

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: check out a mix of full-time and seasonal positions this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: Stressed out about the world? Take a lesson from cyanobacteria which has evolved for 3.5 billion years over extreme environmental stresses. This [Science Friday](#) episode aims to microbialize our thinking about resilience, adaptation, and molecular sophistication.

»»» **Great Plains Regional Lead, [Ranch Advisory Partners](#) (start: ASAP, May latest)**

The Regional Lead is responsible for client relationships, rangeland health monitoring, ecosystem and operational analysis, and the delivery of actionable management recommendations. This full-time role focuses on projects in SD, NE, KS, and NM, with occasional work in western states. Minimum qualifications include BA/BS in ecology, rangeland science, botany (or similar); 5+ years' experience in rangeland or ranch management; and botanical expertise in Great Plains plant community. Competitive salary, merit-based raises/bonuses, health insurance stipend, remote work flexibility when not in field. Submit cover letter, resume and 3 references to: katie@ranchadvisory.com and tara@ranchadvisory.com.

[Executive Director, River Network](#) (salary: \$200K annually)

Full-time remote position for this Boulder-based non-profit that envisions clean abundant water for both people and nature. Leadership position within an organization that prioritizes collaboration, shared leadership structure, and innovation.

»»» **[Grouse Mountain Environmental Consultants](#) are seeking candidates for:**

- Wetland and Wildlife Biologist based in Santa Fe (salary: \$55K-\$62K annually)
- Archeological Principal Investigator, full-time/part-time, remote or hybrid position



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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National Visitor Survey (4 positions), American Conservation Experience (March-August 2026)

Full-time 21-week positions with national travel to 560+ national wildlife refuges to recruit participation in post-trip surveys about visitors' refuge experiences. Training begins in Fort Collins, CO. Housing (and occasional camping) provided at no cost, \$500 weekly living allowance, \$200 gear allowance, Americorps Education Award 675-hour eligibility (\$2,817.14).

Closing soon:

- **Bat Technician, CO Natural Heritage Program** (salary: \$22-\$24 p/hr; deadline: 3/14) - experience with mist nets and harp traps, animal handling, radio telemetry, and deploying acoustic recorders.
- **Ecological Restoration Institute @ NAU** (Flagstaff, AZ; salary: \$76,082 annually, deadline 3/9) – the Restoration Ecology & Forest Resilience Manager leads the Forest Health & Resilience Program, develops multi-year projects, assesses fuels and treatments, restoration prescriptions, wildfire mitigation strategies, etc. The Wildfire Insurance and Resilient Economies Manager will direct research that utilize insurance models, quantify economic benefits of wildfire prevention, and inform policy recommendations.

SPACE LIMITED: S-290 INTERMEDIATE WILDLAND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Starting this weekend is a 5-day weekend course (March 7-8, 14-15, 21) on fire behavior - this course takes a deep dive into fuels, weather, and topography. Contact Hank (hblackwell@luna.edu; 505.454.5364) or Wes (wschuchman@luna.edu; 505.454. 5323) for details.

Other Positions:

- Energy Program Analyst (DMA #58509), Military Affairs, full-time sponsored term position, Santa Fe (deadline: 3/5, salary: \$26.57-\$39.86/hour)
- Senior Environmental Specialist (DMA #10101150), Military Affairs, full-time sponsored term position, Santa Fe (deadline: 3/5, salary: \$35.37-\$53.05/hour)
- Air Quality Inspections Manager (NMED #35356), Department of Environment, full-time sponsored term position, Santa Fe (deadline: 3/10, salary: \$44.98-\$71.96)
- Private Land Program Manager (DGF #29409), Department of Wildlife, full-time position, Santa Fe (deadline: 3/11, salary: \$66,880-\$100,320 annually)
- Southwest Forestry and Fuels Coordinator, Forest Stewards Guild, full-time, hybrid, flexible within northern NM and southern CO (deadline: 3/13, salary: \$27.5-\$30.75/hour)
- Forest Stewards Guild: Forest Stewards Youth Corps Summer 2026
 - Summer crew lead application
 - Summer crew member application
- Operations Coordinator, Quivira Coalition, full-time salaried (36 hours/week), Santa Fe (required 2 days in office per week), (salary: \$46k-\$54k annually)
- Finance Director, Quivira Coalition, full-time salaried (36 hours/week), Santa Fe (required 2 days in office per week), (salary: \$70k-75k)
- District Manager, Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District, full-time position based in Belen (salary \$54,760-\$87,616 annually)
- Assistant Farm Trainer for Bernalillo County's Grow the Grower Program, Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, part-time (30 hours/week) temp position, Albuquerque (\$25/hour)

