

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

April 22, 2026

Students, Colleagues and Peers: wide range of positions this week among private, state and nonprofit entities. Weekly Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: As we celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day this week, a reminder that some 50+ years ago, the [Chipko Movement](#) embraced tree-hugging as an early example of environmental activism. Their songs still ring true today:

“What do the forests bear? Soil, water and pure air.”

»»» **General Manager, Walatowa Timber Industries, Jemez Pueblo**

Seeking candidates with background in wood products manufacturing, leadership and managerial experience to oversee daily sawmill operations, product manufacturing, marketing/sales, customer relations, employee safety and quality standards. Salary commensurate with experience; includes benefits. Resume/questions: Marvis Aragon (marvis@jemezenterprises.com; 505-514-6937).

Conservation Delivery Manager, Playa Lakes Joint Venture (salary: \$75K-\$80K annually; deadline 5/15) «««

As one of two managers in this role, primary duties include partnership engagement, project management, site visits to restoration sites, and grant writing. This is a remote position that can be based anywhere within the PLJV region of eastern NM, TX panhandle or western OK.

»»» **IT - Geospatial College Undergraduate Intern (OSE/ISC#10118767) (salary: \$16.50-\$24.75 p/hr, deadline 5/5)**

This full-time GIS internship based in Santa Fe offers applied experience, including acequia mapping, imagery data migration, data digitization, quality assurance, spatial analysis, and map production.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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District Forester (EMNRD #5336), (salary: \$81,349-\$130,159 annually; deadline 5/5) - Socorro based position that coordinates and implements forest management priorities.

Multiple positions at the **Forest Stewards Guild**:

- Conservation Ambassadors for the *Cultivando Conservación* program connect landowners to conservation resources in four hubs (Cuba, Cebolla, Truchas, Grants)
- YCC Crew Leads in Mt. Taylor and Mountainair

CLOSING SOON:

- **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.

Other Positions:

- Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program Manager (DFA/IPDD #10114210), Dept. of Finance & Administration, Santa Fe, full-time, sponsored term (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually, deadline: 4/26)
- Senior Engineering Technician (OSE/ISC #46343), Office of the State Engineer, Las Cruces, full-time, permanent (salary: \$50,248-\$75,372 annually, deadline: 4/26)
- Ranch Technician, Turner Ranches, Raton, full-time (competitive salary, deadline: 5/1)
- Director of Western Water, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, remote, full-time, permanent (salary: \$125K-\$135K annually)
- Senior Water Project Manager, Jacobs in ABQ, hybrid civil engineering position (salary: \$134,500+ annually)
- Project Manager, GeoSystems Analysis, based in ABQ-Santa Fe metro area, full-time (salary: \$75K-\$85K annually)

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

Quivira Coalition's legacy project in the San Mateo Mountains
Spring 2026 Red Canyon Gathering
May 15-17

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)

CHAINSAW CLASSES

THIS WEEKEND...

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**

Wildland Resiliency Training Center

Register at WRTC@luna.edu
(scholarships available)

FEATURED EVENTS

2nd Annual Seed to Tree, Mountain to River

Earth Day Celebration, Melody Park, NMHU, Las Vegas
April 24, 10 AM – 230 PM

River Basin Game + Water Sharing Workshop

April 24th, 10 AM-4 PM (free catered lunch)
Juan I. Gonzales Agricultural Center, Taos (202 Chamisa Road, Taos, NM, 87571)
Welcoming water and watershed researchers, students, professionals, community members, acequeros, farmers/gardeners/curious Taoseños and New Mexicans!



