

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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

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LIFE TIP: April 2026 is dry, windy and eerily reminiscent of 2022, when NM's largest wildfire fundamentally changed a large swath of northeast NM's ecological and socioeconomic trajectories. When last week's Tusas fire flared, the immediacy of memories and anxiousness surfaced with surprising intensity. It was a reminder that many of us are not OK, and there is a lot of mending needed still. In "Why You Can't Just 'Get Over' Trauma: [The Science Behind Healing](#)," working through trauma will take the time it needs, can't be effectively buried or compartmentalized, and is a foundational aspect of living with fire, which is synonymous with living in forested communities and landscapes.

»»» **District Forester (EMNRD #5336) (salary: \$81,349-\$130,159 annually; deadline 5/5)**

Coordinates and directs the implementation of forest and watershed management and protection activities in the counties of Socorro, Hidalgo, Luna, Dona Ana, Sierra, Catron, and Grant. The District Forester evaluates and determines program delivery based on the goals and needs of diverse private landowners, public land management agencies, and cooperators, rural communities and forest-based businesses.

STEM Educator, San Juan College & NM MESA



Lead and inspire students during an engaging week-long program designed to spark curiosity and confidence in STEM. Program runs June 8-12 in Kirkland, NM. Competitive pay, travel stipend, housing and class supplies budget. Contact Shawdeana Smith, ssmith@nmmesa.org; 505-350-9645.

»»» **Facilitator, Equity Kids (salary: \$20 p/hr; deadline: 5/8)**

Part-time position based in Santa Fe, co-leading elementary and/or middle school aged youth in guided conversations about identity, race, culture and social topics. Position includes one week of job training.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance (TERA) is a CA-based intertribal community nonprofit working to revitalize ecology, economy and culture through indigenous-led stewardship. Several open positions include:

- Program Director, oversees TERA's education, training and community engagement programs, growing tribal capacity for ecocultural stewardship. Full-time, non-exempt, offices based in Upper Lake, CA – can be in-person, hybrid, or primarily remote (\$39-\$43 p/hr; deadline: 5/15)
- Program Coordinator, assists with program planning, and supports logistics and participation coordination for workshops, fellowships, EcoCultural TREX, etc. Full-time, non-exempt, in-person position based in Upper Lake, CA (\$24-\$28 p/hr; deadline: 5/15)
- Crew Member, part of inter-tribal hand crew working on vegetation removals/fuels reduction, native seed collection, tree planting, riparian/wetland/oak woodland restoration. 32 hours p/wk, non-exempt, in-person position based in Upper Lake, CA (\$20-\$21 p/hr; deadline: 5/1)

CLOSING SOON:

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.

Other Positions:

- Administrative Intern, Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility, Great Basin Institute, Alamogordo, full-time seasonal position (salary: \$18-\$22 p/hr, deadline: 5/13)
- Engineering Intern, Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility, Great Basin Institute, Alamogordo, full-time seasonal position (salary: \$24-\$25 p/hr, deadline: 5/13)
- Education Specialist Individual Placement, Conservation Corps New Mexico, Las Cruces, full-time seasonal position (salary: \$815.20 p/week)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NM MESA Competition Day will be hosted on 4/30 at Expo NM in ABQ. 51 schools have registered for this day! Volunteers are needed for judges and general logistics; sign up for a half day or a full day. Registrations and details [here](#).

CALL TO ACTION

The 90-mile Rio Grande Trail is a collaborative project envisioned as New Mexico's cross-state recreational trail for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Your feedback is needed on the formation of the Rio Grande Trail Association, to help guide the Association's mission, priorities, governance structure, and early leadership. The 4-minute short survey can be accessed [here](#). Also, a virtual public meeting will be held on April 30 @ 530 PM.

