



CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: non-profits take the lead in this week's issue. Welcome back to our federal colleagues. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: To quote Laura Paskus ... “The world is bonkers. Why not take a chance at being excited and optimistic and trying new things?” Check out her new endeavor [New Mexico Rivers Rising](#).

>>> Sierra Club - Rio Grande Chapter

Two Albuquerque-based positions, including a Chapter Coordinator (salary: \$57K annually w/ benefits) with experience working with volunteers, cultivating local leadership and community champions, and strong logistics and coordination skills. The Communications Associate (salary: \$60K annually w/ benefits).

Watershed & Forest Coordinator, River Source (salary: \$30-\$40 p/hr; deadline 12/5)



Work is based primarily in Las Vegas, Mora and Pecos, and leads education, outreach, ecological restoration projects and supports the training and organizing of youth crews.

>>> Director, Energy Partnerships, Audubon Society (salary: 92K-\$103K annually)

This remote based full-time position with a national scope in the clean energy sector to ensure that bird conservation and climate mitigation priorities are aligned with renewable energy development

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Water Resources Scientist, Water Utility Authority is an ABQ-based position that support the implementation of Water 2120 initiatives, that strives to provide reliable, quality, affordable, and sustainable water supply, wastewater treatment and reuse water systems (salary: \$29.60-\$35.8 p/hr; deadline: 11/24).

Educator, Cooking with Kids, teaches nutrition and hands-on classes for grade school aged kids in Santa Fe (deadline: 11/28; part-time position at @ \$22 p/hr)

">>>> FREE Trainings & Resources:

- NM Facilitation Trainings in Silver City (January) and Albuquerque (February), plus a virtual training (April) is planned for practitioners working on collaborative efforts in forest, watershed, and urban green infrastructure in NM. Interested? Space is limited, so complete this [interest form](#) by 12/1.
- [NM Tech Mayhem Robotics Education Program](#) is accepting applications for in-classroom interactive robotics and engineering for K-12; sign up for the 2025-2026 school year.

">>>> 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:

- [Campbell Foundation Unsolicited Grants](#) is keen to support NGOs that working with communities in agriculture; clean, safe drinking water; community engagement; water management; and watershed advocacy (award ceiling: \$25K; deadline: 1/23/26)

Featured Events

- [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!
- 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; 505-983-8992 ext. 710.
- Healthy Climate NM is hosting free hybrid town hall to hear 2026 gubernatorial candidates respond to NM's Changing Climate and Our Health., Dec. 4 @ 6 PM at CNM and on Zoom. [Registration required](#).
- Sign up for NM Acequia Association's Annual [Congresso de las Acequias](#) from Dec. 5-6 at NMHU

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Success Through Academic Research Scholarships (STARS) is a two-year program with the US Dept. of Energy's Office of Environmental Management with up to \$36K in tuition assistance, \$32K annual stipend including a housing stipend; \$5K for required education expenses including conferences and workshops; and two (2) paid 10-week summer internships (inclusive of weekly stipend with housing, transportsations and travel). Must be a US citizen, with minimum 3.0 GPA, enrolled as an undergraduate in a STEM degree at a Minority Serving Institution, and graduating in Spring 2027 or later. (Deadline: 12/12; last informational session on 12/5 – [register here](#))

REMINDER: The Yale School of Environment has announced two (2) summer 2026 pathway programs:

- Environmental Fellows Program, 12-week paid summer fellowship for graduate students to build professional networks and build leadership skills to advance equity in the environmental sector
- Yale Conservation Scholars – Early Leadership Initiative targets undergraduates with placements in paid environmental internships in the northeast U.S.

**Priority application deadline is Dec. 1; final deadline on Jan 4. Apply [here](#).



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)

New (to us) Job Board

Green Career Aid is a multi-tab, multi-state resource – their Job Board tab is particularly useful!

>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, Nov. 19, 6-730 PM, in person talk on Land Above the Trees – Alpine Flora and Conservation in New Mexico at 5430 S. Richards Avenue, Santa Fe 87508
- Nov. 20, 2-330 PM, webinar on Wood You Believe It? Aspen Interactions with Fire and Wildfire Spread in the SW
- Nov. 21, 430-8 PM, Whitfield under the Stars free event to check out sandhill cranes, sunset nature walk, stargazing and night sky navigation with a ranger and learning about night photography
- Nov. 22, 11 AM-3 PM, Fall Festival at Avanyu Plaza
- Nov. 25, 6 PM, webinar on In Situ Leach: Uranium Mining – how it works and the treats it poses to NM by Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment
- Nov. 28, 9 AM-5 PM, Family Friday Shop & Stroll at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Nov. 29, 1-3 PM, family-friendly field trip to Canyon Rim Trail with Family Strengths Network
- Dec. 2-6, 11th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress in New Orleans, LA
- Dec. 3, 4-530 PM virtual book study Growing Language Through Science: Strategies that Work Across the Curriculum with NM STEM Innovation Network; registration needed
- Dec. 3, 6-730 PM, in person talk on 2025/2026 Winter Outlook and Chasing Powder in the Land of Enchantment at 5430 S. Richards Avenue, Santa Fe 87508

">>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS (CONT):

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- 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. 9-10, 11AM-3 PM, free and virtual conference [International Invasive Species & Climate Change Conference](#)
- Dec. 12, 1-3 PM, FREE [Renewable Energy](#) teacher workshop @ NMHU SUB 321/322 w/ Explora
- Dec. 13, 9 AM-2 PM, [Winter Solstice Celebration](#) at ABQ Open Space (6500 Coors Blvd NW)
- 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:

- [EMNRD](#) is accepting applications for a newly formed [NM Community Resilience Group](#) aimed at helping communities plan, design and implement climate resilience projects, and progressing priorities outlined in New Mexico's [Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan](#). Time commitment includes 1.5 hours per meeting, 4 meetings through August 2026, and optional follow up activities. [Apply by 11/28 for consideration](#).
- 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)
- Survey: [What has it been like going back to work after the shutdown?](#)

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- House majority forces vote on [bill to restore collective bargaining](#) for most federal employees
- The shutdown is over, but [federal workers aren't out of the woods](#)
- Risky levels of [heavy metals found in Mora County groundwater](#)
- LANL [chromium plume spreads onto San Ildefonso Pueblo land](#), NMED says
- Education Dept. takes a [major step forward in the administration's plans to dismantle it](#)
- NM Sen. Lujan introduces [three wildfire-related bills](#)
- [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 | 505-454-3006

After-Hours Crisis Line (Available 24/7): 505-795-3665
Sunrise Clinic): 505-454-3218, 901 Baca Ave, Las Vegas