

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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

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LIFE TIP: "This... is how moral transformation happens and integrity opens—not by rejecting suffering but by incorporating the suffering into a stronger material, the material of goodness, so that the broken parts of our nature, our society, and our world can meet in the gold of wholeness."

~ [Roshi Joan Halifax](#) on kintsugi/kintsukuroi

>>> **Ecologist, Institute for Applied Ecology (salary: \$30-\$32 p/hr; deadline: 8/19)**

This full-time Santa Fe-based position leads restoration and research projects and is responsible for working with and building relationships with partners, developing technical guides, and leading project staff, volunteers, and contractors. Preferred start date: 9/8.

Lincoln National Forest Project Coordinator, National Forest Foundation <<< **(salary: \$75,000-\$86,250 annually; deadline: 9/5 or until filled)**

This full-time 3-year term position will support forest restoration projects in southern NM. Responsibilities include cultivating partnerships, developing wood products opportunities, facilitating RFPs and contracts for restoration and reforestation efforts, and providing project oversight. Position is remote, and based in Ruidoso, Alamogordo or Cloudcroft.

>>> **Director of Environment and Natural Resources, Nambe Pueblo (salary: \$72,800 annually)**

This full-time Nambe-based position develops strategic plans that prioritize natural resources, establishes goals and objectives, identifies protection challenges, manages grant funding and compliance, and coordinates environmental monitoring,

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Conservation Specialist, NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Inst. (salary: \$58,656-\$65K annually)

This position combines land stewardship, training and education, and community engagement. Must be comfortable working with northern NM rural communities. We are looking for someone with relevant qualifications and willingness and enthusiasm to learn on the job. Start date negotiable; questions: shantinir@nmhu.edu.

Wildfire Ambassador Coordinator, Village of Angel Fire (open until filled)

Based in Angel Fire, this full-time position focuses on strengthening wildfire-adapted community efforts. Working with the Wildland Fuels Management Division, the Coordinator plays a key role in wildfire preparedness, hazard mitigation, and homeowner education. Key responsibilities include leading the DSO Home Assessment Program, providing guidance to homeowners, and planning and implementing education and outreach events.

STILL HIRING: Regional Part-Time Coordinator, Tree New Mexico (salary: \$20-\$30 p/hr)

Based in Las Vegas, NM, Tree New Mexico is seeking three part-time Regional Program Coordinators (1099 contractor position) to launch and manage the new Las Vegas NeighborWoods Program. Coordinators will organize large-scale community planting events and lead community outreach and engagement. Responsibilities include managing event logistics and serving as primary point-of-contact during planting events, mapping and tracking adopted trees, and developing/delivering community tree education programs.

>>> CLOSING SOON

TODAY! **Senior Wildland Firefighter (EMNRD #5541), EMNRD (salary: \$47,050-\$70,575 annually; deadline: 8/12)** - This full-time Santa Fe-based position leads a 5-person veteran crew in wildland fire, prescribed fire and forestry projects. Provides professions training and develops red card validation for agency personnel.

OTHER POSITIONS:

- **Point Source Lead Water Resources Professional (NMED #10118395)**, NM Environment Dept., Santa Fe (salary: \$96,358-\$154,173 annually; deadline: 8/19)
- **Hunter, Angler & Outdoor Skills Coordinator (DOW #49918)**, Dept. of Wildlife, ABQ (salary: \$56,931-\$85,396 annually; deadline: 8/19)
- **Water Resources Professional (NMED #12181)**, NM Environment Dept., ABQ, full-time (salary: \$75,775-\$113,663 annually; deadline: 8/24)
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- **Environmental Scientist (NMED #80032)**, NM Environment Dept., Santa Fe, full-time (salary: \$68,886-\$103,330 annually; deadline: 8/24)

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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; keila@nmwild.org.

Midnight Meadows Restoration Event

Aug. 21-23, Lagunita saddle, ~17 miles east of Questa on FR 134

Annual volunteer weekend building low-tech watershed restoration structures in the Midnight Meadows complex with Amigos Bravos and partners. Registration required; Elliot Hendry, ehendry@amigosbravos.org.

Wetland Meadow Restoration in Limestone Canyon

Sept. 4-6, San Mateo Mountains - Register by 8/28

Labor Day volunteer weekend building one-rock dams and log structures to slow and spread water with ABQ Wildlife Federation and NM Volunteers for the Outdoors. Dispersed camping is available, but camping is not required. Contact: Jim (Sagebrush) Sells, 505-898-6245; j.sells@nmvfo.org.

CALL TO ACTION

Public comment for Dept. Of Interior's [review of policies that protect 200 million acres of public land](#), managed by BLM, NPS and USFWS is open through Friday. Perspective from [NM Sen. Heinrich](#) (deadline: 8/14).

