deadline 9/30)

>>> 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:

- STEMInNM [Mini-Grant Applications](#) is accepting proposals (\$5K-20K), that must be used by 5/15/26; deadline 9/11
- [Rio Grande Aquatic Navigator Network](#) delivers timely funding updates to progress aquatic restoration in the Upper Rio Grande Basin

CALL TO ACTION

2025 [Agricultural Workforce Survey](#): identify gaps and challenges in hiring and retaining employees in NM's agricultural sector

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- Aug 28, 730 AM-12 Noon Los Lunas Chile Field Day
- Sept. 3, 930-11 AM webinar on Fire Management Considerations in the Urban Interface
- Set. 4, 6-7 PM talk on Human Impact on Wildlife at Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium
- Sept. 6, 1-3 PM Skye Tafoya Book Talk, Artists Circle Gallery, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Sept. 6, 4-8 PM Art reception: Skye Tafoya, Saba, Arrowsoul Art Collective, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center courtyard
- Sept. 6, 8 AM-5 PM Geologic Tour of St. Peter's Dome (\$55-\$70 pp)
- Sept. 7, 7-10 AM Bird Walk at Los Luceros Historic Site
- 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
- Sept. 15-16, Building an Advanced Energy Ecosystem 2025, Sandia Resort & Casino, Albuquerque, NM: green hydrogen production, carbon capture, energy storage, decarbonization planning, etc.

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

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Agencies that have cancelled collective bargaining so far
- Further job losses at Sandia Labs unlikely after layoffs earlier this year
- Let's talk about funding cuts to tribal colleges and universities
- Ending lesser prairie chicken protections could set troubling precedent
- NM hospitals on the brink
- Amid strong opposition, NM water board lets plan for more oil and gas wastewater use proceed
- Heartbreaking transportation cuts hit home
- NM Unemployment