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program, introduction for educators at Hispanic-Serving schools to USDA resources (deadline: 3/23)
 - NOTE: Application Webinar TODAY at 1-2 PM, register [here](#)
 - Education Fellowships are for faculty, staff and administrators employed by Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Education Fellows participate in a Washington, D.C.-based program.
 - High School Education Fellowships are for secondary education superintendents, principals, agricultural and/or district level teachers working for a Hispanic-Serving school district. Fellows participate in a Washington, D.C.-based program.
 - Science Fellowships are for science faculty employed by Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Science fellows collaborate with leading scientists from the USDA. Participants attend the Washington, D.C.-based program as well as a USDA Research Center.
- The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund, promotes projects that advance forestry to benefit professionals and the public (deadline: 3/15)
 - Applied Forestry Research Awards: Awards of up to \$5,000 for forestry research projects
 - Outreach, Continuing Education, and Leadership Awards: Awards of up to \$5,000 for outreach and/or professional development project
- 2026 SAF National Convention: Call for Proposals - celebrating 125 years of forestry/natural resource stewardship while looking ahead to what's next (deadline: 3/16)
- Undergraduate Research Scholarship, open to full-time undergraduate students attending school in NM. Applicants must be STEM majors. Funds research on NASA's mission objectives, provides \$5,000 for two academic semesters (deadline: 4/13)
- 2026 Scholarship Program: Empowering the Future of Energy, Nuclear Energy Education Foundation, provides \$2,000, to graduating high school seniors residing in Grant or Cibola Counties and pursuing a degree in business, geology, environmental science, engineering, etc. (deadline: 4/15)

REMINDERS:

- 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 citizens or permanent residents only.
- Quivira Coalition Regenerative Ag Fellowship, for beginning farmers and ranchers who are currently employed at a ranch or farm (deadline: 3/15)

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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

March 11, 10 AM – 3 PM
 Willow planting on the Rio Puerco to stabilize riverbanks and create wildlife habitat. RSVP by March 9 for details on meeting location; Karen Monetrey, karen@riograndereturn.org; 505-603-1328.

➤➤➤ 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:

Pathways for Resilient Forests for Underserved and Small Acreage Landowners provides custom forest management plans for landowners managing less than 2,500 acres within the 2-3-2 landscape and facilitates access to forest restoration practices and emerging markets.

CLOSING SOON:

- NSF 26-505: **National Quantum and Nanotechnology Infrastructure** (LOI due 3/16; full proposal due 5/14; 8-16 awards anticipated; \$500K-\$2M p/award for up to 5 years)
- **NM Advanced Energy Award** supports small business in research and development or pilot demonstrations that advance energy innovation and commercialization (deadline: 3/17; award ceiling \$1M)
- **AFRI Strengthening Agricultural Systems** priorities include new uses and expanding markets for agriculture and forestry products; solutions to pests and diseases; combating food and diet-related chronic diseases; AI for K-12 food and agricultural sciences (deadline: 3/26; awards range from \$1M - \$10 M)
- **Rio Grande Project Drought Resilience Efforts Initiative** aims to create and/or sustain habitat and promote watershed health + reduce damage from flooding/sedimentation or promote aquifer recharge through storm water management or improve water management infrastructure (deadline: 3/26; minimum \$100K projects)

REMINDERS:

- **2026 Climate Smart Communities Initiative Grants** (deadline 3/12) - funding and technical assistance to advance community-based climate resilience in US communities or regions that are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. \$1.5-2 million available; grants range from \$75,000 to \$115,000; 16-20 awards anticipated for 2026. Priorities: historically disinvested populations at increased risk to climate-related impacts.
- **Santa Fe Community Foundation's** Spring Grant Cycle (deadline 3/15) - priorities include Civic and Economic Opportunities, Health & Human Services, and Empower! Black Future Community Fund.

