

# CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: leadership and mid-level career positions are featured this week. Weekly Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP:** A colleague and friend recently shared [reframing of the AI debate](#), which includes this useful reminder: *“A beautiful life is what feels true to you, lights you up and ultimately animates your soul. It is also dynamic – at this moment, you get to choose what it means to you. Living a beautiful life allows you to be peace in a world that is always changing.”*

»»» **Executive Director, Native Workforce Partners (salary: \$65 p/hr, 20-25 hrs p/wk; deadline 4/14)**

Leadership role to expand career pathways and workforce systems among NM Native communities.

**Water Resources Professional, Surface Water Quality Bureau, NM Environment Dept. (salary: \$73,568-\$110,352, deadline: 4/10)** «««

This Santa Fe based full-time position (Job ID: 162369) ensures that quality chemical, biological, and physical habitat data is collected, managed and applied to evaluate water quality conditions, and identify concerning impairments.

»»» **Natural Resources Professional, LANL (salary: \$72,800-\$115,400)**

Situated within the Environmental Stewardship Group, this position supports environmental compliance and monitoring in biological resources, soils/foodstuffs/biota, and land stewardship.



*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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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- NMFWR's **Conservation Specialist** position supports land stewardship and community advocacy and engagement in northern NM rural communities (salary: \$58,656 DOE annually).
- **Deputy Director** - Land Stewardship, Planning & Capital Delivery, Bernalillo County (salary: \$101,192-\$127,109 annually; deadline: 4/6) - leads the stewardship strategy for public lands, and cross-department coordination for natural resources management.

## CALL TO ACTION

**Proposed changes to US Forest Service mining regulations**, [comment period open](#) through 4/21. Opportune timing considering Canadian-based company seeks [exploratory permit to drill uranium](#) in Rio Arriba county within the Carson National Forest.

Community input for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) through a [brief survey](#) or participating in virtual focus groups:

- TODAY, [Outdoor & Environmental Education](#) organizations, April 1 @4 PM
- TODAY, [Hunters, Anglers, Outfitters & Guides](#), April 1 @ 6 PM

## ➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

ESA's [SciComm in the Parks Fellowship](#) trains an annual cohort of science communicators to develop publicly accessible educational materials for participating parks in the U.S. Northeast (deadline: 4/2).

[National Environment Leadership Fellowships](#) support youth leaders working on sustainability and environmental justice projects within their communities. Fellows will attend a tuition-free, board-free, in-person American Environment Leadership Institute, July 19-23, in Washington, DC (\$2K stipend, deadline: 4/17).

CLOSING SOON:

[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; \$750 awards p/semester, up to \$3,000 (deadline: 4/3).

➤➤➤ **STEMYS: Excellence in STEM Awards**  
CLOSING SOON: Last chance to [enter nominations](#) for students, educators, school district, business, non-profit, higher ed, mentor and advisor/coach (deadline: 4/3)

## CHAINSAW CLASSES

### ONE SPOT OPEN:

#### **An Introduction to Chainsaws for Novice Sawyers (April 17, 18, 19)**

- **Introduces safe practices to first-time sawyers and provides supervised practice in an inclusive and supported environment**
- **Must attend all three days of instruction**
- **This is a free Querencia in Action: Living with Fire workshop by FIRENM**
- **Register with [shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu); 505-426-2226**

#### **S2-12 Wildland Fire Chainsaws**

- **32-hour course with the Wildland Resiliency Training Center**
- **April 25 & 26 + May 2 & 3**
- **8 AM-5 PM**
- **Register at [WRTC@luna.edu](mailto:WRTC@luna.edu) (scholarships available)**

## ➤➤➤ 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:

- Service Corps Funding with National Park Foundation provides workforce development opportunities for young adults (ages 16-30 years) and military vets (award ceiling: \$150K; deadline 4/14)
- NM Environmental Dept.'s Watershed Protection Assistance Program develops, constructs, maintains and/or monitors riparian/aquatic habitat and surface water quality (award ceiling: \$75K, deadline: 4/15)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers newly released RFP for FY2027-2031, supports quality out-of-school programs, youth development and academic enrichment. Local education agencies, community-based organizations, NGOs, and higher education institutions are encouraged to apply (deadline 4/24).
- Talent Search Program supports postsecondary completion (awards: \$250K-\$10M; deadline: 5/31)

CLOSING SOON:

NMDA's Noxious Weed Management Grant awards up to \$60K for the project period 7/1/26-10/31/27. Eligible entities include cooperative weed management areas, soil & water conservation districts, local governments/state political subdivisions/special districts, tribes & pueblos, land grants, acequias and NGOs (deadline: 4/8).

