

# CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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**Students, Colleagues and Peers:** this week features wildland fire positions based out of Las Vegas plus remote leadership positions. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP:** Some fights are worth fighting for despite many challenges. Check out [Wilhelmina Yazzie's story](#), the lead plaintiff in the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit. Up north, [NM Congressional delegation continues its advocacy](#) for Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon compensation as claimants continue to regularly receive \$0 determination letters. [Just under 60%](#) has been reportedly disbursed from the total funds allocated – it has been more than three years since the fire.

## >>> Wildland Fire, Pecos River, NM Forestry Division

Three (3) wildland fire positions based in Las Vegas are currently open, including:

- [Lead Wildland Firefighter](#) (EMNRD #10116223+) (\$26.57-\$39.86 p/hr; deadline 11/19); supervisory position and responsibilities
- [Senior Wildlands Firefighter](#) (EMNRD #10116228) (\$21.96-\$32.94 p/hr; deadline 11/18); leads fire suppression activities
- [Wildland Firefighter](#) (EMNRD #10116237+) (\$18.15-\$27.23p/hr; deadline 11/18); performs fire suppression activities

Also, open are [Lead Wildland Firefighter](#) in Chama/Tierra Amarilla and [Crew Member](#) in Mimbres.

## Associate Director, Market Development, Green Building Council (Arizona-based; \$80-95K annually)



Full-time position geared towards the adoption of LEED, TRUE, Arc and other sustainable certifications for building infrastructure in Arizona and the [Mountain Region](#).

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Director of Science & Conservation**, Center for Plant Conservation is a full-time, fully remote, PhD level (or experience equivalent) position that leads research priorities and organizational strategy. Requires grant management experience and strong publication record (\$100K-115K annually; deadline 11/28).

**Operations Program Specialist**, The Nature Conservancy is a full-time, remote position that supports the Global Ocean Policy and Conservation and Climate Finance Policy teams with planning and logistics (\$50K-\$78K annually).

## Other Positions:

- Youth Services Center Program Manager, Bernalillo County (\$61,339-\$96,866 annually; deadline 11/19) is responsible for the care, custody and treatment of juvenile programs.
- Project Manager – Environmental Scientist, Tetra Tech, based in ABQ seeks candidates with experience in project management, compliance (NEPA, ESA, Sections 404/401), GIS, watershed based plans and local flora and fauna.
- Chronicle Heritage has 3 positions based in ABQ, including an Assoc. Archeologist, On-call Staff Archeologist and Senior Archeologist. Also positions in neighboring and western states.

## ">>>> Scholarships & Fellowships

2026 NRDC Climate Storytelling Fellowship awards three (3) recipients with \$20K each and 6 months mentorship with industry and climate storytelling experts to produce creative support (deadline: 11/28).

## Featured Events

- 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](mailto:nmfwri@nmhu.edu); 505-426-2080.
- Las Vegas NM Community Foundation is hosting an open house on Nov. 20, at 530 PM (606 Douglas Street), celebrating the donation of their new building with food and music!
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Contractor Workforce Fair & Workshop, Dec. 2, 530-8 PM at El Rito Campus, Northern NM College. Businesses and contractors in the forest restoration economy are invited to attend, network, and gain guidance on licensing/insurance/funding. For more information and to register, contact: [Luz@forestguild.org](mailto:Luz@forestguild.org); 505-983-8992 ext. 710.

## >>> Resources for furloughed government employees

- NM-specific resources – furloughed federal employees, or federal employees working without pay may qualify for unemployment benefits. Note: work search requirements are waived for federal claimants.
- Resources from NM State Senators:
  - Sen. Ben Ray Lujan: [Shutdown](#)
  - Sen. Martin Heinrich: [Federal Government Shutdown FAQs](#)
- Most NM Representatives have resources for their constituents; here is a select few:
  - Congresswoman Teresa Ledger Fernandez [Govt Shutdown Resource Guide](#)
  - Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury [Shutdown Q&A and Resource Guide](#)
  - Representative Gabe Vasquez [FAQs about Government Shutdowns](#)
- [FEEA's](#) resources for federal civilian employees
- [NARFE's](#) shutdown resources
- [NAHRO's](#) government shutdown resources

