

# CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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

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**LIFE TIP: [RECA Extends to NM Downwinders](#) - After being excluded for far too many years, please spread the word of this hard-fought amendment to friends/family/communities who have been impacted. The Radioactive Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) was recently amended to include New Mexicans impacted by radiation exposure from Trinity and other test sites, plus uranium workers. There is a Dec. 31, 2027, deadline to apply for a one-time payment of \$100K; compensation may be available to descendants of deceased family members. Details on eligibility and application assistance can be found [here](#).**

»»» **Bear and Cougar Biologist, Department of Wildlife (DGF #27531) (salary: \$55,273-\$82,909 annually; deadline 6/5)**

Full-time, Santa Fe position directs research and monitoring on spatial ecology and population dynamics; develops management strategies for bear and cougar conservation and human-wildlife conflict; plus public outreach on co-existence and recreating in wildlife-rich environs.

**Santa Fe Agreement Assistant Project Manager, Bat Conservation International (salary: \$55K-\$65K annually; deadline 6/20)** «««

This full-time position has an anticipated start date of August 2026 and will support the planning, development, and implementation of HPCC range infrastructure and recovery projects and supervision of field crews. This is a remote position funded through 2029.

- Also seeking applicants for [Cultural Resource Specialist](#), a full-time position based in the Southwest who documents/analyzes archaeological sites, completes cultural resource inventories, and writes technical reports (salary: \$60K-\$65K annually; deadline 6/14)



*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

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**Senior Environmental Scientist** (EMNRD #10117455) (salary: 73,568-\$110,352 annually; deadline 6/12) - based in Artesia or Hobbs, this position prioritizes environmental assessment, remediation and restoration.

**Executive Director**, MoGro (Mobile Grocery) (deadline: 6/22) - leadership position within this ABQ-based non-profit to increase access to sustainable, healthy and just food systems.

CLOSING SOON:

**Resilience Manager**, Santa Fe Watershed Association (part-time \$30 p/hr, 20-30 hrs weekly; deadline 6/5) - Leads the watershed planning process including stakeholder engagement, site visits and grant administration.

**Quivira Coalition**, Regenerative Agriculture Non-profit (interviews start 6/8; start date early July; full-time @ 36 hrs weekly, primarily remote based in NM/southern CO)

- **Soil to Supper Director** - experience in rangeland conservation, USDA grants and managing a program that bridges producers with federal funding (salary: \$70K-\$75K annually)
- **Soil to Supper Manager** - experience working with producers, providing technical expertise and conservation planning (salary: \$53K-\$63K annually)
- **Grant Manager** - secures, manages, coordinates and reports on government and private foundation grants and cooperative agreements (salary: \$53K-\$63K annually)

**Other Positions:**

- **Conservation Advocate**, Environment NM – ABQ/ Santa Fe-based position that builds coalitions, develop policy and messaging priorities, fundraise and organize/recruit volunteers (\$39,750-\$46K annually)
- **Park Technician Specialist (Oasis State Park)**, EMNRD – Portales, full-time (\$37,752 - \$56,628 annually; deadline 6/12)
- **Senior Warmwater Fisheries Biologist**, Department of Wildlife – Las Cruces, full-time (\$55,273 - \$82,909 annually; deadline 6/13)
- **VP of Development**, ABQ Community Fdn – hybrid ABQ-based position with a start date by 8/15 (salary: \$110K-\$125K annually)

## SPOTS AVAILABLE: SUMMER BRIDGE ACADEMY

An immersive and intentional residential college readiness program @ NMHU w/ learning experiences in English, social work, STEM, education, media arts and technology. Open to rising juniors, seniors, and graduating seniors. Accommodations and meals included. [Accepting applications](#) for: June 7-12 & June 14-19.

## HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

### Stream Restoration Day, Rio de Las Vacas

June 10, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM, Rio Grande Return, Santa Fe National Forest

Plant willows, install beaver dam analogs, post-assisted log structures, learn about beaver mimicry. RSVP: Karen Menetrey ([karen@riograndeeturn.org](mailto:karen@riograndeeturn.org)).

### Restoration & Erosion Control Workshop

June 12-14, Synergia Ranch, Santa Fe  
Jan-Willem Jansens/Ecotone Landscape Planning will lead restoration site planning and design and constructing low-tech erosion control structures using wood and on-site farm materials. Workshop aims to broaden comprehension of water cycles, climate, and agroecology within our fragile environment.

### Rito Cafe, Jemez Mountains

June 19-21, ABQ Wildlife Federation + Rio Grande Return project

Beaver dam analogs and restoration structures on the western Jemez range. Join for a day or the weekend. Sign up with Abe at [abe@riograndeeturn.org](mailto:abe@riograndeeturn.org).

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**CNM Indigenous Teaching Residency** - Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) is seeking candidates for a residency-based teacher preparedness program for 2026-2027 academic year. This paid, year-long residency (\$35K over a 10-month period) is designed to train individuals in teaching in and for Native communities.

