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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: thank you for your patience during the recent hiatus, resulting in a chockablock issue this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: The Center for American Progress documents [How the Government Shutdown Affects Public Land Employees and Communities](#) with compelling figures that demonstrates the widespread impact and critical roles that furloughed federal employees have within our lives.

»»» **Conservation Manager, Forest Stewards Guild (\$28.69-36.35 p/hr; deadline 11/2)**

Full-time term position for up to three years to lead initiatives in soil health management, water conservation, pollinator habitat, wildfire preparedness, riparian restoration, and forest management in rural communities based in Cuba, Grants, Las Trampas and Cebolla.

Operations Manager, Alliance for Wildfire Resilience (AWR) (\$95K-110K annually; deadline 10/31) «««

An exciting position that supports effective management, sustainability and growth at AWR. NGO experience is a must. Responsibilities include fundraising, administration plus program and advocacy support. Position is fully remote with some travel annually.

»»» **Digital Content & Outreach Specialist, NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute (\$55K-\$69K annually DOE; deadline 10/31)**

A two-year position supporting web and digital content development, social media and newsletters. Proficiency in WordPress, ArcGIS, Adobe and Canva. Candidates must be based in New Mexico; hybrid work with some travel.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Water Policy officer, Thornburg Foundation (\$100K-150K DOE w/ benefits; deadline 11/11)

This Santa Fe-based organization is one of NM's leading nonprofits in community advocacy. This position will refine, lead and build climate resilient water systems in NM, and advance bi-partisan partnerships to progress research and policy initiatives. Additional open position at Thornburg for Housing Policy Officer (deadline 10/31).

Forest Health Coordinator, Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District

This full-time position supports the East Mountain Forest Health and hazardous fuels reduction programs and provides an excellent opportunity to grow and refine project management skills (\$25-28 p/hr DOE, w/ benefits).

Executive Director, Tree NM (\$70-80K annually DOE; deadline: 11/9)

ABQ-based leadership position spearheading planting, education, monitoring, development and administrative programs.

Executive Director, Farm to Table (competitive salary DOE, deadline: 11/12)

NM-based position with access to Santa Fe and ABQ. Organization is dedicated towards building a local, healthy, equitable and sustainable food system through education and advocacy.

Partnership Specialist, Coalitions & Collaborations (\$72,800-\$93,600 annually w/ benefits; deadline: until filled)

Full-time US-based remote position to design, implement and evaluate innovative programs that supports organizations, agencies and collaboratives in conservation and climate resilience.

Featured Events

- **LAST CALL:** the NM Outdoor Learning Summit with Environmental Education New Mexico is this Saturday, Nov 1, at Bosque School, 9 AM – 5 PM. Hope to see you there!
- **Bark Beetle Management** is a FREE workshop on Nov. 15, at Sierra Bonita Volunteer Fire Dept. (15 CR A-044 in Guadalupita), 10 AM – 230 PM. The workshop will cover bark beetle ID, signs of infestation, and best management forest practices. Want a free lunch? RSVP by Nov. 10 @ nmfwri@nmhu.edu; 505-426-2080.
- **Gestures from the Land:** A Celebration of Native Plants and Public Lands' closing reception and exhibit, Nov. 6, 530 PM, Co-Fe Gallery, 314 S. Guadalupe St. Proceeds benefit the Inst. of Applied Ecology, Native Plant Soc. of NM and Santa Fe Botanical Gardens.