### Low-cost and No-cost Resources for anyone impacted by SNAP, Medicare cuts and other challenges:

- Here's where New Mexicans can find [food assistance](#)
- [Food Finder Map](#) – for those looking for a little extra help in food assistance + for those looking to donate food
  - Did you know that you can dial 2-1-1 from any phone to find your nearest food bank or meal site?
- [YES Connect New Mexico](#) can connect you to funds, food pantries, medical care, housing, transit and legal support by zip code



*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))*

### Hands-On Restoration Projects

Wolf Creek Restoration @ Ft. Union Ranch w/ Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance

Saturday, Nov. 15

9 AM – 4 PM

Meet at Ft. Union National Monument entrance

\*\*BYO hat, water bottle, lunch/snacks, boots & work gloves

Info/questions:

[rfernandez@hermitspeakwatersheds.org](mailto:rfernandez@hermitspeakwatersheds.org);  
505-310-2612

## >>> 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:

- [EcoChamps](#) is accepting applications for student projects through 12/15 for Spring 2026 initiatives that engage youth to becoming custodians of the environment. Projects must be part of the NM School system or associated with a NM non-profit. \$4K is awarded per term, with projects ranging from \$500-\$3K.
- [National Fish Passage](#) grant supports projects that restore aquatic connectivity, improve community safety and support local economies (award ceiling: \$1M; deadline 12/31) <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360456>

## >>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TOMORROW Nov. 13, 7-8 PM, Town Hall on [Threats to NM's Special Places](#) at Tumbleroot Brewery in Santa Fe (2791 Agua Fria)
- Nov. 13-15, [Society of Ecological Restoration](#) in Las Cruces
- Nov. 13, 1-3 PM, FREE [Renewable Energy](#) teacher workshop in Vaughan w/ Explora
- Nov. 14, 7-8 PM, planetarium program on [Getting Oriented with Chaco Canyon](#) at Los Alamos Nature Center
- Nov. 15, 1-3 PM, [Shrub and Tree ID Walk](#) from Los Alamos Nature Center
- 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
- Nov. 20, 2-330 PM, webinar on [Wood You Believe It? Aspen Interactions with Fire and Wildfire Spread in the SW](#)
- Dec. 2-6, [11<sup>th</sup> International Fire Ecology and Management Congress](#) in New Orleans, LA
- Dec. 4, 6-7 PM, in-person or live-streamed [Snow Forecasting & Finding Powder Days](#)
- Dec. 9, 10 AM webinar on [Plants out of Place: Communicating Effectively About Invasive Species](#)
- Dec. 12, 1-3 PM, FREE [Renewable Energy](#) teacher workshop @ NMHU SUB 321/322 w/ Explora
- Dec. 15, abstract deadline for Joint Annual Meeting 2026 for the [AZ/NM Chapter of the Wildlife Society](#) and the [AZ/NM Chapter of the American Fisheries Society](#).

## CALL TO ACTION:

- NM Public Education Dept. is seeking instructional coaches, curriculum specialists, school and district leaders to support the development of [Math Framework 2.0](#). Participation includes virtual meetings and writing sessions from January-June 2026 (\$1,300 stipend; deadline: 12/12)
- Wildfire Alliance is seeking input for the proposed [reorganization of federal wildfire line authority](#) at [info@wildfirepolicy.org](mailto: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.

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- On day 43 of the shutdown, a vote in the House [could bring the impasse to an end](#)
- Tentative deal [reaffirms back pay, reverses RIFs](#) for federal employees
- [Wildfire mitigation in NM is down 53% in 2025](#)
- NM Supreme Court agrees to take up [industry pollution lawsuit](#)
- [Fix Our Forest Act Divides Environmental Community](#)
- National Parks Friends Groups [Filling Gaps During Shutdown](#), but at a Price
- [NM Unemployment](#)

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

## 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)  
[Guidanceresources.com](#) provides 24/7 support, resources and information for all NM state employees  
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): [988lifeline.org](#)

## NMHU COMMUNITY

CARES Counseling: [cares@nmhu.edu](mailto: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