

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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

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LIFE TIP: "We have never been so close to achieving gender equality, and never closer to losing it." Check out UN Women executive director Sima Bahous' message for [International Women's Day 2026](#)

»»» NM Acequia Association is hiring two positions:

- [Acequia Infrastructure and Disaster Recovery Specialist](#) is a temporary, nonexempt, part-time/full-time position, from March 2026 through September 30, 2027, that will assist statewide mayordomos navigate state and federal funding to improve and repair infrastructure.
- [Acequia Technical Assistance Provider](#) is a temporary, nonexempt, part-time/full-time position, from March through June 2026, that will support the Acequia Governance and the Acequia Infrastructure teams to provide services on water rights, infrastructure, disaster recovery, governance and statewide outreach.

Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC), UNM (salary: 3,844.53-\$5,399.33 monthly; deadline: 3/24) «««

Two (2) ABQ-based programmer analyst 1 positions with the [GIS](#) and [IT](#) teams, are full-time term positions through 6/30/2027. Bachelor's degree + 6 months relevant experience.

»»» **The Mountain Center** has several open positions, including a [Residential Treatment Asst.](#) (\$18-23 p/hr), [Program Operations Coordinator](#) for Aspen House Women's Recovery (\$26 p/hr), and [Admissions Coordinator](#) – Counseling Services (\$28 p/hr). All positions are full-time and close on 3/30.



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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Institute of Applied Ecology is seeking to fill temporary full-time summer positions for:

- [Native Seed and Habitat Restoration YCC Crew Lead](#) starts 7/6/26 through 11/5/26 (\$22 p/hr; deadline 4/5) and will lead 4 crew members in restoration, outdoor education, and seed collection. Typical field schedules are 10-hour days, Mon-Thurs, with sites across NM and occasional overnight camping.
- [Native Seed and Habitat Restoration YCC Crew Member](#) starts 7/6/26 through 11/5/26 (\$19.50 p/hr; deadline 4/5); must be a NM resident aged between 18-25 years, and available for at least 12 weeks; applicants committing to the 18-week field season preferred.

Closing soon:

- [Southwest Forestry and Fuels Coordinator](#), Forest Stewards Guild (salary: \$27.50-\$30.75 p/hr, deadline: 3/13) is a hybrid full-time position based in Santa Fe, northern NM or southern CO, which supports the 2-3-2 Cohesive Strategy Partnership and the Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP)
- [Climate & Energy Advocate](#), Conservation Voters NM, full-time, exempt position with remote-hybrid possibility for exceptional candidates; must be based in Santa Fe during legislative session (salary: \$76,125-\$96,425 annually; deadline 3/15)
- [Museum Educator – STEAM](#), Santa Fe Children’s Museum, is a part-time, nonexempt position that designs and implements pre-K through 6th grade programming (salary: \$22-24 p/hr; deadline: 3/16)
- Ecological Restoration Institute @ NAU, Flagstaff, AZ (salary: \$58,882 annually, deadline 3/16); accepting applications for two positions:
 - [Tribal Forest Stewardship and Restoration Program Research Coordinator](#) will advance science-based forest restoration, establish and grow productive partnerships and develop publications
 - [Research Associate](#), Wildfire Insurance and Resilient Economies, focuses on the growing insurance crisis and reframes wildfire economics to prioritize prevention vs. reactive suppression

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

Rio Puerco, March 21, 9 AM-4 PM
Willow and cottonwood planting on State Land Trust, near Cuba
Questions/details/register with
abe@riograndereturn.org

Other Positions:

- [2026 Summer Program Facilitator](#), Girls Inc., full-time seasonal position, Santa Fe (salary: \$20+ DOE)
- [Associate Water Resource Professional \(OSE/ISC #10108965\)](#), Office of the State Engineer, full-time permanent position, Las Cruces (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 3/12)

- [Air & Heavy Metals/ Water Section Chemist \(DOH/SLD#10915\)](#), Dept. of Health, full-time term position, Albuquerque (salary: \$21.16-\$36.24 p/hour, deadline: 3/12)
- Senior Geoscientist, Oil Conservation Division
 - ([EMNRD #10109610](#)), full-time term position, Hobbs (salary: \$35.37-\$53.05 p/hour, deadline: 3/15)
 - ([EMNRD #10116396](#)), full-time permanent position, Artesia (salary: \$35.37-53.05 p/hour, deadline: 3/15)
- [Program Manager, Office of Food Systems \(DOH/PHD #10118554\)](#), Dept. of Health, full-time term position, Santa Fe (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 3/19)
- [Senior Program Manager, Office of Food Systems \(DOH/PHD #10118555\)](#), Dept. of Health, full-time term position, Santa Fe (salary: \$66,880-\$100,320 annually, deadline: 3/19)
- [Director, Office of Food Systems \(DOH/PHD#10118552\)](#), Dept. of Health, full-time term position, Santa Fe (salary: \$93,552-\$149,683 annually, deadline: 3/19)

