

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: the SWERIs are hiring – seasonal positions, postdocs, term and permanent positions are featured this week. Weekly Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: In a recent [podcast interview](#), botanist David George Haskell explains “We often think of power and revolution as about control, authoritarianism, and violence. Might makes right. But that's not the only way in which revolution and power and transformation take place. Flowers offer a different narrative. They changed the world in revolutionary ways through cooperation, through collaboration, often mediated by beauty, by sensory experiences. So a flower is quite literally speaking to the sensory system of a bee or of a hoverfly or of a bird to draw that animal into establishing a cooperative relationship, a reciprocal relationship. And we're just the latest animal to become enchanted by the flowers and to become loyal collaborators with the flowers.”

»»» **GIS Specialist, City of ABQ Planning Dept. (salary: \$46,758.40-\$49,088; deadline: 4/27)**

Design and implement GIS projects, create customized maps and spatial analysis reports, and maintain high-quality geographic data that supports critical City operations. Collaborate with City departments, partner agencies, and the public to deliver meaningful insights through GIS.

Ecosystem Modeling Postdoc, UNM's Earth Systems Ecology Lab (salary: \$60K-63K annually, application review begins 5/8) «««

Two-year position for a researcher with robust ecosystem modeling or spatial data analysis skills to contribute towards a project that explores the interaction of climate change and disturbance impacts on forests. This position collaborates with computer scientists, hydrologists, and social scientists. A summer 2026 start is preferred.

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NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute, Las Vegas, NM

- **Digital Content and Outreach Specialist** (salary: \$55K-\$69K annually) - responsible for in-person and media-based outreach, including websites and social media; create and maintain digital content, including the [Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Hub Site](#) and outreach products for the Treatment and Wildfire Interagency Geodatabase (TWIG) as part of SWERI's [ReSHAPE](#) Program. To apply, type "Digital Content and Outreach Specialist" in the [NMHU job portal](#)
- **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: \$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.

CLOSING SOON:

Water Management and Restoration Internships with River Source offers 5-week paid internships based in Las Vegas/Mora, Peñasco, Pecos and Santa Fe starting 6/8. Gain experience in erosion control mitigation, mapping and monitoring and build life skills in communications. Two types of positions available:

- **Crew Leader** (\$22.50 p/hr for ~ 216 hours) for young adults aged 20-25 years with interest or experience leading youth crews
- **Crew members** (\$19 p/hr for ~ 200 hours) for youth aged 15-20 currently in high school or recent graduates

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



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)

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; 505-426-2226**

Wildland Resiliency Training Center
Register at 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:

- [Research Applications Scientist](#), Western Fire and Forest Resilience Collaborative, remote, full-time (salary: \$74K-\$82K annually, start date before 4/30 preferred)
- [Capital Projects Manager – State Parks Division \(EMNRD #38824\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$73,568-\$110,352 annually, deadline: 4/16)
- [Associate Water Resource Professional \(OSE/ISC #6119\)](#), Office of the State Engineer, Roswell, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 4/16)
- [Engineering Project Manager – State Parks Division \(EMNRD #5614\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$81,349-\$130,159 annually, deadline: 4/16)
- [Park Planner – State Parks Division \(EMNRD #38836+\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 4/17)
- [Archeologist \(DCA #10101295\)](#), Department of Cultural Affairs, Santa Fe, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$55,273-\$82,909, deadline: 4/18)
- [Associate Water Resources Professional \(OSE #73648\)](#), Office of the State Engineer, Las Cruces, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 4/18)
- [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Supervisor \(DOT/GO/PINF #18859\)](#), Department of Transportation, Santa Fe, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$81,349-\$130,159 annually, deadline: 4/18)
- [Senior Environmental Scientist \(EMNRD #10117455\)](#), Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, Hobbs, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$73,568-\$110,352 annually, deadline: 4/22)
- [Water Resources Professional \(OSE/ISC #10109652\)](#), Office of the State Engineer, Aztec, full-time, permanent position (salary: \$73,568-\$110,352, deadline: 4/22)

CALL TO ACTION

CLOSING SOON: Proposed changes to US Forest Service mining regulations, [comment period open through 4/21](#). Some background: [Federal reversal on Pecos mining protections](#) prompts outcry from federal officials, advocates and [NM officials, tribal leaders vow to oppose slate of federal actions on public lands](#).

