

# CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: *Animate, te deseo lo mejor.* Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP:** “No matter the messaging about good careers, the virtues of studying are not reducible to the accumulation of wealth. We have chosen a life of humanistic study, because we believe it will bind us more closely to you, to those who have preceded us, to those who will follow, and to the lands that we rely on. What you probably intuit is that our generation, like the one before, has, for the most part, doubled down on the financialization of earth, space, life, and death. This is the true social context that we need to contend with and struggle against.”

~ Monica Huerta and Dan-el Padilla Peralta in [Students: Universities Do Not Deserve You](#)



## Head of School, Collins Lake Outdoor School

An exciting opportunity to build a K-4 charter school in Mora County a year out from launch. Envisioned as an outdoor learning, environmental stewardship, and hands-on, experiential educational hub, this position requires strong leadership skills, and will spearhead the charter's strategic development, staff capacity, operations and logistics, community and family engagement, plus fundraising and budgets. Salary competitive and commensurate with experience. Candidates can apply with cover letter, resume and 3 references to Steve Smaby, at [CollinsLakeRanch@gmail.com](mailto:CollinsLakeRanch@gmail.com) or to CLOS, PO Box 472, Cleveland, NM 87715. Please include a statement about why you are interested in leading an outdoor-based charter school and how your background aligns with the school's mission.

**Did You Know:** [FedsForward](#) is a resource for federal workers to transition to other sectors, including private industry, NGOs, academic and local governments.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Two (2) apprenticeships in agroecology/organic farming at Hawk Moth Farms in Anton Chico. Learn to cultivate/grow/harvest/market New Mexico grown fruits and vegetables. Duties include field work, weeding, planting, harvesting, preparing for market, retail sales, livestock care, maintenance of facilities, tools, and landscape. Must be willing and able to work long physical hours outdoors and work well in a team setting. \$15.60/hour. Hours are flexible between 10 - 40 hrs/wk. Must be at least 16 years of age. Email: [hawkmothfarms@gmail.com](mailto:hawkmothfarms@gmail.com)
- Silver City's US Forest Service is seeking to fill a 35-week Conservation Corps [Glenwood Recreation](#) position for candidates between 18-30 years (or 35 for veterans) (salary: \$17.50 p/hr)
- [Hydrogeologist](#) (job#: 202500644), Santa Fe County, full-time exempt position (salary: \$38.38 p/hr; deadline: 9/26)
- [Survey Technician](#) (job#: 202500632), Santa Fe County, full-time non-exempt position (salary: \$34.27 p/hr; deadline: 10/5)
- [Digital Communications Officer](#) for Climate Action Network International, remote, full-time position, starting with a one-year contract that is renewable (deadline: 9/15)
- [Propagation Specialist](#), Desert Botanical Garden (AZ) is a full-time, benefitted position (salary: \$51,600-\$60K; deadline: 9/30)

## HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS:

- [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
- [Ute Lake State Park](#) project to maintain and upkeep Rogers Nature Trail, Sept. 19-21 (sign up by 9/16)
- [Red Canyon Fall Gathering](#) from 9/26-9/28 for a camping weekend on nature exploration and conservation work in Magdalena
- One day workshop on [Invasive Plant Removal at the Gila River Headwaters](#), Sept. 27, 930 AM-3 PM

## >>> Funding & Grant Opportunities:

Here are recently announced opportunities to boost/bridge funding for your work:

- REMINDER: [McCune Foundation](#) supports community-centered efforts; one-year grants up to \$15K; multi-year grants (by invitation only) (deadline: 9/15)
- Rolling applications for [Partners for Fish & Wildlife](#) (due 9/30); award ceiling up to \$750K
- RFP for [Planning, Design, Management and Implementation of Youth Conservation Corps Projects](#) is open for applications detailing projects up to 26 weeks, at a maximum award of \$225K (due 10/8)
- NM EPSCOR [Research Infrastructure for NM](#) (RIO-NM) for awards up to \$16,500 (deadline 10/31)

[NM Outdoor Learning Summit](#) with Environmental Education New Mexico. Registration is now open for Nov 1 event; early bird registration is available through 10/1.

## >>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, 415-615 PM virtual workshop on [Causes and Effects of Climate Change in the SW](#)
- Sept. 15, 4-6 PM virtual workshop on [Developing a Framework for STEAM Education](#)
- Sept. 17, 12-1 PM Access to Justice webinar on [NM Courts Foreclosure Settlement Program](#)
- Sept. 18 for reduced lodging rates for [AZ WUI Summit](#) (Oct 28-30) in Prescott; apply for [travel scholarships](#)
- Sept. 18-19, 16-hour facilitation training with [SW Decision Resources](#) in Flagstaff (\$275-375 registration); [scholarships](#) available. Additional trainings in Tucson (Oct. 23-24) and Phoenix (Nov. 13-14)
- Sept. 27, 8AM-3PM, in person [Erosion Control Structure Workshop](#) in Lamy
- Sept. 28, 430-7 PM 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Leopold Lecture with Cynthia Barnett [A Reverence for Rivers: Luna Leopold's Call for a Water Ethic](#) (\$10 tickets)
- Sept. 29-Oct. 2, Utah State Univ.'s Advanced Low-Tech Process-based Restoration (LTPBR) Courses, eligible for CEUs, university credit, and Level III Federal Training series: [Advance LTPBR Planning](#)
- Sept. 30, 10-1130 AM webinar on Answering the [Call for Native Seed: Scaling up Small Scale Efforts to Meet the Need](#)
- Sept. 30-Oct 2, [NM Wildland Urban Fire Summit](#) at UNM-Valencia Student Community Center
  - [Travel grants](#) up to \$480
  - Free [Home Hazard Assessment](#) workshop on 9/30, 8 AM-12 Noon
- Sept. 30, early bird registration deadline for [NM Science Teachers Assoc. \(NMSTA\) 2025 STEAM Summit](#) held on 10/18 in Rio Rancho

**LAST CALL:** NM Forestry Division is conducting 5-yr review of the 2020 Forest Action Plan; [Share your perspectives by 9/12](#)

### 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

### 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](https://988lifeline.org)

### FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- OPM finalizes long-awaited 'rule of many' to add [flexibility to federal hiring](#)
- Appeals court dismisses states' case challenging [probationary employee firings](#)
- These 3 agencies account for over [half of total federal workforce losses](#)
- NM governor announces [free universal child care](#)
- [NM Unemployment](#)



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