## FEATURED EVENTS

### FRangeland Bullseye Monitoring

June 5, 8 AM-3 PM (lunch included), Lamy, NM  
Learn how to apply the Bullseye method, a qualitative method of assessing grasslands created by Kirk Gazdia, in this workshop led by SF Conservation Trust's Melissa Houser and Ecotone Landscape's Jan-Willem Jansen.  
Registration needed.

### Dineh Tah'Navajo Cultural Program

June 6, 11 AM-330 PM  
Ft. Union National Monument  
Presentations and performances including Hozhoji "Blessingway" prayer and Treaty Fabric distribution, traditional Navajo dances/songs/narration, and tribal historian Shawn Price's presentation on William T. Sherman

### NM Acequia Assoc. Youth Conference

June 12, 9 AM-4 PM, Los Luceros Historic Site, Alcalde  
Growing and Carrying the Future:  
Los Jovenes de las Acequias  
Acequia youth embody a powerful legacy of stewardship, resilience, and community care that sustains land and water for generations. This gathering celebrates strengths, deepens connections to traditions, and empowers youth to shape the future of New Mexico.

### 2026 Annual New Mexico Working Lands Summit: Learning Resilience and Collaboration Across Acequias

June 11-12, 2026, Taos, NM  
Be inspired by acequia systems and collaborative land stewardship with ranchers, community members, and conservationists sharing about cooperative decision-making, managing waterways, fields, and forests.

### Next Generation Water Summit: Increasing Demand, Declining Realities - students free

June 11-12, 2026, New Mexico State Capitol Building (490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe)  
Build and develop community and learn about innovative water conservation and water reuse techniques that comply with water conservation restrictions spreading across the southwest.

### Annual Fort Union Days

June 13 & 14, 9 AM-3 PM, Fort Union National Monument, Watrous  
Learn about 1800s military encampments, soldier and civilian life, and Frontier Army weapons and uniforms. Focusing on the 1850s-1890s, events include living history camps and two presentations on Evolution of Frontier Army Weapons and Uniforms (10 AM & 1 PM).

## SAVE THE DATES!

### **Plants as Restoration Tools**

June 27, 10 AM-230 PM  
Mineral Hill (south of Las Vegas), NM  
A FREE Querencia in Action Landowner Workshop  
Learn how to use wildflowers and grasses to rehabilitate your land damaged from dozer lines and hazard tree removal. FREE seed for attendees.  
RSVP: [shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu).

### **Healing Our Forest, Healing Ourselves**

Coakee William Wildcat & Tofia Safford  
June 25-28, Story Ranch, Mineral Hill  
Multi-day retreat for those wanting to learn about forests and ancestral practices, current and aspiring forest restoration practitioners, people doing decolonizing and re-indigenizing work, lovers of trees and water, and climate and ecology activists. Accommodations, facilities, meals available (\$400 donation suggested); sliding scale available. Register: John McLeod [resistclimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:resistclimatechange@gmail.com), 505-231-1914.

## ➤➤➤ 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:

### Northern NM Pollinator Habitat & Santa Fe Pollinator Trail Habitat Kits

Xerces Society is accepting proposals from landowners and organizations in Northern NM and Santa Fe for habitat improvement projects – FREE seedlings to successful applications (deadline: 6/30).

CLOSING SOON:

2026 NM Youth Outdoors Grant with Environmental Education NM are micro-grants (\$3K-\$5K) for NGOs, schools, Pueblos, and tribes. Grants are awarded one-time only for projects completed by Summer 2027. Funds to be used for direct programming with youth (deadline: 6/10).

## ➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY June 3, 7 PM, Native Seed for Restoration in Southwest Forests and Rangeland
- June 4, 6-745 PM, webinar Amazing Oaks: A Look at Our National Tree
- June 8, 12-1 PM, webinar Progress and Challenges on Understanding Snow Droughts in the Western US
- June 8-11, 830 AM-330 PM, Intergrow Numeracy Foundations workshop, San Juan College
- June 9, 930-1130 AM, webinar Get Charged Up w/ Explora
- June 9-July 14, Thinking Like Water Film Club and Live Conversation series, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate
- June 10, 12 Noon, webinar All the Common Weeds and What They Tell You
- June 10, 5 PM, Tom Swetnam Book Talk and Conservation Discussion, REI Santa Fe
- June 11, 730 PM, Effectiveness of Post-Fire Restoration Structures, Friends Meeting House (1600 5th St. NW, ABQ)
- June 12, 10 AM-12 Noon, workshop Intro to Nature Journaling at Ski Santa Fe – Winsor Trailhead
- June 16, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar Ask the Experts! How Can You Protect Pollinators from Pesticides?

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Forest Service offers separation incentives to employees ahead of relocations
- Many fired probationary employees have not “moved on”
- Common misconceptions about federal retirement benefits
- First phase of Las Vegas, NM water treatment facility to break ground in summer
- NM has unusually active start to wildfire season
- US Supreme Court approves TX vs. NM settlement to end Rio Grande water dispute
- NM State Land office holds hearings to increase oil and gas bond costs
- 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

## 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