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➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

REMINDERS:

- Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SSCORE) is open to pre-transfer community college students seeking to gain research experiences through 8-week summer internships. Students live on campus, attend a one-credit class, and receive mentorship from faculty. Participating universities include: NMSU, NM Tech, and UNM. Students are expected to work 20-30 hours weekly, participate in workshops, plus complete and present a research poster. \$2,200 stipend and meal allowance (+ room and board if placed at university away from hometown); must be enrolled in 6 credit hours minimum in Spring 2026, maintain a minimum GPA 2.7, and be a US citizen/permanent resident (deadline: 4/24)
- 2026 Natural Areas Conference (NAC26): Where Science Meets Stewardship, Call for Proposals, NAC26 will gather approximately 350 natural areas practitioners seeking applied science, practical solutions, and knowledge transfer related to the management of natural areas to protect biodiversity (deadline: 4/30)

CALL TO ACTION

Nominations for Forestry Research Advisory Council (due 4/23/26)

The Council provides guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture on forestry research priorities, including national and regional planning, coordination across agencies, and the development and use of the Nation's forest resources. Mail submissions to Valerie Hipkins (valerie.hipkins@usda.gov) and Wendy Zirngibl (wendy.zirngibl@usda.gov).

Gallinas Canyon Road Restoration Stakeholder Meeting

April 30 @ 4 PM

Join virtual meeting to learn about project scope, provide input and identify priorities
RSVP to Claudia Brookshire (claudia.brookshire@usda.gov) for zoom link

➤➤➤ FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NIFA's Teaching, Extension and Research Awards (TERA) Program funds annual awards to recognize faculty from a college or university who exhibit sustained, meritorious, and exceptional teaching at the postsecondary level within the agriculture, natural resources, veterinary, and human sciences. Nominees are recognized for their instructional abilities, educational innovation, service to students, scholarship and professionalism (deadline 5/19):

- National Recipients (\$5K awards; 2 recipients)
- Early career recipients (\$2K awards; 2 recipients)
- Teaching and Student engagement recipients (\$5K awards; 2 recipients)
- Regional awards (\$2K awards; 6 recipients)

CLOSING SOON:

Maki Foundation Grants provides \$1,000–\$5,000 to nonprofit organizations throughout the western United States that work on environmental protection with a focus on wilderness and wildlands preservation, river and wetlands conservation, biodiversity, and public lands management. Application guidelines; questions: makifoundation@gmail.com (deadline: 4/30).

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).

▶▶▶ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY, 12-1 PM, virtual [Leveraging Wildfire to Increase Forest Resilience](#)
- TODAY, 1-2 PM, webinar [Adaptive Management & RAD](#) (Resist-Accept-Direct)
- TODAY, 2:30-3:30 PM, virtual [School Garden Success Panel with EENM](#)
- TODAY, 4:30 PM, virtual [The NM Outdoor Classrooms Framework Series](#)
- TODAY, 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 24-26, [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, 10 AM, webinar [Esri Series-State Wildlife Action Plans & GIS - part 2](#)
- April 28, 10 AM, webinar [Esri Series-State Wildlife Action Plans & GIS - part 3](#)
- April 28, 11 AM-12 PM, webinar: [Plan, Predict, & Burn – The New Prescribed Burn Planner](#)
- April 29, 7-8 PM, [Using AI to Protect Both Livestock and Mountain Lions](#), in person and virtual, Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium
- 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](#)
- April 30, 1-4 PM, [Seed Cleaning Volunteer Event at the Southwest Office](#), Santa Fe
- April 30, 12-1 PM, virtual [Integrating Ecological Drought Considerations into Restoration Efforts and Natural Resource Management](#)
- April 30, 2-6 PM, [Luna Community College Skills & Solutions Reverse Job Fair](#), Las Vegas
- April 30, 5-7 PM, [Watershed Social](#), meet people restoring our forests and streams, Sapello Fire Station

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- No plans for [RIFs' at Interior Department](#)
- Forest Service plans to carry out major [reorganization with or without approval](#) from Congress
- Wildland firefighters on track for 25% [hazard pay boost for prescribed burns](#)
- NM representative says [state poised to become national nuclear leader](#)
- NM environment officials adopt [rules for firefighting foams containing PFAS](#)
- [NM Unemployment](#)

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](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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