The NM Department of Wildlife's Share with Wildlife program supports 4 project types: 1) habitat enhancement; 2) biological/ecological research; 3) wildlife rehabilitation; 4) wildlife education. 9-11 projects funded annually. Research on Spp. of Greatest Conservation Need is encouraged (deadline: 4/10).

## ➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY March 26, 11 AM-12 PM, Fire Lab Seminar Series: ClassiFiRxe: a data-driven tool to support prescribed fire planning and implementation
- TODAY April 1, 2026 Summer Physics camp application deadline
- TODAY April 1, 630-930 PM, Cuentos Nocturnos, 3-mile full moon hike and storytelling at Petroglyph National Monument (\$35-\$55 p/p sliding scale)
- April 2, 2026 Spring Wetlands Roundtable
- April 2, Fire and Fire Surrogate Studies and SageSTEP: The Benefits of Long-Term Fire Research Webinar, Joint Fire Science Program
- April 2, 9 AM-5 PM, Wetland Discussion Forum: Valuing Wetlands in the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar, hybrid
- April 2, 530-830 PM, Living with Beaver, Upper Chama SWCD in Tierra Amarilla

## HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

### Stream Restoration Day

**April 8, 930 AM-3 PM**

**Rio de Las Vacas, Santa Fe National Forest**

**Plant willows, install beaver dam analogs, post-assisted log structures, etc.**

**RSVP by April 6 to Karen**

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### Erosion Control Workshop

**Santa Fe Conservation Trust**

**April 11, 9 AM- 3 PM**

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

- April 2, webinar [Traditional Ecological Knowledge in the Fire World](#)
- April 2, 11 AM-12:30 PM, webinar [Joint Fire Science Program Webinar](#), Fire and Fire Surrogate Studies and SageSTEP: The Benefits of Long-Term Fire Research
- April 2, 1-2 PM, webinar [Resilience Infrastructure](#), part of the Tribal Community Resilience series
- April 3, 9-10:30 AM, webinar [FCoP Fabulous Fuels Friday: Understanding the Key Performance Indicator-Fuels](#)
- April 4, [NM Outdoor Festival and Skills Competition](#), Legacy Ranch, Edgewood, NM
- April 5, 7-10 AM, [Bird Walk at Los Luceros](#)
- April 6, early bird registration deadline for [NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition](#), May 6-8, ABQ
- April 7, 6 PM, [Peaches, Pecans and Pinot: Grazing in Orchards and Vineyards](#)
- April 7, 10-11 AM, webinar [Avian-Solar Interactions and the Lake Effect Hypothesis](#)
- April 9, 3-4 PM, webinar [The Plastic Detox: A Conversation about Plastic & Health](#)
- April 16, 1-2:30 PM, virtual [Working Lands Monthly Gathering](#)
- April 18, 9AM-12 Noon, [Bicis y Botánica](#), 8-mile botanical bike ride in the Middle Rio Grande Valley (\$35-\$55 p/p sliding scale)
- April 18, [Earth Day Festival](#) with PEEC
- April 22, 7-8:15 PM, [Fire, Forests and the Future of the Jemez](#) with Thomas Swetnam, Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium
- April 22, 1-2 PM, webinar [Adaptive Management & RAD \(Resist-Accept-Direct\)](#)
- April 24, 10 AM-2:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seed to Tree, Mountain to River Annual Earth Day Celebration at Melody Park, NMHU in Las Vegas
- April 25, 7 AM-2 PM, [BioBlitz](#) in Los Alamos

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Administration expands push to hire [early-career federal employees](#)
- [Forest Service headquarters](#) to relocate to Salt Lake City in major restructuring plan
- NM [Pueblos receive federal grants](#) for wildlife, habitat restoration
- NM state land commissioner [rejects application for gas pipeline to power Project Jupiter](#) data center
- Utility companies present [wildfire plans to state regulators](#)
- [NM Unemployment](#)

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

### NM COMMUNITY

NM Crisis & Access Line: 1-855-662-7474 (855-NMCRISIS);  
Peer-to-Peer Warmline: 7-11:30 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](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