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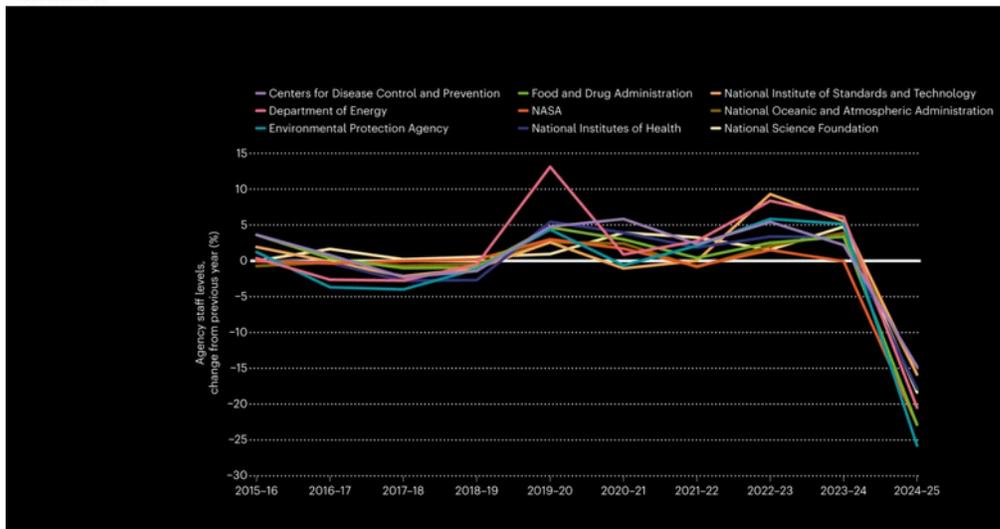
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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: A mix of permanent and seasonal positions are featured this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP: A recent analysis in *Nature* is unflinching in its examination of science funding cuts in 2025**

## »»» Wildfire-Prepared Program Coordinator, NM Forestry Division (\$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 2/11)

This full-time position, based in ABQ or Santa Fe, will administer a new state program to decrease wildfire risks of NM homes and properties. This position will coordinate with the NM Fire Planning Task Force and the Off. of Superintendent of Insurance, Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State Fire Marshal and Dept. of Regulation and Licensing, Construction Industries Division. The work includes developing standards for wildfire prepared structures; creating grant guidelines and eligibility criteria, ; issuing RFPs, evaluating grantees, developing contracts and agreements; overseeing contractor and subrecipient performance; creating procedures for the Wildfire Prepared Program.

## GIS Specialist, City of ABQ (salary: \$46,758.40-\$49,088 annually, deadline: 1/28)

A very quick turnaround for this full-time ABQ position, creating customized maps, geographic analysis reports, and maintaining/updating data.



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Forest Stewards Guild's Youth Corps Summer Program** is accepting applications for crews in Mountainair, Grants/Mt. Taylor, Coyote, Las Vegas US Forest Service District, and Jemez Pueblo Natural Resource Dept. Crew leader (\$19 p/hr) commitments are May 26-June 31; crew members (\$17 p/hr) commit to 9-weeks (June 1 – July 31). Gain hands-on experience in land stewardship, CPR/First Aid certification, and 2 college credits.

**Santo Domingo Pueblo** is seeking a **Water Resources Technician** (\$15-22 p/hr), leading field work, coordinating operations and maintenance of irrigation infrastructure, collaborating with famers/ranchers, and supporting education and outreach activities. Also, the **Rangeland Management Specialist** (\$50K-\$60K annually) serves as a resource advisor to land users and Tribal Admin., while conducting rangeland health assessments, resource monitoring and guide rangeland improvement projects.

**CLOSING SOON: Habitat Monitoring Crew Member** (2 openings) with American Conservation Experience (\$725 p/wk + reimbursable housing expenses \$250 p/wk + \$500 relocation allowance + \$200 gear stipend) are field-based positions, with 8-day camping stints followed by 6 days off. In partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, two field teams (ea. w/ one crew lead + one crew member) will follow standardized monitoring protocols to collect vegetation and soils data across NM public lands for 26 weeks, March-October 2026 (deadline: 2/5).

**US Dept. Of Agriculture Inspector** (salary: \$48,332.54-\$53,165.80, deadline 2/25) based in San Juan and McKinley counties, inspects agricultural and horticultural plants for pests and diseases; supports cooperative spraying programs and applicator training programs; and directly contributes towards food protection.

**NM Operations Manager**, The Nature Conservancy (salary: \$61,540-\$65,160 annually) will be based in Santa Fe, and manage administrative tasks, office logistics, planning and support for meetings and events, etc.

## Other positions:

- Land and Watershed Restoration Director, National Forest Foundation, full-time fully remote position, frequent travel required (\$103K-128K annually)
- Wildfire Resilience Director, National Forest Foundation, full-time fully remote position, frequent travel required (\$103K-128K annually)
- Equipment Operator-Forestry Technician, Markit! Forestry Management LLC, full-time position, Chama
- Santa Fe Community College has multiple adjunct faculty positions in Forestry, Chemistry geology, etc.
- Regional Water Resources Lead, Rio Rancho, Park Hill
- Organizations interests in hosting a Summer Associate VISTA member for 8-10 weeks, complete the Stewards Summer Associate Interest Survey (\$500 fee per member)

## FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR WILDFIRE CLASSES IN LAS VEGAS:

- S-131 Wildland Firefighter Type I (Feb 14 7 15)
  - S-215 Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface (Feb. 21 & 22, 28)
- Contact Wes Schuchman ([wschuchman@luna.edu](mailto:weschuchman@luna.edu)) or Hank Blackwell ([hblackwell@luna.edu](mailto:hblackwell@luna.edu)).