➤➤➤ Other Positions

- [Experiential Learning Coordinator](#), Partners in Education Foundation for Santa Fe Public Schools – self-starter needed for this position that coordinates logistics, scheduling, invoicing, reporting, marketing, documentation, and supply inventory of programming in classroom and field trips (\$20 p/hr + GRT; position begins as contract before employment offer is made; deadline 10/31)
- Steward/Local Community Liaison with Rio Chama Acequia Association is a part-time flexible position (5 hrs weekly/20 hrs monthly) @ \$25 p/hr, through July 2026. This position will support community meetings, assist in project planning and coordination, and conduct watershed surveys. Submit 1-page cover letter, 2-page resume and 2 references to Darel Madrid (darel@rcaainc.org) and Steph Mladinich (smladinich@ou.edu).
- [Youth Ambassador](#) in ABQ-Santa Fe with Give Us the Floor, advocating for safe, supportive local community for queer youth (\$15 p/hr; part-time contract up to 20 hrs weekly; one-year term)
- T&D Services has full-time positions in Mora and San Miguel counties:
 - [Forestry Technician](#) – Monitoring/Inspector supports hazard tree removal for the local electric coop, monitoring compliance and completion of projects (\$27 p/hr, full-time)
 - [Assessment & Monitoring Crew Member](#) supports the identification of trees for removal to ensure safety in rights-of way and infrastructure (\$25 p/hr, full-time)
- [Training & Development Coordinator](#) (DHSEM#70842), NM Dept. of Homeland Security, full-time ABQ-based position (\$21.96-\$32.94 p/hr; deadline 11/3)
- Temporary [Wildfire Firefighter](#) positions (GW-03/04/05) with BLM at multiple locations including Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Farmington, Grants, Las Cruces, Roswell, Socorro, and Taos (\$20.93-25.66 p/hr; deadline 11/12)
- Temporary [Helitack Crew](#) positions (GW-03/04/05) with BLM at multiple locations outside of NM, including AZ and CO, (\$20.93-26.28 p/hr; deadline 11/12)
- [Veterinarian Surgical Asst.](#), full-time regular non-exempt position based at the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (\$18.77 p/hr)
- [Regulatory Director](#), Interior West, Vote Solar – remote based position to advance solar expansion in the West, including developing regulatory and legislative strategy and stakeholder engagement (\$125,500-131,600 annually)
- [Communications Specialist](#), NM Wildlife Center, full time, non-exempt position to develop and disseminate external communications, marketing, print and digital content, social media, etc. (\$20-24 p/hr; deadline 10/31)
- [Science Laboratory Technician III](#), Central NM Community College, ABQ (\$18.22-\$22.79 p/hr; deadline 11/3)

Resources for furloughed government employees

- [FEEA's resources for federal civilian employees](#)
- [NARFE's shutdown resources](#)
- [NAHRO's government shutdown resources](#)
- [Federal employees crowdsource resources to support each other during shutdown](#)
- [More resources are popping up for federal employees during the shutdown](#)

➤➤➤ Other Positions (cont.)

- Bernalillo County has several open ABQ positions, including [College Intern – Natural Resources](#) (\$15.55-\$20.01 p/hr; part-time; deadline 11/17), [Recreation Asst – Before and After School Program](#) (\$17.21-\$22.40 p/hr; part-time; deadline: 11/11) [Health Protection Scientist Lead](#) (\$69,451-\$109,720 annually; full-time; deadline 10/31)
- [Vector Control Technician](#), Dona Aña County, full-time (\$15.45-\$20.82 p/hr; deadline 11/5)
- Wildlife positions:
 - [Pronghorn biologist](#) (DGF#35889); Santa Fe, full-time (\$26.57-\$39.86 p/hr; deadline: 10/30)
 - [Wildlife Area Manager](#) (DGF#10114668); ABQ, full-time (\$26.57-\$39.86 p/hr; deadline: 10/30)
 - [Asst. Hatchery Manager](#) (DGF#5114); Questa, full-time (\$19.97-\$29.95p/hr; deadline: 11/2)
 - [Asst. Hatchery Manager](#) (DGF#73349); Santa Rosa, full-time (\$19.97-\$29.95p/hr; deadline: 11/2)
- Healthcare positions:
 - [Las Clinicas del Norte](#) in El Rito has multiple positions open (full time/part-time) for behavioral health therapist, nurse practitioner, physicians asst., medical asst, dental asst and dentist.
 - [Medical Scribe](#), Oak Street Health in ABQ, full time (\$17-\$28.46 p/hr)

NEW (to us) Job Board

Check out the [Innovation Ecosystem Job Board](#)

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)



➤➤➤ 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:

