

# CAREER CONNECTS

Edition #042

A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

January 28, 2026

Students, Colleagues and Peers: Summer 2026 seasonal positions are opening up; it's not too early to get something lined up. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

**Note: some of you are receiving this email for the first time as friends and coworkers have shared your contact. You may unsubscribe any time by emailing me: [shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu)**

*LIFE TIP: "...all mankind is tied together, all life is interrelated, and we are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly...I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until what I am ought to be - this is the interrelated structure of reality." ~ Dr. King, Jr.*



## **Asst. State Fire Management Officer (salary: \$81,349-\$130,159 annually, deadline: 2/2)**

This mid-level managerial position directs and coordinates wildland fire responses and services and provides programmatic oversight and personnel supervision. Excellent communications and interpersonal skills paired with wildland fire technical expertise desired.

## **Seasonal Field Technicians, Ranch Advisory Partners (salary: \$18-22 p/hr)** «««

These Summer 2026 positions contribute towards long-term ecological data of rangelands under production. Technicians will collect data on rangeland health and habitat data and gain experience in monitoring project planning and logistics. These are field-based positions with long days, regardless of inclement weather; an excellent fit for applicants who want to spend summer days outside. In addition to NM, positions are also open in other western and midwestern states. Work-related travel expenses will be covered along with Advanced Wilderness First Aid certification. Send cover letter, resume and three references: Katie Meiklejohn; [katie@ranchadvisory.com](mailto:katie@ranchadvisory.com).



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))

CONT >>>

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**GIS Internship**, Bernalillo County – part-time position with flexibility for class schedules. Gain experience in GIS applications in local government, data analysis, field data collection, county planning & zoning (salary: \$15.55-\$20.01 p/hr.; deadline: 2/5).

**Director, Youth Learning**, National 4-H Council (salary: \$128,400-\$166,500 annually)

This full-time remote position leads curriculum strategy and oversight, with close collaboration with US Dept. of Agriculture, and land grant universities and extension offices nationwide.

## Grand Canyon Conservancy/AZ

Applicants must be located within 6 hours of the South Rim where the full time, exempt Director of Visitor Programs, supervises The Field Institute, Public Events and the Residency. The Indigenous Engagement Manager is a full-time, exempt position will work towards building meaningful community partnerships, develop tribal internships and elevate indigenous voices in interpretive programs at the park. This position is funded through the end of 2026, with anticipated continued funding in 2027.

## Other positions:

- Forestry Worker City of Albuquerque (urban forestry), permanent full-time position (\$36K-\$38K annually, deadline 1/30)
- Archaeological Field Technician, Landhawk consulting LLC, possibility for part-time and full-time in Deming, NM (salary based on qualifications)
- Environmental Operations Manager, Aventia, full-time salaried position in Farmington, NM (\$65K-\$75K annually)
- Trimmer Trainee, Davey Trees, permanent full-time position in Santa Fe, ABQ, Ruidoso, Silver City

## TIERRA Y MONTES SWCD – DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VACANCY (DEADLINE: 1/30)

Seeking individuals for an appointment into a vacant board position: must be resident and registered voter within district boundaries and be able to legally hold public office in NM. Pls submit letter of interest to: Gerald Romero, District Manager ([gromero@tymswcd.org](mailto:gromero@tymswcd.org)) or hand deliver to 1926 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Las Vegas, NM (no mail submissions).

## REMINDERS:

- **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 spans urban forestry, stormwater infrastructure, municipal policy, collaborative network facilitation, and forest & watershed restoration.
- Interviews for **NMFWRI's Conservation Specialist position** start next week, so submit completed applications by 1/30 for full consideration. Must be comfortable working with northern NM rural communities, with strong community engagement skills and some restoration background (salary starts at \$58,656 annually)

