

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: Exciting new positions with NGOs this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: Well worth the read in its entirety: [All've It](#) opening salvo...

*I think every human being
eventually has a moment
where they are standing outside in sweatpants
that have lost the will to be pants,
holding a trash bag, a divorce, a parking ticket,
or some other receipt from the universe
that says, "surprise, this too is part of it."*

»»» **Youth & Partnership Coordinator, Forest Stewards Guild (salary: \$27.50-\$29 p/hr; deadline: 7/31)**

Full-time hybrid position, based in ABQ or Santa Fe, provides key capacity within two cornerstone efforts at the Guild, namely the Forest Stewards Youth Corps and the Cultivando Conservación program. Responsibilities include field supervision and crew training, plus multi-stakeholder coordination. Priority review for applications received by 7/31.

Tree NM, regional part-time coordinator (salary: \$20-23 p/hr; deadline 7/26) «««

Up to three (3) contract positions (1099) for Las Vegas NeighborWoods Program. Positions will manage program development of large-scale tree plantings, community engagement, event coordination, plus volunteer recruitment and training. Candidates who are reliable, driven, organized, personable and passionate about growing the tree canopy in the original Las Vegas are encouraged to apply. Priority review by 7/26; applicants should email their resume and cover letter, including two references, to statewideplantings@treenm.org.

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District Forester, NM Forestry Division, EMNRD #5336 (salary: \$83,790-\$134,063 annually; deadline 7/15): Full-time Socorro position direct forest management, watershed protection, and wildfire response across non-federal lands in multiple NM counties. This forester oversees the budget, staff, and regulatory compliance to ensure healthy and resilient forests. The role also delivers technical assistance and fuel reduction projects to local landowners and communities.

Engine Boss (EMNRD #10115197), NM Forestry Division (salary: \$56,931-\$85,396 annually; deadline: 7/16): This full-time Tierra Amarilla position oversees the wildland fire emergency staff and equipment within the Chama district to ensure constant emergency response readiness. The role manages wildland fire training, gear maintenance, and community outreach while coordinating with landowners and agency partners during fire suppression and prevention activities.

➤➤➤ FEATURED EVENTS

The Bosque Education Guide Workshop

July 17, 9 AM-4:30 PM, Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center (\$25 p/p)

Hands-on professional development workshop that trains educators to use the Bosque Education Guide, an interdisciplinary science curriculum that engages students in the local bosque ecosystem. Workshop participants will practice teaching key concepts while preparing to guide students through physical river models and field research. Registration required.

2025 Synergia Ranch Conference: “Water. Wind. Wisdom. Inspiring Regenerative Solutions to Desertification”

July 17-19, Synergia Ranch, Santa Fe

This three-day conference brings together speakers and practitioners to address desertification through knowledge-sharing and hands-on workshops.

Participants will explore practical techniques for regenerative lands and water stewardship.

Registration required: conference tickets @ \$285 p/p; full day passes @ \$100 p/p; ½-day passes @ \$50 p/p). Some need-based scholarships available.

Hands On Earth: Diving Into Watersheds

July 20-23, Mineral Hill, south of Las Vegas

Overnight learning camp at Story Ranch for youth age 10-13 years. \$25 p/p fee; registration: Renee Hernandez; 505-310-2612;

rhernandez@hermitspeakwatersheds.org.

EENM Outdoor Learning Summit

Register by 8/15 for \$25 early bird discount (\$50 p/p); scholarships available.

Sept. 12: 9 AM-4 PM, Berna Facio Professional Development Center, 3315 Louisiana Blvd NE in ABQ; agenda and workshop sessions to follow.

Sept 13: 9 AM-1230 PM, tour and field trip of Agri-Nature Center, 4920 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque (lunch included); attendees are responsible for own transportation.

Technologies for Utilization of Forest Biomass

Continuing Ed UNM course starting 8/17 on the use of forest biomass and products; Monday & Wednesdays, 5-615 PM (live online). \$1500 p/p; scholarships available. Contact: Dr. Eva Stricker, evadr@unm.edu.

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS:

EENM Fellowship Program (deadline 8/7)

Accepting applications for their 4th cohort of fellows; programming from September 2026-August 2027 and will include participation in the NM Outdoor Learning Summit on 9/12. The fellowship is a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge of outdoor, environmental, place-based, and land-based education while building a supportive professional community. Monthly virtual presentations, and completion of a community capstone project; \$1,500 stipend plus travel expenses for in-person programming.