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- [National Security Workforce Graduate Scholarship](#), for students enrolled or intending to enroll at a NM public institution in pursuit of a master's or doctoral degree in key scientific, engineering, and management fields. \$10,000 awarded per student (deadline: 3/15)
- [ACDIF Engineering Applications](#), the Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund is administered by the Acequia Bureau at the Interstate Stream Commission. ACDIF is the most organized and reliable way to achieve infrastructure funding for your acequia. Application requires a proposal by an engineer (deadline: 3/31)
- [Career Pathways Scholarships](#), for students enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year college degree or certificate program that have earned or are on track to earn a high school diploma or GED, provides \$750 awards per semester and up to \$3,000 total (deadline: 4/3)
- [EPSCoR Research Fellows](#) (deadline: 4/14)
 - NSF fellowships for non-tenured faculty for extended research visits to the Nation's premier private, governmental, or academic research centers. Up to \$300K for up to 2 years.
 - NASA fellowships support faculty collaboration with researchers at participating NASA research centers. Up to \$360K for up to 2 years.
- [Lise Meitner Excellence Program](#), designed to promote female scientists and provide the opportunity and funding to lead a Lise Meitner Research Group in Germany, open to international candidates, multi-stage competitive selection process (deadline: 4/15)

CALL TO ACTION:

Public input for the US Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services proposal for a 6-month pause on Medicare enrollment for suppliers of durable healthcare equipment (e.g., prosthetics, ankle braces, foot inserts, CPAP machines, etc.) Submit comments by 3/30.

➤➤➤ 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!)
- **March 24: NMHU Spring 2026 Career Fair**, 9 AM - 12 PM in the Student Union Building, an opportunity for students at every stage of their career journey
- **March 24: 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, donations requested.

➤➤➤ 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:

CLOSING SOON:

[NFWF Healthy American Forests Initiative RFP](#) - This National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) funding opportunity supports watershed restoration and vegetation management projects on National Forest System lands to achieve a healthy forest ecosystem. Applicants should develop proposals that increase forest management activities and reduce wildfire risk to ultimately promote healthy forests, increase timber productivity and protect American prosperity (deadline: 3/17)

➤➤➤ DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS

- Warnings that climate research cuts to NCAR could raise insurance premiums – the [American Academy of Actuaries writes to the NSF](#)
- 3 big changes are proposed for FEMA – final report expected in March; [this is what experts really think of them](#)

NEW FREE RESOURCES:

Check out the new bark beetle resources available online:

- [Bark Beetle Management Strategies](#)
- [Bark Beetle Signs & Symptoms for Piñon Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Douglas and Whites Firs](#)

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS:

- TODAY, 11 AM-12 PM, [Community Response to Wildfire](#), final session Fire Science You Can Use
- TODAY, 12-1:30 PM, webinar [Colorado Reforestation Tools and strategies](#)
- TODAY, 4:30 PM, [Topic 3: Using Outdoor Spaces for Learning](#), Outdoor Classrooms Framework, Virtual Workshop Series, [Total NM](#)
- 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
- March 14, 1-3 PM, [Save the Farm, Save the Future: Film Screening and Panel in Albuquerque](#)
- March 14, 1-3:30 PM, [How to Make a Good iNaturalist Observation](#), Los Alamos Nature Center
- March 14, 2-4 PM, [East Gallery Opening Reception for Jane Cornish Smith](#), Smith's art exhibition "Intertwined Detritus" promotes awareness about the threats to bodies of water worldwide, Open Space Visitor Center in ABQ
- March 14, 4-6 PM, [Alaska films](#) with Director John Grabowska, featuring Crown of the Continent and The Ends of the Earth – Alaska's Wild Peninsula, Santa Fe, \$10 donation requested

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS (CONT.):

- March 15, 9 AM-12 PM, [Caja del Rio Trash Cleanup Series](#), Santa Fe, March 15 and Sundays in March
- March 17, 10 AM, webinar [Esri Series-State Wildlife Action Plans & GIS - part 1](#)
- March 17, 6-7:30 PM, webinar [Using Technology in Grazing Management](#), Quivira Coalition
- March 17-19, [2026 Great Plains Regional Conference](#), Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, in Sloan, Iowa. Members (Individual and Tribe): \$150, Non-Members: \$250 (includes membership)
- March 18, 5-7 PM, [Environmental Management Cleanup Forum](#), hosted by Dept. of Energy's Environmental Management Los Alamos Field office, Pojoaque
- March 19, 9-11 AM, [Free Vermicomposting Workshop](#), engaging class on composting, Open Space Visitor Center in ABQ
- March 19, 11 AM-12 PM, Fire Lab Seminar Series: [Treatment Effectiveness: Lessons from ReSHAPE](#)
- March 19, 6:30 PM, virtual briefing Speakers Series: [Middle Rio Grande Compact Crisis](#)
- March 21, 9:30 AM-2 PM, [Composting and Rainwater Harvesting Basics](#), Whitfield Wildlife Conservation
- March 21, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM, teacher workshop [Engineering Problem Solving through Wildlife Conservation](#), NM Department of Wildlife (7816 Alamo Rd NW in ABQ), [more info here](#).
- March 23, 5 PM, webinar [New Mexico Case Studies of Groundwater Management](#), NM Groundwater Alli.
- March 23-27, [International Smoke Symposium \(ISS4\)](#), hybrid event, remote participation \$100 for IAWF members and \$300 for non-members
- March 24, 7-8:30 PM, [Adak, Birthplace of the Winds](#), in person and live-streamed event at the Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Federal employee [retirement applications hit another record high](#)
- Federal employees face looming [finalization of Schedule Policy/Career](#)
- NM Gov. signs [48 bills from recent legislative session](#), plus [educational bills towards literacy improvement](#)
- Conservation groups sue NM over [deserted oil and gas wells](#)
- [Public lands protections targeted](#) through rarely used Congressional Review Act
- Report says national push for AI data centers leading to [outsized energy, water consumption](#)
- TX energy co. seeks [federal approval for pipeline through NM](#) to power data center
- [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