

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: Options for environmental educators, foresters and seasonal technicians this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: “When we talk about conservation, especially in those areas that are often viewed by others on the outside as ‘wasteland’ — as someplace that can be sacrificed — we begin to value not only the lands that are there, but the people who live there. And we begin to say to one another, ‘We see you, I value you, I want something better for you.’” ~ [Theresa Pasqual](#)

»»» **Wildlife Educator Coordinator (DOW #5011), Dept. of Wildlife (salary: \$56,931 \$85,396 annually; deadline: 7/31)**

Full-time ABQ-based position to develop educational resources and interactive lessons for the public, K-12 youth, and environmental educators. Responsibilities include implementing in-school and community programs, teacher training, curriculum development, accessible wildlife recreation and supporting key DOW programming (e.g., Youth Hunter Education, Outdoor Adventure Show, Archery Programs, etc.)

Seed Collection Crew Lead, NPS & Great Basin Institute (salary: \$24 p/hr; deadline: 7/22)



Based in Roswell, this seasonal position starts 7/27 for 14 weeks of full-time employment. This position will scout and map target plant populations, collect/process/ship seeds, prepare herbarium samples, manage data and fieldwork logistics.



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)

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Forester, TX A&M Forest Service (\$4,500 p/month) - Recent graduates or students graduating in 2026 are encouraged to apply for this TX-based position (Kountze, TX or Woodville, TX) for this training position for a future District Forester role. The position includes traditional forestry work, e.g., assisting landowners with forest management, forest stewardship, and outreach programs, plus supporting Texas A&M Forest Service's wildfire and emergency response mission. The individual selected will be involved in wildfire preparedness, incident response, emergency management activities, and developing the operational skills needed to eventually assume a District Forester position.

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.

CLOSING SOON:

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.

OTHER POSITIONS:

- Interpretive Ranger – Rio Grande Nature Center (EMNRD #5807), EMNRD, Albuquerque, full-time (salary: \$42,773 - \$64,160 annually; deadline: 7/22)
- Communications Coordinator, Quivira Coalition, Santa Fe, full-time (salary: \$46,332 - \$53,000 annually)
- Wildlife Area Manager (DOW #10114668), Dept of Wildlife, Albuquerque, full-time (salary: \$56,931 - \$85,396; deadline: 7/31)

>>> CALL TO ACTION

CLOSING JULY 29: Public comments are open regarding proposals to revoke Public Land Order 7923, which would reduce/strip protective buffer zones surrounding the **Chaco Culture National Historical Park** and open the Greater Chaco Region to oil and gas drilling. Templates from NM Wild and for Pueblo community members available.

FEATURED EVENTS

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/information: Renee Hernandez; 505-310-2612; rhernandez@hermitspeakwatersheds.org

AWF Manuelitas Creek

Aug. 14-16, north of Las Vegas
Join a habitat restoration project within a green island of the HPCC burn scar; spend a day or the weekend with volunteers and stewards building low-tech structures to stabilize downcutting in an arroyo, capture soil and slow down surface water. Details and directions: Finn at abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com.

NM Wild Black Canyon Invasive Bull Thistle Removal Project

Aug. 21-23, Black Canyon, Gila NF
Volunteer project removing invasive bull thistle with hand tools; volunteers encouraged to camp starting Friday evening at Lower Black Canyon Campground before meeting at 9 AM on Saturday. Registration is required; email keila@nmwild.org with questions.

Midnight Meadows Restoration Event

Aug. 21-23, Lagunita saddle, ~17 miles east of Questa on FR 134
Annual volunteer weekend event building low-tech watershed restoration structures in the Midnight Meadows complex with Amigos Bravos and partners. Registration is required. Contact: Elliot Hendry, ehendry@amigosbravos.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; summit 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 their 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.

HPCC UPDATE

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has released updated guidance on water filtration systems for residents impacted by HPCC contaminants. The guide compares countertop and under-sink systems, explains the common filter certifications, and offers tips on choosing the right filter. Information for Mora, San Miguel, and Taos residents can be found [here](#).

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Communities for Clean Water (CCW) – Youth Cohort Program (deadline 7/24)

CCW is looking for youth cohort members, ages 14-25, to work on projects that support the coalition's current initiatives. The program runs from 8/3 - 11/20, and work includes 4 in-person workshops with member organizations and 8 online meetings. Participants also receive a \$550 stipend. Contact: Kalyn Mae Finnell at communitiesforcleanwater@gmail.com.

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:

REMINDERS

Santa Fe Community Foundation's Fall Grants are now open through 8/16 for applications.

Pre-proposal informational sessions (registration required):

- July 28, 3-4 PM

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 (TODAY!)

CLOSING SOON:

2026 Farmer Innovation Program Micro Grand Application – Summer Rural/Tribal: Farm to Table (FTT) NM Farmer Innovation Program (MNFIP) is accepting applications for micro-grants for one-year awards for short-term projects that promote regenerative agriculture, climate resilience, and healthy food access in rural and tribal communities (\$20K max; deadline: 7/27).

Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART funding for Drought Response Program to assist communities in preparing for and responding to drought, including drought contingency planning and construction of drought resilience projects (deadline 7/28; award ceiling \$1.5M)

»»» LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- July 23, 630 PM, webinar [Lower Rio Grande Settlement Facts and Fictions](#)
- 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
- July 30, 6-730 PM, [DIY Rain Barrel Workshop](#) at the Los Alamos Nature Center (admission \$40/person)
- 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
- Aug. 27, 2 PM, webinar [State of the Science: Pinyon Jays](#) w/ the Pinyon-Juniper Management Network
- Aug. 28, 9 AM-1 PM, [Los Cuentos Del Paisaje](#), Bilingual Writing Workshop w/ Song Dog Relations
- Sept. 17, 5-615 PM, virtual [Place-Based STEAM Educator Workshop](#) w/ Explora

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- After returning to office, [federal employees report low productivity](#), morale.
- With fewer wildlife habitat protections, [logging advocates eye New Mexico forests](#).
- NM acequia advocates renew [effort for disaster funding amid floods, fires and drought](#).
- [What the river carries](#). The Rio Grande is the lifeblood of New Mexico. What's in it should alarm all New Mexicans.
- Native American [tribes came together to secure their rights to CO river water](#). Four states are stalling the deal.
- [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