

# CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: the [SWERIs](#) are hiring – come join our teams in NM and AZ! Weekly Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP: A [new species of spinosaurid](#) from north Africa is thought to have undergone three phases of evolution, responding to changing environmental conditions. It made me think of our own plasticity, adaptability, and pliability. We often respond to negative stimuli with incremental changes that ignore, avoid or deny. However, successful evolutionary adaptations resulted from changes that restore, remedy, or innovate. As life swirls, find ways to be intentional (vs. reactive) in your response to changing conditions.**

## »»» NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute, Las Vegas, NM

- [Ecological Monitoring Crew Lead](#) (salary: \$50,523.20-\$59K annually) - leadership position in the monitoring field crew; spearheads quality data collection and field logistics (including regular overnight travel); supervises and mentors student workers and interns; manages equipment inventory and maintenance; assists with data analysis and reporting; etc.
- [Conservation Specialist](#) (salary: (salary: \$58,656 DOE annually) - supports [FIRENM](#) programming; engages diverse audiences in community-based initiatives; plans and implements K-12 initiatives; pilots/adapts place-based curricula; pilots/refines citizen science monitoring; etc.

## Post Doctoral Scholars, Ecological Restoration Institute, Flagstaff, AZ (salary: \$58,882 annually; deadline: 4/20)



- [Develop large-scale remote sensing workflows](#) to quantify forest structure, fuels, and treatment outcomes
- [Build and evaluate predictive models](#) of treatment effectiveness, wildfire behavior, and landscape resilience
- [Integrate multi-source datasets into decision-support tools](#) and translate science into actionable insights for partners

- [Rocky Mountain Youth Corps](#) has two open summer operations internships from May through August (salary: \$18.67 p/hr) based in [Taos](#) and [ABQ](#).
- Multiple Americorps positions across NM's national forests:
  - Trail Technicians based at [Carson National Forest](#), [Santa Fe National Forest](#), [Gila National Forest](#), or [Valles Caldera Nature Preserve](#) are seasonal, full-time positions from 5/4-11/13; bi-weekly stipend \$1,440 + \$3,697.50 education award upon completion (900-hr term)
  - [Historical and Cultural Liaison](#), Carson National Forest, seasonal, full-time from May-Aug.; bi-weekly stipend \$1,520 + \$1,956.35 education award upon completion (450-hour term)
  - [Recreation Management](#), Cibola National Forest, seasonal, full-time, from 5/4-11/14; bi-weekly stipend \$1,380 + \$3,697.50 education award upon completion (900-hour term)
- Mimbres is hiring wildland firefighters, specifically [Crew Member and Senior Firefighter](#); contact superintendent and asst. superintendent directly

## ➤➤➤ OTHER POSITIONS:

- [Health Care Economist \(HCA/HCAF #10118484\)](#), Health Care Authority, ABQ, full-time (salary: \$81,349-\$130,159 annually, deadline: TODAY)
- [Wildland Fire Business - Auditor \(EMNRD #5489\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe, full-time (salary: \$66,880-\$100,320 annually, deadline: TODAY)
- [Water Resources Professional \(NMED #25135\)](#), Dept. of Environment, Santa Fe, full-time, sponsored term (salary: \$73,568-\$110,352 annually, deadline: 4/10)
- [Petroleum Specialist \(EMNRD #10115187\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, ABQ, full-time (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 4/15)
- [Senior Environmental Scientist \(EMNRD #10115186\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, ABQ, full-time (salary: \$73,568-\$110,352, deadline: 4/15)
- [Environmental Professional Intern \(Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Team\)](#), Tetra Tech, Los Alamos (salary: \$20-\$24/hour)
- [Groundwater Purge Water Management Specialist](#), Tetra Tech, Los Alamos (salary: \$75K-85K annually)
- [Environmental Professional \(Surface Water Monitoring Team\)](#), Tetra Tech, Los Alamos (salary: \$75K-\$85K annually)
- [Environmental Planner/Deputy Project Manager – Energy – Southwest Region](#), Tetra Tech, hybrid or remote (salary: \$90K-120K annually)

### 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**

**Wildland Resiliency Training Center**  
**Register at [WRTC@luna.edu](mailto:WRTC@luna.edu)**  
**(scholarships available)**

### S2-12 Wildland Fire Chainsaws

- **April 25 & 26 + May 2 & 3**
- **8 AM-5 PM**

### S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use

- **May 9-10, May 16**

## ➤➤➤ OTHER POSITIONS (CONT.)

- [Director of Technical Services](#), Middle Rio Grande Conservation District, ABQ (salary: \$150K-180K annually)
- [Information Systems Manager](#), Middle Rio Grande Conservation District, ABQ (salary: 85K-100K annually)
- [Finance Coordinator](#), Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, ABQ, full-time (salary: \$25-\$28/hour)
- [Finance Director](#), Quivira Coalition, full-time (\$70K-\$75K annually)
- [Operations Coordinator](#), Quivira Coalition, Santa Fe, hybrid, full-time (salary: \$46K-\$54K annually)
- [Executive Director](#), River Network, remote with ability to travel (salary: \$200K annually)
- [District Manager](#), Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District, Belen (salary: \$26.33-\$42.12/hour)

### CALL TO ACTION

NM begins [review of threatened and endangered species](#); accepting public comment through 7/6. The 2024 biennial review document [can be found here](#). Public comment and suggestions for the 2026 endangered and threatened list can be sent by email to: [John.Bulger@dgf.nm.gov](mailto:John.Bulger@dgf.nm.gov) or mailed to: New Mexico Department of Wildlife, Attn: John Bulger, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

**Proposed changes to US Forest Service mining regulations**, [comment period open](#) through 4/21. Timely as NM official calls for full [environmental review of Carson National Forest uranium mine](#).

## ➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

[Ecosystem Field Studies Summer 2026 Field Courses](#) (3 undergraduate credits)

- [Caribbean course](#), study abroad, experiential and applicable scientific field research methods, gain in-depth knowledge of the coral reef and coastal ecosystems, SCUBA or snorkel daily to study the coral reef ecosystem (May 20- June 9, \$3,390-\$4,490)
- [Colorado Course](#), experiential and applicable scientific field research methods, gain in-depth knowledge of the structure and function of the CO Rocky Mountain ecosystem (June 19- July 9 or July 17- August 6, cost is \$2,990)

CLOSING SOON:

- [Undergraduate Research Scholarship](#) for full-time undergraduate NM students. Applicants must be STEM majors. Funds research on NASA's mission objectives, provides \$5,000 for two academic semesters (deadline: 4/13)
- [EPSCoR Research Fellows](#) (deadline: 4/14)
  - NSF fellowships for non-tenured faculty for extended research visits to 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.

### HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

[AWF Service Project, Ft. Union](#)

**April 10-12**

**Wolf Creek restoration in Watrous**

**Contact**

[abqwildlifederation@gmail.com](mailto:abqwildlifederation@gmail.com)

[AWF Service Project](#)

**Cedro Creek, Tijeras**

**April 18, 9 AM-4 PM**

**Contact** [rioscial@gmail.com](mailto:rioscial@gmail.com)

[Erosion Control Workshop](#)

**Santa Fe Conservation Trust**

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

### SAVE THE DATE

Después del Fuego, May 16, 1- 5 PM

Amplifying youth voices, developing restoration skills, connecting with career pathways

@ WRTC, Luna Community College

Las Vegas, NM

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## ➤➤➤ 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:

FY27 [River Stewards RFP](#) with NM Environment Dept. supports projects that enhance the natural function of NM's streams and rivers, and provides funding to plan, design, and construct projects that improve surface water quality or river habitat. There are changes to this grant from previous RFPs (average grant sizes ~ \$500K; deadline: 5/21).

FY26 [NATIVE Act Grants RFP](#) supports tourism infrastructure, cultural interpretation, recreation initiatives and the visitor experience in Native Nations and communities (award ceiling: \$50K; deadline: 5/1). [Webinar TODAY](#), April 8 @ 10 AM.

[NFF Collaborative Capacity Program for Forests and Communities](#) supports collaborative activities that support wildfire resilience, recreation opportunities, land & watershed restoration, and rural economies that benefit National Forest System lands (award ceiling: \$50K; community partner deadline: 5/4).

CLOSING SOON:

- [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)

**Statewide Fire Restrictions – details here - prohibits smoking, fireworks, campfires, prescribed/open/agricultural/debris burning, flaring of gas in oil/gas production.**

## ➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY, 9 AM-12 Noon, webinar [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Invasive Annual Grass Virtual Workshop](#), Institute for Managing Annual Grasses Invading Natural Ecosystems (IMAGINE)
- TODAY, 5:30-6:30 PM, Spring 2026 Career Fair Prep Webinar Series: [Resume & Cover Letters](#)
- April 9, 3-4 PM, webinar [The Plastic Detox: A Conversation about Plastic & Health](#)
- April 10, 9-11 AM, webinar [Prescribed Grazing for Grassland Fuel Management](#) (\$119)
- April 11, 11-11:30 AM, [FORWARD! To the Moon](#), virtual or in person at the Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium (\$6 child/\$8.00 adult/\$20 family)
- April 13, 6-7 PM, [Fire Ecology and Changing Fire Regimes in the Jemez Mountains](#), virtual or in person at the Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium
- April 14, 6-7 PM, [Discovery the Wild Bees of Northern New Mexico](#), virtual or in person at the Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium
- April 14, 6:30 PM, [Native Flora, Native Fauna: Using Host Plant Data to Guide Conservation Decisions](#), Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Christ Lutheran Church, located at 1701 Arroyo Chamiso Rd, Santa Fe

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

- April 15, 11 AM-3 PM, [SFCC Healthcare Job Fair](#)
- April 15, 12 Noon, SWFSC webinar [Nationwide Assessment of Certified Prescription Burn Manager Programs](#)
- April 16, 1-2:30 PM, virtual [Working Lands Monthly Gathering](#)
- April 16, 3-4 PM, webinar [Silviculture in Practice: Classical to Ecological and Beyond](#), Soc. of American Foresters
- April 16, 5:30-7:30 PM, [Bumble Bee Atlas](#) is seeking volunteers to track and document bumblebees across NM, get started by attending this [Training Webinar](#)
- April 16, 6-7:30 PM, [Discover! Wildfire Preparedness 101](#), Los Alamos Public Library
- April 17, 6-9 PM, [Adult Night: SciArt](#), Explora Science Center and Children's Museum of Albuquerque, 18+ (\$14 adult, \$11 student/senior/military)
- 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, 7-815 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-230 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



*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))*

### FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Record non-senate [appointments](#) and [hollowing out of career leadership](#)
- DOI gives employees 3<sup>rd</sup> shot at [voluntary incentives to leave their jobs](#)
- USFS unveils [extensive closures of research facilities](#)
- USFS will [close research stations](#) that study wildfire risks
- More on USFS reorganization can be found [here](#)
- NM enacts sweeping [statewide fire restrictions](#) to prevent wildfires
- Abnormal heat wave leaves [most of NM at high wildfire risk](#)
- NM officials, universities decry federal effort to [cut funds for colleges serving minority students](#)
- Oil companies accused of massive [accounting fraud](#) in NM
- [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](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