➤➤➤ AROUND TOWN: LAS VEGAS

- March 17: Journey Down the Gila, NMHU SUB Theatre; doors open @ 6 PM / film starts @ 630 PM; documentary by ABQ filmmaker David Garcia tells the story on NM teens who died in service to wild places and their mothers' own journey down river to keep the Gila flowing free. Tickets @ \$7.01 p/p; or \$28.26 w/ membership to NM Wild.
- March 21: **The Fire Circle**: A Community Fair on Wildfire Mitigation, Response & Restoration 10 AM - 2 PM, Media Education Center, Luna Community College, Las Vegas NM 87701
 - Grow knowledge ~ Ask questions ~ Talk to restoration professionals ~ Bring in unknown plants for identification ~ Learn the status of public trails access for your upcoming hunt ~ Pick up free resources (including a free lunch!)
- **Thinking Like Water**, Episode 5 – Watershed Wide: Putting It All Together, Indigo Theatre, doors open @ 530 PM / film starts @ 6 PM; live Q&A and panel with Bill Zeedyk; free screening.

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, 11 AM-12 PM, [Emerging Insights in Fire Ecology](#), part-4 of Fire Science You Can Use
- TODAY, 2-3:30 PM, Hybrid Public Meeting: [Monitoring Storm Water Runoff from Los Alamos National Laboratory under the Individual Permit](#), in person or virtual- in Pojoaque
- TODAY- March 6, [The 2026 Land and Water Summit](#); virtual conference is free to students!
- March 5, 12:30 PM, webinar [New Mexico Data, Science & Administrative Tools](#), NM Groundwater Alliance
- March 5, 1 PM, [Tribal Community Resilience Webinar Series: Fire](#), Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center
- March 5, 6-7 PM, virtual [Helping Butterfly Conservation Take Flight](#) with PEEC
- March 6, 7:30-8:45 AM, [Forestry at the Dinner Table](#), part 1 of 4-part Dovetail Partners' webinar series about forests and forest products
- March 6, 7-8 PM, [Night Sky in March](#), Los Alamos Center Planetarium, \$6 child/\$8 adult/\$20 family
- March 7, 11-11:30 AM, [Cosmic Mashups](#) film, gravity, galaxies, and supermassive blackholes, Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, \$6 child/\$8 adult/\$20 family
- March 7, 2:30-4:30 PM, [Wildflower Sowing Workshop](#), Los Alamos White Rock Branch Library
- March 10, 11 AM-12:30 PM, [Fuels Treatments in Non-Forested Systems: Considerations for rangelands, grasslands, and shrublands](#), final webinar in Fire & Fuels Deep-Dive Science Sessions
- March 11, 11 AM-12 PM, [Community Response to Wildfire](#), final session in Fire Science You Can Use series
- March 11, 12-1:30 PM, webinar [Colorado Reforestation Tools and strategies](#)
- March 12, 11 AM-12 PM, Fire Lab Seminar Series: [Community Voices in Forest Planning: Lessons from the 3P Project](#)
- March 12, 6:30-8:30 PM, [Climate Café](#), Los Alamos Nature Center, ages 16+
- March 13, 1-5 PM, [Hands-On Soil Microscopy Exploration](#), Open Space Visitor Center in ABQ
- March 13, 7-8 PM, [Astronomy in New Mexico](#), Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, \$6 child/\$8 adult/\$20 family
- March 13-14, [Banff Mountain Film Festival](#), KiMo Theatre, ABQ

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Appeals court [axes injunction on collective bargaining rollback](#)
- Snow drought, higher temps spell [active NM wildfire season](#), forecasters warn
- [BLM plans prescribed burns](#) across three southern NM counties
- Reporter dissects how a [bill to lower greenhouse gas emissions failed](#) in the legislature
- USFS stops issuing firefighter pants that contains PFAs
- NM officials, advocates: proposed [changes to federal toxic chemical rules](#) would hinder state laws
- Catron County commissioner granted unusual [permit authorizing Mexican wolf kill](#)
- [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