

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

June 10, 2026

Students, Colleagues and Peers: lots of events for networking and finding community this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: It's monsoon awareness week and predictions mirror daily life, i.e., things might get better...or not. Despite the common hazards – lightning, dust storms, damaging winds, flash flooding and above normal temperatures – we wish you an electrifying start to the summer season, where you dust off good intentions and dispel damaging negativity, while progressing a flood of goodwill, and above normal levels of compassion.

»»» **Forester (NMSLO #10118835, NM State Land Office (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200; deadline: 6/25)**

This Las Cruces based position is responsible for state trust land for the southern half of the NM and will provide technical expertise in forest and watershed health and ecological conditions of forested ecosystems. The agency has a Non-Emergency Telework Policy, allowing eligible employees up to 24 weekly telework hours.

Garden Caretakers, Tewa Women United (salary: \$20 p/hr; deadline: ASAP) «««

This part-time (20 hrs weekly) 25-week position is based at Espanola Healing Foods Oasis, which utilizes dryland farming techniques and permaculture principles. Two open positions to perform maintenance, care and watering of all plants and trees.

»»» **Staff Ecologist, Acadis**

Mid-level position working with renewable energy and linear infrastructure in 5 intermountain states, including Albuquerque, NM.



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)

Vegetation Management Specialist, Sr, PNM (salary: \$73,060-\$120,548 annually)

Contributes directly to planning, developing, initiating and modifying a system-wide vegetation management program that includes the pruning and removal of trees, brush control and herbicide applications on various transmission and distribution rights-of-way.

CLOSING SOON:

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

Other Positions:

- Los Lunas Refugium – College Undergraduate Intern, Office of the State Engineer - Los Lunas, full-time, temporary (salary: \$16.50 - \$24.75 p/hr; deadline: 6/10)
- Environmental Scientist, EMNRD – Aztec, full-time (salary: \$66,880 - \$100,320 annually; deadline: 6/12)
- Lead Water Resources Professional, Ofc of the State Engineer – ABQ, full-time (salary: \$93,552 - \$149,683 annually; open till filled)
- Assoc. Water Resources Professional - District I, Ofc of the State Engineer – ABQ, full-time (salary: \$60,800 - \$91,200 annually; open till filled)

CALL TO ACTION

The Water Quality Control Commission will hold public hearings on the implementation of SB 21 from June 8–18, 2026. Parciantes, commissioners, mayordomos, farmers, ranchers, and community members are invited to provide public comment and share why protecting clean water matters.

Public Comment Time: Daily at 1:00 PM during the hearings (daily through June 18)

In Person: NM State Capitol, Room 309, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM

Virtual: Webex Meeting Link

Time Limit: Each commenter limited to 3 minutes

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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@riograndereturn.org.

JOIN US: Querencia in Action Landowner Workshop

Plants as Restoration Tools

June 27, 10 AM-230 PM

Mineral Hill (south of Las Vegas), NM

Learn how to use wildflowers and grasses to rehabilitate your land impacted by hazard tree removal, dozer lines and other disturbances

FREE seed for participants; lunch included

RSVP for details: shantinir@nmhu.edu; 505-426-2226

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.

026 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).

AgriFuture

June 15-17, 2026, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (2401
12th St NW, Albuquerque)

Do you want to learn about the agriculture industry and how you can become more involved? Current producers are encouraged to join alongside future producers to learn and share insights.

Fashion & Pastimes

June 19-21, 10 AM & 1 PM, Fort Union National
Monument, Watrous

Featuring 1800s clothing styles, leisure activities, and how both related to economics and social structures.

FREE Community Concert

June 20, Collins Lake Ranch, Cleveland in Mora
11 AM Family Dance / 430 PM ukelele lessons for
children and adults / 6 PM main event with Fast Pecos

Earthstar Land Practice Mentorship is a six-month (6/21-
Dec. 2026) online mentorship with select in-person
gatherings, including a camp out. Program includes
passive solar design, rainwater harvesting, arid land
restoration, permaculture, regenerative soils, etc.
\$600-\$1K p/p, payment plans and partial scholarships
available.

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, 505-231-1914.

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

REMINDERS:

2026-2027 Opening Doors to Nature Scholarship Program - The Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge is accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. Scholarships begin at \$500 and are open to undergraduates (or equivalent) who are or will be enrolled in conservation or environment-focused degree or certificate programs for Fall 2026. The application deadline is 6/15.

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.

➤➤➤ 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:

Truist Foundation Grant supports communities via innovative nonprofits that work with adults and align with these priorities: building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses. Examples of funding support include a new program launch, curriculum to expand/strengthen a program, equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs (minimum grant size: \$15K; deadline: 7/31).

CLOSING SOON:

DUE TODAY 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).

NM boosts grant funding for youth outdoor equity program – Tier 2 funding (awards: \$41K-\$100K) for organizations with a \$500K operating budget

- Letters of interest due **6/12**
- Grant application window from 7/1-7/30

Research and Education Pre-proposals from the **Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)** supports projects that can be completed in 1-3 years (award ceiling: \$350K; deadline 6/15).

Foresters Fund with **Society of American Foresters (SAF)** supports grassroots projects and activities and is awarded to SAF local units. Funding goes to projects that address the key themes: Education and Outreach and Professional Growth. The fund offers Regular (up to \$2,000) and Special (up to \$5,000). The next Regular Grant deadline is 6/15.

»»» LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- 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 11, 4-530 PM, webinar [Outdoor Advocacy & Policy Workshop](#), with Total NM
- 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?](#)
- June 16, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar [Intermountain West June Drought Update and Outlook](#)
- June 18, 630-8 PM, workshop [Middle Rio Grande Emergency, Confronting the Crisis Together](#) with NM Water Advocates
- June 22, 11 AM, webinar [Wings Unharmed: Global Approaches to Mitigating Wildlife Collisions - Part 1](#)
- June 23, 10 AM, webinar [Wings Unharmed: Global Approaches to Mitigating Wildlife Collisions - Part 2](#)
- June 23, 4-530 PM, webinar [Early Childhood and Getting Outdoors \(<4 year olds\)](#)
- June 24, 11 AM, webinar [Fire Regimes, BpS and Decision Support](#) with LANDFIRE
- June 23, 4-530 PM, webinar [Early Childhood and Getting Outdoors \(5-8 year olds\)](#)
- June 25, 130-330 PM, webinar [Engineering with Recyclables](#) w/ Explora
- June 25-26, [Reimagining Tribal Fire Credential Governance: Strengthening Sovereignty and Building Capacity](#), Museum of Indian Arts & Culture
- June 25, 6-745 PM, movie [The Little Things That Run the World](#), Los Alamos Nature Center
- June 30, 12 Noon, webinar [RestoreNet: A field trial network to improve restoration outcomes across environmental gradients](#) with the Southwest Fire Science Consortium

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- ~8,000 [federal positions moved](#) to Schedule Policy/Career
- The Forest Service wants to [close research hubs](#) to save money; that could be costly
- [Why wildfire experts are so worried](#) about this year's fire season
- [Herbicide application begins](#) in the HPCC Burned Area
- The cost of [cutting American science](#)
- [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 | 505-454-3006
After-Hours Crisis Line (Available 24/7): 505-795-3665
Sunrise Clinic): 505-454-3218, 901 Baca Ave, Las Vegas