



# CAREERS CONNECT

Edition #038

A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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**Students, Colleagues and Peers:** 2025 has been a beast and we hope this week's issue brings some light. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP:** The Rio Grande went dry for about 45 days across six different events from July – September 2025, the longest period of dryness in recent history. *Inside Climate News* explores “What the Rio Grande’s more frequent dry-outs mean for the region’s animals and ecosystems.”

## >>> Communications Associate - Working Lands, Audubon (salary: \$27-\$29 p/hr)

This full-time remote position is part of the Working Lands' programs and Audubon Conservation Ranching. Create digital and print content, draft press releases, media pitches, talking points, etc. Maintain social media accounts, website, digital asset library. Strong writing and storytelling skills needed with an interest in conservation and sustainable food systems.

## Environmental Scientist/Consultant - NM focus, Barr Engineering <<< (salary: \$95K-\$125K annually w/ benefits)

This full-time, hybrid position based out of ABQ, is seeking to increase their capacity in environmental review and permitting in transportation, renewable energy, minerals extraction, and natural resources management.

*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  
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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**PhD and MSc Assistantships** in movement ecology and Mexican spotted owl conservation with the Jones Lab at UNM, US Forest Service and LANL Labs. One (1) PhD position and one (1) MSc position will focus on habitat selection and breeding season movement. Students will be employed through LANL and be based in ABQ with spring/summer field season in Jemez. Ideal start date in March/April 2026 (deadline 1/7/26).

## >>> SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Conservation Connect Fellowships with the National Forest Foundation is open to enrolled graduate students for the 2026-27 academic year. This year-long fellowship runs from May 2026-April 2027, featuring a 300-hour practicum that includes applied experience with a national leader; mentorship from conservation professionals; trainings in collaborative leadership; and practical ways to expand your professional network. Fellows are compensated at \$22.90 p/hr for up to 300 hours, with reimbursable expenses for approved travel (deadline: 1/25/26).

## >>> EDUCATOR RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES (K-12)

- NUMeROS (Numeracy Unlocks Math Rigor in our Students) is looking to build math content reasoning and conceptual knowledge among K-5 teachers. \$1,300 stipend for one-year learning pathway (deadline 1/19/26)
- Santa Fe Watershed Assoc. is hosting a FREE half-day workshop on Jan 17, 9 AM – 12 Noon on Project WET's Water in Earth Systems. Lessons are standards aligned for K-8 classrooms.
- 2026 Leopold Writing Contest for 6-12 Graders (deadline 2/13/26): weaving in lived experiences with two quotes from Joy Harjo and Aldo Leopold, this essay contest for young writers centers on lessons from the natural world.

## >>> 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:

- **LAST CALL:** NM Environment Department – Section 319 Implementation and Planning supports watershed planning and on-the-ground implementation projects (deadline 12/18)

## Community Chainsaw Refresher: Safe Use & Basic Maintenance

**\*\*One spot left on this class\*\***

This FREE two-day class offers a supportive environment for questions & practice

**MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS**

January 24-25

9 AM – 4 PM

Las Dispensas

(class capped at 6 participants)

Register: [shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu); 505-426-2226

New Mexico Outdoor Equity Fund – Opens January 1, 2026; informational webinars December 17 and January 6. Since 2020, the Outdoor Recreation Division has awarded over \$8.6 million, enabling more than 106,000 youth across 23 counties to participate in educational outdoor experiences that nurture health and well-being and build a lifelong connection to the outdoors. These programs inspire and shape the next generation of land stewards, conservationists, and outdoor leaders.

## ">>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- 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. 14- Jan 5; 126th Christmas Bird Count starts Dec. 14 through Jan. 5 and is the longest running bird count in the western hemisphere.
- 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.
- Dec 15, abstract deadline for presentations at After the Flames
- Dec. 19, 7-8 PM, planetarium dome event on the Winter Solstice at the Los Alamos Nature Center (\$6-\$8 p/p; or \$20 for a family)

## PARTICIPANTS NEEDED: SILVER CITY

Jan. 27-28, 2026, Silver City @ WNMU  
FREE 1.5-day NM Facilitation Training for individuals involved or spearheading collaborative groups and efforts across NM.

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Committee advance House bill to overhaul the federal probationary period
- Plans to officially scrap student loan forgiveness program
- NM Senators call on Forest Service to account for wildfire prevention decline
- Impact of the federal government on the New Mexico economy
- 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