>>> 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:

Santa Fe Community Foundation's Fall Grants are now open through 8/16 for applications that support the following priorities:

- Community Grants for NGOs in Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Santa Fe counties that bolster Arts & Culture, Education and Environment
- Envision Fund supports health and safety among at-risk communities
- Native American Advised Fund serves NGOs committing to Native values, community, language, culture and environment
- Santa Fe Baby Fund is an early childhood granting program for NGOs based in Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Santa Fe counties

Pre-proposal informational sessions (registration required):

- TOMORROW, 7/16, 10-11 AM
- July 28, 3-4 PM

Note: **SFCF's Giving Together** – annual catalog of funding is now a standalone application

CALL TO ACTION

30-day comment period for EMRND's proposed rule re: Timber Grading Certification Program requirements including certificate issuance, training, instructor qualifications, and processes for suspension or revocation. Public hearing: 8/14 @ 9 AM, Wendell Chino Building, Santa Fe (in person and virtual).

Joint Fire Science Program supports research and science delivery that addresses emerging and long-term wildland fire management challenges across three funding opportunities (deadline: 9/17):

- Fire Leaders and Managers, Emerging Scientists (FLAMES) supports graduate student applications that provide opportunities for experiential learning and exposure to fire management practices, fostering peer-learning, mentorship and career development (award ceiling: \$40K).
- Drivers of changing wildfire regimes and consequences for wildfire risk factors support efforts that improve understanding of the drivers and consequences of changing wildfire regimes to inform future management and monitoring plans that accelerate adaptation to these altered regimes that reduce wildland fire risk factors (average awards: \$300K-500K).
- Smoke impacts from prescribed fire and wildfire seeks to better understand the impacts of prescribed fire and wildfire on smoke emissions - to inform appropriate timing, frequency, and extent of prescribed fire programs that maximize ecological benefits while minimizing air quality impacts on communities; and to inform a standardized methodology for tracking prescribed fire emissions (average awards: \$300K-500K).

NM Youth Conservation Corps funds projects up to 26 weeks in length (award ceiling: \$225K; deadline: 9/23). Reimbursable-based funding for youth crews ages 14-25 years; minimum crew size = 5 members. 70% of funds for wages, workers' comp, FICA, etc., 30% funds for training & supplies; 10% match required (in-kind allowable). Pre-proposal webinars (registration required):

- [July 22, 10-11 AM](#)
- [Aug. 14, 10-11 AM](#)

CLOSING SOON:

Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) supports STEM teaching and learning; applications that transform institutions to adopt successful practices in STEM education (deadline: 7/15).

EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program: **EPSCoR Collaborations for Optimizing Research Ecosystems** (E-CORE) promotes partnerships among academic institutions, government agencies, industries and NGOs to drive long-term investment in research infrastructure and boost R&D capacity (\$37.5M available for up to 15 new E-CORE awards; deadline 7/21).

NSF's **Faculty Early Career Development Program** supports early-career faculty who serve as academic role models in research and education, advancing departmental missions of their organization (award ~ \$400K for 5 years; deadline: 7/22).

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- July 15, 11AM-12 Noon, webinar [Adaptation in Action: Forest Management Strategies for a Changing Climate](#)
- July 15, 2-4 PM, webinar (or in-person in ABQ) [F2F Hub Webinar – Hedgerows](#) with the Institute for Applied Ecology
- July 15, 4-6 PM, [Nature at Night: Worms & Wildflowers](#), Los Alamos Nature Center
- July 18, 845 AM-12 Noon, guided [Butterfly Walk](#), Los Alamos Nature Center
- July 18, [Pecos Rare Plant Survey](#) with the NPSNM Santa Fe Chapter. Inquiries: santafe@npsnm.org.
- July 21, 2 PM, webinar [Ask a Woodland Expert](#) w/ the Pinyon-Juniper Management Network
- July 21, 530-730 PM, [Backyard Refuge Habitat Chat](#) at the Ciudad SWCD's office in ABQ
- July 23, 930-1130 AM, webinar [Color-Licious](#) w/ Explora
- July 24, 1-230 PM, webinar [Leading Toward Liberation: Indigenous Lessons on Accountability, Power, and Collective Care](#) with Santa Fe Community Foundation
- Aug. 6, 12-1 PM, webinar [2025 NM Forest Health Conditions: A View from Above](#)
- Aug. 23, 9 AM-12 Noon, [Botanica del Rio Grande](#), bilingual plant workshop

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Arbitrator orders Forest Service to [roll back return-to-office](#) requirements
- Researchers track [worsening surface ozone pollution](#) from wildfires
- [After Wildfire NM Storymap](#) – updated June 2026
- NM Healthy Soil Working Group launches [new resource hub](#)
- [NM Unemployment](#)



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)

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](https://www.guidanceresources.com) provides 24/7 support, resources and
 information for all NM state employees
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): [988lifeline.org](https://www.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