

CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: Wishing you warmth, health and restfulness! Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: The holidays are either a welcomed respite – check out these [cools facts about Thanksgiving](#) – or fraught, for any number of valid reasons, in which case this [5-minute pep talk when you are spiraling](#) might be a much needed reminder (starts at 2:15).



Community Wildfire Defense Program Manager (EMNRD #10115196) **(salary: \$66,800-\$100,320 annually; deadline: 12/5)**

This position manages \$62.4M of sub-recipient grant awards and contracts, and provides coordination, logistical and administrative support to 33 counties, tribes, partners, agencies, municipalities and non-profits across the state. Competitive candidates should demonstrate experience in wildfire mitigation, grant administration and management, and ability to coordinate and facilitate diverse stakeholders and organizations.

Restoration Team Lead, Bat Conservation International **(salary: \$85K annually; deadline 11/30)**



This full-time salaried position w/ benefits must be based in the western US, with priority consideration for those based in -- or willing to relocate to -- NM or AZ. Ideal for candidates with biologist, ecologist, natural resource and conservation backgrounds (M.S. degree required), plus experience in partnership cultivation, staff and project management, and grant administration.



Director, Forest Conservation, Audubon Society (salary: \$115K-\$129K annually)

This remote full-time position will identify and pursue forest conservation strategies in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean. Knowledge of current science-based restoration approaches across diverse forested ecosystems, e.g., old growth, early successional, riparian, etc.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Water Resources Director, The Village of Ruidoso (salary: \$66,290.16-\$79,548.19 annually)

Develops, manages and directs all aspects of planning documents related to the Water Conservation, Water Development and Source Water Protection plans.

NM Conservation Advocate, Environment America (salary: \$39,750-\$46K annually)

Based in ABQ or SF, this position allows for some discretion in determining conservation priorities that may focus on policy and advocacy; cultivating coalitions; event planning and volunteer recruitment; fundraising; and implementing a media campaign.

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.

Other Positions:

- Natural Resources NextGen – Invasive Species Specialist is a full-time internship from Jan. 12-May 29, 2026 (with possibility of 6-month extension). Responsibilities include monitoring, surveys, plus fence maintenance (salary: \$19.50 p/hr; deadline 12/10)
- Wildland Firefighter – Fire Effects & Fuels Monitoring positions in Bandelier National Monument and Grand Canyon National Park (GW4-6; salary \$22.979-\$27.36 p/hr; deadline 12/5 or upon receipt of 125 applications)
- Souder, Miller and Associates have multiple engineering/water resources and surveyor positions available in ABQ, Farmington, Las Cruces and Santa Fe; as well as positions in neighboring CO and TX
- TetraTech is based in ABQ and seeking a Project Manager – Environmental Specialist

Featured Events

- REMINDER: 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 "Agua y Justicia" from Dec. 5-6 at NMHU
- The 126th Christmas Bird Count is open for [registration](#) and runs from Dec. 14-Jan 5.



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)

>>> 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:

- [Fire Science Innovations through Research and Education](#) supports three (3) focus areas in: 1) Next Generation Coupled Fire Models; 2) Enhancing Capacity for Fire Resilience in the WUI; 3) Fire Science Through Research and Education Networks (deadline: 2/10/2026)
- [The Science for Public Good](#) is accepting applications for \$1,500 financial support for a science advocacy event/project/action through 1/6/2026

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

[Research Experience for Community College Students](#)

is a 9-week paid internship from June 1-July 31 at the University of CO in Boulder. Includes weekly

professional development, professional networking,

near-peer cohort building, campus housing and \$650 weekly stipend + travel allowance (deadline: 2/9)

[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, transportations 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](#))

Need an Assist this Thanksgiving?

The [Food Finder Map](#) helps connect you to resources across the state

>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- 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



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS (CONT):

- 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
- 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)

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Lawmakers say agencies aren't [reinstating enough laid-off employees](#) under shutdown-ending deal
- State delivers [emergency drinking water to Mora County](#)
- FEMA says NM Fire [victims will have to prove 'causation'](#) to get payment for well contamination
- NM officials, Mora residents say [feds should respond to groundwater contamination](#)
- NM insurance superintendent asks for [extension of nation's largest wildfire mitigation program](#)
- [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