- NM Dept of Agriculture – [Fall Noxious Weed Grant](#) supports projects that prevent, control or eradicate state-listed noxious plant spp. and must include mapping or on-the-ground treatment (deadline 11/12, award ceiling \$60K)
- NM Environment Department – [Watershed Assistance Program](#) support 6-12-month projects that improve water quality, riparian or aquatic habitat (deadline 11/15; award ceiling \$75K)
- NM Environment Department – [Section 319 Implementation and Planning](#) supports watershed planning and on-the-ground implementation projects (deadline 12/18)
- [Southwest River Headwaters Fund](#) – the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is seeking proposals to restore, protect and enhance aquatic and riparian species of conservation concern and their habitats in the headwaters of the CO river and Rio Grande watershed. Rio Grande tributaries include the Rio Chama, Jemez River, and Rio Puerco (grants \$100K-\$600K, deadline 11/10, 1:1 cost share)
- Ben & Jerry's Foundation's [National Grassroots Organizing Program](#) offer two-year unrestricted funds up to \$30K p/yr to support small orgs (under \$350K annual operating budget) to build support and collective action to address inequity and injustice in communities (deadline: rolling basis)

»»» LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, Oct 29, 2-3 PM, webinar on [Communicating Climate Research in an Uncertain Climate](#)
- TODAY, Oct. 29, 6-7 PM, in person and live-streamed talk on [Bird Banding 101: Life of a Bird Biologist](#)
- Nov. 1, 730-1030 AM, final [Fall Bird Walk](#) at the Los Alamos Nature Center
- Nov. 1-Nov. 2, 8 AM-5 PM, [Wilderness First Aid](#) (2-day course); \$200-\$290 p/p
- Nov. 3, 530-730 PM, free community event on [Trauma, Healing, and Community – Putting People at the Center of Housing Solutions](#) at the Santa Fe Convention Center
- Nov. 3, 6-7 PM, in person and live-streamed talk on [Fossils of Northern NM](#)
- Nov. 5, 12 Noon, webinar [Tree-rings reveal the legacy of indigenous cultural burning in the Southwest USA](#)
- Nov. 8, 9 AM-2 PM, [Fossil Field Trip](#) starts at the Los Alamos Nature Center; \$15 p/p
- Nov. 18-19, [Workforce Pathways Exchange](#), Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in ABQ
- Nov. 18-20, [Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit](#), Flagstaff, AZ; registration deadline extended to 10/31

CALL TO ACTION:

- Wildfire Alliance is seeking input for the proposed [reorganization of federal wildfire line authority](#) at info@wildfirepolicy.org.
- [Has Your Scientific Work Been Cut?](#) For a new series, *Times* journalists are speaking with scientists whose research has ended as a result of policy changes.
- **Nov 4: VOTE** in your local elections! Note sure what's on your ballot? Check out [Ballotpedia](#) and you can view your sample ballot by entering your address [here](#)

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Upcoming [federal food assistance pause intensifies](#) shutdown fight
- Thousands of preschoolers could [lose access to Head Start](#) due to shutdown
- Hunger Pangs: [NM farmers worry about forthcoming SNAP](#) cuts
- [Judge indefinitely halts shutdown layoffs](#) noting human toll
- Effort to [pay at least some federal workers](#) fail in senate
- Interior Dept. reveals [plans to lay off](#) more than 2,000 employees
- Federal workers ensure [financial strain and fear layoffs](#) as the government shutdown drags on
- The federal government is still shut down. [Here's what that means](#) across the country.
- External financial support [options for federal employees starting to run thin](#)
- As federal employees [face worsening financial challenges](#), [AFGE](#) calls for a 'clean' CR
- [NM Unemployment](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

NMHU COMMUNITY

CARES Counseling: cares@nmhu.edu | 505-454-3006
 After-Hours Crisis Line (Available 24/7): 505-795-3665
 Sunrise Clinic): 505-454-3218, 901 Baca Ave, Las Vegas

NM COMMUNITY

NM Crisis & Access Line: 1-855-662-7474 (855-NMCRISIS);
 Peer-to-Peer Warmline: 7-1130 AM & 6-11 PM daily (1-855-466-7100)
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): 988lifeline.org.