

CAREERS CONNECT

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: check out NGO positions in this week's issue. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: [The Ground Truth](#) explores changing access into natural places limited by deferred maintenance, thinning budgets, extended drought, and wildfires. As New Mexico's State Legislature goes into session this week with an extensive scope and breadth of needs across NM communities, keep [track of priorities](#) that are important to you and yours.

»»» **Resilient Cities Program Manager, Spatial Informatics Group - Natural Assets Laboratory (salary: \$72,800-\$93,600 annually; deadline: ASAP, interviews start 2/2)**

This full-time ABQ-based position supports the Cultivating Livable Communities Through Deep Greening initiatives, which spans urban forestry, stormwater infrastructure, municipal policy, collaborative network facilitation, and forest & watershed restoration.

CLOSING SOON: Natural Resources Policy Plan Analyst, NM State Univ./NM Dept of Agriculture(salary: \$53,165.80; deadline: 1/23) «««

A Las Cruces-based full-time, exempt position working within an inter-disciplinary team on public policy, conservation and restoration of NM's resources, including water quantity and quality, and soil health.

CALL TO ACTION

[Guerilla Mentoring: Beyond the Bench](#)

Jan. 28, 4-6 PM

Vanguard STEM is seeking STEM mentors to support women and BIPOC scholars

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)



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Senior Manager - Migration Ecology, National Audubon Society is a full-time, remote based position, partnering with academic and government scientists and conservation organizations to progress migratory bird initiatives (salary: \$73K-\$83K annually).

Santa Fe Watershed Association is looking to fill part-time positions: Stewardship and Outreach Asst. (\$22 p/hr, 20 hrs p/wk) and a seasonal part-time Education Asst. (\$22 p/hr, 20-25 p/wk, March 2-June 15) (deadline 2/9).

Other positions:

- Garden educator, SF Botanical Gardens, seasonal, part-time (salary: \$20 p/hr, deadline 2/28)
- Water Conservation Supervisor, Authority Works (salary: \$29.60-\$35.38 p/hr; deadline 2/2)
- Ghost Ranch has several open positions including a Tours Manager (\$49K-\$55K annually, full-time/exempt), Experiences Expert (\$21 p/hr, full-time, non-exempt), and Director of Marketing and Communications (\$82K annually, full-time/exempt)

BURN MANAGER CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE - MEMBERS NEEDED!

NM Forestry Division seeks two new committee members to review burn manager certification applications, and support developing trainings and recertifications. Applications accepted on rolling basis.

Wildfire Courses

The Wildfire Resiliency Training Center is offering a suite of wildland fire courses, including:

- S130/190/Basic Wildland Firefighter (Jan-Feb)
- RT130/Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (Jan-Feb)
- L180/Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (Jan-Feb)
- ASIP/Assessing Structural Ignition Potential (Jan-March)
- S-131/Wildland Firefighter Type I (Feb)
- S-215/Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface (Feb)
- S-290/Intermediate Wildland Behavior (March)
- S-230/Crew Boss Single Resource; S-231/Engine Boss (April)
- S-212/Wildland Fire Chainsaws (April)
- S-211/Portable Pumps and Water Use (May)

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➤➤➤ 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 Counties' 2026-2027 Wildfire Risk Reduction Program is accepting applications for the following funding categories:

- Community Wildfire Protection Plan updates (\$30K cap)
- Education and Outreach Activities (\$20K cap)
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects (\$100K cap)

Projects must be completed between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027; 10% in-kind required (deadline: 2/27).

Waterways for Wildlife Initiative with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) provides funding for projects that enhance riparian habitat, conserve water, and support long-term/large-scale restoration. Awards range from \$2K–\$25K. A 75% match required (deadline 2/6).

NMDA's Healthy Soils Program informational webinars on Jan. 27: government entities (1030-1130 AM) and NON-governmental entities (330-5 PM).

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

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NASA's Virtual Career Connections feature Career Technical Education Month in February. Sign up for free interactive panels:

- [Building Humanity's Future in Space Through Technical Excellence](#) – meet professionals shaping space exploration on Feb 12, 11-1150 AM (register by 2/3)
- [Forging the Future – Welding Excellence in Space Exploration](#) – meet subject matter experts on welding & fabrication, metal working trades, manufacturing technology, precision craftsmanship on Feb 19, 11-1150 AM (register by 2/10)

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY Jan. 21, 10-11 AM, [Working with Bale Grazing to Recover Soil Health](#), virtual event held by the Quivira Coalition
- TODAY Jan. 21, 11 AM-12 PM, [Forest Measurements and Pollinators](#), USDA webinar, includes three short presentations
- Jan. 24, 10 AM-12 PM, [Native Plant Adaptations workshop](#), in person at the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (7851 2nd St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105)
- Jan. 27, 12 PM, [Aspen Restoration Using Intentional Fire: A Case Study from Monroe Mountain, UT](#), virtual event with Jason Kling and Sam St. Clair presenting
- Jan. 28, 6 PM, [Journey Down the Gila](#), Harwood Museum of Art in Taos (238 Ledoux St) by NM filmmaker David Garcia (\$12 tickets)
- Jan. 31, 9 AM-3 PM, [Water & AI in New Mexico](#), Bosque School in ABQ
- Feb. 3, 12-1 PM, [Young People Co-creating STEM Engagement Projects](#), online workshop hosted by NISE Network
- Feb. 6, 2-4 PM, [Public Lands Rally at the Roundhouse](#) with NM Wild
- Feb. 7, 9 AM-12PM, [Discovering Wildlife in Winter](#), Hands-on wildlife tracking program, Los Alamos Nature Center (2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, NM 87544) \$40 PEEC member and \$45 non-member admission fee
- Feb. 10, 11 AM-12:30 PM, [Fuel Break Effectiveness: What have we learned so far?](#), USDA virtual deep dive panel discussion

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- US Senate passes bill to [boost federal science spending](#).
- Federal unions., employees urge Senate to take up [bill restoring collective bargaining](#).
- Seven years on, NM still hasn't [codified governor's climate goals](#)
- Growing pains: [challenges emerge as NM rolls out no-cost childcare for all](#)
- States go their own way as shifts in federal vaccine policy – [NM maintains full vaccine schedule](#)
- [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