Gallinas Canyon Road Restoration Stakeholder Meeting

April 30 @ 4 PM

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

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- [2026 New Mexico STEM Signing Day](#), a virtual event for graduating high school seniors committing to follow their passion for STEM. Students will sign letters of intent to pursue STEM careers. Five students will win \$1,000 scholarships (deadline: 5/1)
- Teacher Workshop, [Agrivoltaics: Engineering Sustainable Solutions to Food & Energy Production](#), middle school science and agriculture teachers; receive free training, 3-lesson kit, and \$100 stipend (deadline: 5/1)
- [NM Public Education Department Math and Science](#), Focus on Algebra Professional Learning Series (Cohort 4 is a 2-year professional learning series. NM school teams must include 1 school administrator/instructional coach + 1 school instructional leader, and 80% of school staff responsible for math instruction Grades 6-9. Educators will receive up to \$1,300/year (deadline: 5/11)
- [Santa Fe Community Foundation Scholarships](#) (deadline: 6/1)
 - Michael S. Currier Scholarship Fund, for undergrads, min GPA 3.5
 - Sussman-Miller Educational Assistance Fund, for undergrads, min GPA 3.5
 - Las Campanas Community Scholarship Fund, for full- and part-time students; certificate, undergrad, or graduate; min GPA 2.49; must live/work or have a parent who lives/works in 87506 or 87507 zip codes
- [Teacher Treasury](#), a retreat for NM high school financial literacy teachers to build content knowledge, 7/20-7/23 in ABQ, \$250 stipend (deadline: 6/1 or when filled)

SUMMER CAMP

[Math in Mosaic](#), June 8-12 and 15-19. For rising 6th & 7th graders, Española (registration through May)

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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

➤➤➤ 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:

NM Acequia Association (NMAA) is supporting **Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF)** applications; submissions will require a completed engineering design. Contact NMAA at infrastructure@lasacequias.org (grant deadline: 5/9)

CLOSING SOON:

[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).

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY, 11 AM, LANDFIRE virtual series, [From Data to Decision: What's New With Wildfire Risk to Communities?](#)
- TODAY, 7-8 PM, [Using AI to Protect Both Livestock and Mountain Lions](#), in person and virtual, Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium

»»» LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- 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
- May 1, 7-8 PM, [Night Sky in May](#) with PEEC (\$6 child, \$8 adult, \$20 family)
- May 2, 9 AM-12 PM, [Bosque Restoration Field Day](#)
- May 2, 9:30 AM-2 PM, [Intro to Makerspaces & Renewable Energy Educator Workshops](#), Explora in Albuquerque
- May 2, 11 AM-2 PM, [Love Your Watershed Day](#), De Vargas Park, Santa Fe
- May 2, 3-6 PM, [Wildfire Preparedness Day: Ready, Set, Go!](#) Christ Church, Santa Fe
- May 3, 7-10 AM, [Bird Walk at Los Luceros](#) with PEEC
- May 5, 11 AM-12 PM, virtual [Restoring Desert Ciénagas: Working with Water and Context](#)
- May 6-8, [Connecting the Dots: Water Quality and Quantity](#), NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition, annual conference, workshop, and membership meeting, ABQ
- May 7, 4-5 PM, virtual [NUMeROS Learning, Applying, Reflecting](#), teachers welcome
- May 7, 4 PM, [ISQR in NM – Informational Webinar](#), NM Public Education Department Math and Science
- May 7, 4:30-6 PM, [New Mexico Instructional Scope \(NMIS 3.0\)](#) for high school math teachers, NM Public Education Department and TNTIP, webinar
- May 8, 7-8 PM, [Artemis and the Moon](#) with PEEC (\$6 child, \$8 adult, \$20 family)
- May 9, 11 AM-12 PM, [Distant Worlds – Alien Life? With PEEC](#) (\$6 child, \$8 adult, \$20 family)
- May 13, 1-2 PM, webinar [Ecological Drought: Collaborative Planning, Response, and Decision-Making](#)

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- USDA [expands reorganization plans](#), doubling down on employee relocations
- House [appropriators omit civilian federal pay raise](#) from 2027 spending bill
- NM audit finds widespread [mismanagement of Mora County's wildfire recovery funds](#)
- NM judge gives state the chance to argue its case in [universal childcare lawsuit](#)
- Project Jupiter [data center developers announce new plans](#) for generating power
- NM's Time-Honored [Irrigation Canals Face Existential Threat](#)
- [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](#)

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

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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)