- The Russell Group [Government Affairs Intern](#), track congressional and policy actions, build advocacy experience, and grow writing and research skills in food and agriculture policy (deadline: 2/6)
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center 2026 Summer Internships spans [19 ecological fields](#), from terrestrial to water science, modeling, technology and science writing. Instructions on how to apply [here](#). These [2026 Summer Internships](#), range from 10-16 weeks in-residence in Edgewater, MD (housing provided). The 10-12 week [2026 Summer Science Writing Intern](#) will focus on scientist interviews, blogs on scientific studies, etc. This position can be onsite or virtual. All positions @ \$700 weekly (deadline: 2/15)
- 2026 Land & Water Summit:
  - [Call for Posters](#) (deadline: 2/20)
  - [Scholarship Opportunities](#) (deadline: 2/19)
- Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation (ACLC) Summer 2026 Internships:
  - [Research Intern](#), unpaid with room and board (deadline: 2/21)
  - [Environmental Storytelling Intern](#), 12 weeks @ \$16 p/hr (deadline: 2/28)
- MobilizeGreen [Maintenance and Infrastructure Fellows Program](#), hiring in multiple locations for paid positions, and \$800 living allowance. Must be available for 12-month placements, aged 18-30 years (or up to 35 years for veterans), US or permanent residents only.

## CALL TO ACTION

The National Science Foundation is seeking input plans to restructure the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). You can [advocate for the protection of NCAR](#) prior to 3/13. Learn how NCAR has influenced everyday life through the [Union of Concerned Scientists](#).

## ➤➤➤ 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:

[Maki Foundation Grants](#) provides \$1,000–\$5,000 to nonprofit organizations throughout the western United States that work on environmental protection with a focus on wilderness and wildlands preservation, river and wetlands conservation, biodiversity, and public lands management. Application [guidelines](#); questions: [makifoundation@gmail.com](mailto:makifoundation@gmail.com) (deadline: 4/30).

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).

REMINDER: [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).

## ➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, 4-5:30 PM, [Navigating the Chaos: Risk Analysis, Decision Support, and Community Hardening Frameworks for Catastrophic Wildfires](#)
- Jan. 31, 9 AM-3 PM, [Water & AI in New Mexico](#), Bosque School in ABQ
- Feb. 2, 9 AM, [Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day & Acequia Day](#), NM State Capital, SE side of the Roundhouse
- Feb. 3, 12-1 PM, [Young People Co-creating STEM Engagement Projects](#), online workshop hosted by NISE Network
- Feb. 4, 11:30-12:30 AM, [Loss of Old-growth Forest to Fire](#), webinar, part of Prescribed Fire for Forest Management Series
- 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
- Feb. 12, 1 PM, webinar on [Policy Update on the Fix Our Forests Act \(FOFA\)](#).
- Feb. 12, 4-5:30 PM, [A 34-year retrospective assessment of USFS post-fire reforestation projects in the western US: Actual versus optimal planting sites for forest recovery](#)
- Feb. 13-15, registration open for the [Agriculture, Community, Economics Symposium](#) in Loveland, CO; focusing on Reimagining the Future of Farming
- Feb. 18, 8:30 AM-3 PM, [NOAA's Satellite Symposium Series: Fire](#)
- Feb. 19, 6-7 PM, [Connecting Wildlife Habitat in a Fragmented World](#), in-person and live-streamed talk, Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium (2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, NM 87544)

## LET'S TAKE ABOUT RECREATION: COMMUNITY INPUT NIGHT

Friday, Feb 27, 4-7 PM @ Cafe Colibri (1814 Plaza St., Las Vegas)

Update on campgrounds and trail redesign in El Porvenir and Gallinas Canyon

Identify areas of interest, and community needs related to fishing, hunting and camping

Community members from the greater Las Vegas, Mora and Pecos; children welcome.

RSVP/questions to: [aszrom@nationalforests.org](mailto:aszrom@nationalforests.org)

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- The government is barreling toward a partial shutdown – [here's what to expect](#)
- Fight over DHS funding has the government on track for a [partial shutdown](#)
- [At-will employment](#): what the federal government can learn from states
- A fraudulent scheme: NM Sues TX oil companies for [walking away from their leaking wells](#)
- [Early results of NM SNAP study](#) show few fraud cases brought to court
- Mexican [wolf protections](#) are at risk as [delisting bills](#) move forward
- [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](https://www.guidanceresources.com) provides 24/7 support, resources and information for all NM state employees  
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): [988lifeline.org](https://www.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