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- [Wayne Harrison Memorial Scholarship](#), current full-time undergraduate or graduate student, a current member of SAFE, and have at least one year remaining in their academic program. Underrepresented minority, low-income, first-generation college, veteran, and international students are encouraged to apply. Awards up to \$2,500 to fund research, management, or education projects related to wildland fire science (deadline: TODAY)
- [Mentoring Futures Program](#), Association for Fire Ecology, open to all AFE members, cultivates the future of wildland fire and resource conservation by investing in future leaders, professional development for any career stage (deadline: 6/1)

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

[AWF Service Project](#)

Cedro Creek, Tijeras

April 18, 9 AM-4 PM

Contact rioscial@gmail.com

CLOSING SOON:

- 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: TODAY)

➤➤➤ 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:

Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program supports lenders whose applicants are seeking to establish, reopen, expand or improve sawmills or other wood processing facilities that process restoration byproducts from National Forest System lands. Available until funds are exhausted.

CLOSING SOON:

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is accepting proposals for the Western Big Game Seasonal Habitat and Migration Corridors Fund. Projects should improve migration corridors and habitat used by big game species (e.g., elk, mule deer, pronghorn), address challenges to priority habitat, and engage relevant stakeholders. Projects with a strong community engagement component will be prioritized. Grants should be a minimum of \$100K, ideally completed in two years, and a non-federal match is required (deadline: 4/21).

USFS' Notice of Funding (deadline 4/22):

- Wood Innovations – award ceiling \$300K with higher ceilings considered for large scale projects (1:1 match required); recorded webinar available
- Community Wood - award ceiling \$1M
- Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance - award ceiling \$2M; recorded webinar available

21st Century Community Learning Centers 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).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NM MESA Competition Day will be hosted on 4/30 at Expo NM in ABQ. Up to 800 students and teachers are expected. Volunteers are needed for judges and general logistics; sign up for a half day or a full day. Registrations and details [here](#).

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY, 11 AM-3 PM, SFCC Healthcare Job Fair
- TODAY, 12 Noon, SWFSC webinar Nationwide Assessment of Certified Prescription Burn Manager Programs
- April 16, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar Fire Lab Seminar Series: Predicting What Burns: Machine Learning and Satellite Remote Sensing for Fuel Moisture Estimation Across the Continental U.S.
- 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
- 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)

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

- 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, 10 AM-2 PM, [Earth Day Festival](#) with PEEC, Los Alamos Nature Center
- April 20, 5:30-7:30 PM, [Wildflower Walk](#) with PEEC, meet at the Los Alamos Nature Center (\$5 non-member fee)
- April 21, 1 PM, webinar [Future Fire Risks and Hazards](#), Alaska Fire Science Consortium
- April 22, 12-1 PM, virtual [Leveraging Wildfire to Increase Forest Resilience](#)
- April 22, 1-2 PM, webinar [Adaptive Management & RAD](#) (Resist-Accept-Direct)
- April 22, 2:30-3:30 PM, virtual [School Garden Success Panel with EENM](#)
- April 22, 7-8:15 PM, [Fire, Forests and the Future of the Jemez](#) with Thomas Swetnam, Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium
- April 23, 9 AM, NAFSE Spring 2026 Student Webinar Series, [A Spot Across the Pond: Wildland Firefighting in Germany and Europe](#)
- April 23, 4-5 PM, virtual [Teaching All Subjects Through Science – An Innovative New Approach to STEAM](#), STEM Innovation Network
- April 24, 10 AM, webinar [Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Communities of Care in Wildfire Research](#)
- April 24, 10 AM-230 PM, 2nd Annual Seed to Tree, Mountain to River Annual Earth Day Celebration at Melody Park, NMHU in Las Vegas
- April 24-26, [Hide Tanning School](#), Sundog Crafts (sliding scale: \$300-\$750)
- April 25, 7-10 AM, [Spring Bird Walk](#) with PEEC, in Los Alamos (\$5 non-member fee)
- April 25, 11 AM-12 PM, [New Mexico from the Air](#) film with PEEC, in Los Alamos
- April 25, 7 AM-2 PM, [BioBlitz](#) with PEEC in Los Alamos
- April 26, [Earth Day Festival NM](#), Our Power, Our Planet, Balloon Fiesta Park (tickets \$5)
- April 27-May 1, [16th Annual National Tribal GIS Conference](#), in Albuquerque (\$300-\$750)
- April 28, 11 AM-12 PM, webinar: [Plan, Predict, & Burn – The New Prescribed Burn Planner \(PBP v2\)](#)
- April 30, 4-5 PM, virtual [Exploring the World of AI](#), STEM Innovation Network
- April 30, 12 PM, webinar [NRCS Regenerative Pilot Program: Making it Work for Your Operation](#)

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Administration proposes [pay freeze for federal workforce](#) in FY2027 budget
- GSA looks to [automate a million work hours, after losing nearly 40%](#) of its workforce
- Forest Service [shake-up will boost states' role](#) – but even supporters have concerns
- New [federal grazing plan would impact ranchers and Mexican wolf](#) protections
- Let's talk about [youth employment programs](#)
- [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](#)

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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