## »»» SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- [High-Performance Computing Apprenticeships](#) are paid (\$16 p/hr) 10-week (June 1-August 26) positions in ABQ with 3 weeks of mentored classroom training followed by 7 weeks of on-the-job experience (deadline 2/15)
- [National Security Workforce Graduate Scholarship](#) is a new scholarship pathway for graduate students to Los Alamos National Labs (LANL). Provides 8 scholarships annually, \$10K over 2 years, to graduate students from NM colleges and universities. Applicants must be residents of LANL Foundation's priority counties: Mora, San Miguel, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, and Los Alamos (deadline: 3/1)
- Quivira Coalition [Regenerative Ag Fellowship](#), for beginning farmers and ranchers who are currently employed at a ranch or farm (deadline: 3/15)

### LAST CALL:

- 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)
- [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)

## CALL TO ACTION

Northeast NM Regional Science & Engineering Fair, Feb. 27-28 (@ NMHU)

- Volunteers needed - sign up for one (or more!) two-hour shifts on Feb 27/8AM-8PM or Feb 28/7 AM-10 PM
- Judges needed – must attend one-hour training Fri. evening or Sat. morning, and be available the day of the Fair (Feb 28) from 830 AM onwards

Questions? Niclolle Kirby, [nicole@nmhu.edu](mailto:nicole@nmhu.edu)

## »»» 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:

**Santa Fe Community Foundation's** Spring Grant Cycle opens 2/9; register for upcoming informational sessions: [Feb. 12, 3-4 PM](#) & [Feb. 24, 10-11 AM](#)

**FY27 Math Lab Grants** support quality teaching and practice in mathematics. Grants up to \$200K per school site (deadline: 3/26)

## »»» HERMIT'S PEAK / CALF CANYON UPDATE

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NM's largest wildfire, a hard-fought compensation fund continues to flounder. Residents who lost homes are still receiving \$0 determination letters, compounding their trauma; meanwhile...

- [FEMA official overseeing NM fire victims fund](#) received six-figure payout for a home near Angel Fire
- 4 investigates: [FEMA fiasco](#)

*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))*



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## »»» LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, 11:30-12:30 AM, webinar on [Loss of Old-growth Forest to Fire](#)
- Feb. 5, 12 Noon, Alliance for Wildfire Resilience's [Policy Call: Appropriations](#)
- Feb. 5, 8:30 AM-2 PM, [Climate Solutions Day](#) at the Roundhouse State Capitol, Santa Fe
- Feb. 6, 2-4 PM, [Public Lands Rally](#) at the Roundhouse with NM Wild
- Feb. 6, 7-8 PM, [Night Sky in February](#), Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, \$6 child/\$8 adult
- Feb. 7, 9 AM-12PM, [Discovering Wildlife in Winter](#), wildlife tracking at Los Alamos Nature Center, \$40 PEEC member/\$45 non-member admission fee
- Feb. 10, 11 AM-12:30 PM, webinar [Fuel Break Effectiveness: What have we learned so far?](#)
- Feb. 10, 6:30 PM, in person [A Success Story: Fire Ecology & Management in the Santa Fe Fireshed](#) by NM Native Plant Soc. Of NM (1701 Arroyo Chamiso Rd, Santa Fe)
- Feb. 11, 11 AM-12 PM, webinar [State of the Science on Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing](#), register [Here](#)
- Feb. 11, 4:30-5:30 PM, [NM Outdoor Classrooms Virtual Workshop Series](#), bi-weekly 2/11-4/22
- Feb. 12, 1 PM, webinar [Policy Update on the Fix Our Forests Act \(FOFA\)](#).
- Feb. 12, 4-5:30 PM, webinar [A 34-year retrospective assessment of USFS post-fire reforestation projects in the western US: Actual versus optimal planting sites for forest recovery](#).
- Feb 12, 7:30 PM, Studying Bats in a Changing NM, ABQ friends Meeting House (1600 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW)
- Feb. 13, 5:30 PM, [Exploring Fungi that Sustain the Rio Grande Bosque](#) with NM Wildlife Federation in ABQ (9904 Montgomery Blvd, NE)
- Feb. 13, 7-8 PM, [Stellar Attractions](#), Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, \$10
- Feb. 13-15, registration open for the [Agriculture, Community, Economics Symposium](#) in Loveland, CO; focusing on Reimagining the Future of Farming
- Feb. 15, hybrid event registration deadline for [4th International Smoke Symposium \(ISS4\)](#).
- Feb. 17, 11 AM-12:30 PM, webinar [Science to Support Post-Fire Restoration](#)
- 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)

### FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- [Partial government shutdown ends](#)
- New [report](#) clarified [groundwater crisis](#) in NM
- NM Senate unanimously [advances K-12 math and literacy bills](#)
- NM committee OKs bill giving [acequias dedicated funding stream](#)
- Second Senate committee OKs \$50M for [uranium mine cleanup](#)
- [NM Unemployment](#)

### 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](#)

### RESTORATION PROJECT

March 7, 9 AM – 2 PM, Valle de Oro NWR  
Join volunteers from ABQ Wildlife Federation and Rio Grande Return to plant native vegetation to restore a playa.

Register/questions:

[Cameron@riograndereturn.org](mailto:Cameron@riograndereturn.org)

### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

#### 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