Draft Water Security Planning Act Guidelines Open for Public Input: The NM Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) invites input on the draft guidelines under the Water Security Planning Act (WSPA) through 8/31. Virtual meetings: [Aug. 13, 12-130 PM](#) and [Aug. 17, 6-8 PM](#).

NMED is seeking public input on future **PFAS protections for consumers** related to [House Joint Memorial 3](#); public comment portal to open next week. [Public webinar on Aug. 18, 2-330 PM](#).

IndigenousWays Festival

Aug. 14, Santa Fe Railyard Water Tower

An open-air celebration of music, art, culture, and storytelling. CommUNITY honors shared traditions, uplifted voices, and the power of coming together. This is a free, all-ages festival.

Summer Pollinator Fiesta at Bosque del Apache

Aug. 15: 8 AM-2 PM, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

Includes opportunities to learn about pollinators, crafts, and a shuttle to the refuge pollinator project.

First Fort & Arsenal Tours

Aug. 15, Fort Union National Monument

Free 2-hour tours via caravan. Two tours available: 930 AM and 1 PM. Tours begin at the visitor center and include living history and historical weapons.

New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit

Proposal application deadline: Aug. 20; Summit: Oct. 14-16, Silver City

“Adapting Together in a Changing Fire Ecosystem,” brings together community members, fire services professionals, conservation groups, and government representatives to collaborate on resilient landscape and fire adaptation initiatives. Open call for presentations on projects in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI): 100-word description, 20-word title and subtitle, short speaker bio, and A/V needs. Information: hwoods@nmcounties.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.

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The Common Edge Habitat Field Presents: A Butterfly Celebration!

Aug. 22, 10 AM-noon, Open Space Visitor Center, ABQ

Free event for visitors to celebrate and learn about butterflies with butterfly expert Renée Robillard. Activities include guided butterfly identification walks, a presentation on Butterflies of Open Space, and other family-friendly learning and exploration opportunities.

Community Conversation on education

Sept. 1, 8-1030 AM, Hotel Glorieta, Santa Fe

Community conversation with LANL Director Thom Mason to discuss collaboration opportunities between LANL and the K-12 education community. Features a panel of education leaders. Attendance is free, and breakfast will be served. Registration is required.

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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SRFSN Travel Support Funding (priority deadline: 8/31)

The Southern Rockies Fire Science Network (SRFSN) is accepting funding requests for September 2026 travel activities. Eligible travel activities promote the exchange of wildfire science, strengthen partnerships, enhance training opportunities, and/or support fire-related outreach and engagement. Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

>>> 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:

REMINDER: **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 webinar Aug. 14, 10-11 AM.

CLOSING SOON:

Santa Fe Community Foundation's Fall Grants closes 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

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

<<< WOMEN IN THE FIELD: CHAINSAW SAFETY AND SKILLS WORKSHOP >>>

Sept. 19, 8 AM-5 PM, Wildfire Resiliency Training Center, Luna Community College
Free women's chainsaw course for beginners, focusing on chainsaw safety, fundamental skills, and basic maintenance. PPE, saws, and lunch are provided.

Contact: Megan Rangel-Lynch, 818-731-5944 or mrangel-lynch@forestguild.org

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>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- Aug. 19, 12-1 PM, webinar [Indigenous Agroforestry Network](#)
- Aug. 22, 10 AM-12 Noon, The Common Edge Habitat Field Presents: [A Butterfly Celebration!](#) Open Space Visitor Center (6500 Coors Blvd., ABQ)
- Aug. 23, 9 AM-12 Noon, [Botanica del Rio Grande](#), bilingual plant workshop
- Aug. 25, 9 AM-4 PM, in-person [New World Screwworm \(NWS\) Training Workshop](#) at NMSU; registration required
- Aug. 25, 7-830 PM, in-person and virtual [The Wind Rivers – Off-Trail Los Alamos Mountaineers Talk](#); registration required
- Aug. 27, 2 PM, webinar [State of the Science: Pinyon Jays](#)
- Aug. 28, 9 AM-1 PM, [Los Cuentos Del Paisaje](#), bilingual writing workshop
- Aug. 29, 10 AM-2 PM, [Bear Fest](#) at the Los Alamos Nature Center
- Sept. 3, 1 PM, webinar [Food Security](#); 2026 Tribal Community Resilience Webinar Series
- Sept 3, 5-7 PM, in-person educator workshop [Renewable Energy: Water Power](#), Explora, ABQ
- Sept 17, 5-615 PM, virtual educator workshop [Place-Based STEAM Workshop](#) w/ Explora
- Sept. 26, 6 PM, in-person lecture [An Evening with Joy Harjo: Storytelling, Culture, and the Environment](#) at The KiMo in ABQ (tickets: \$15)

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)



FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- [Frijoles Fire balloons to over 6,000 acres](#)
- NM delegation introduces [bill to ban uranium mining](#) in the Chama watershed
- Much of NM's [tribal, pueblo land ripe for geothermal power](#), energy leader tells lawmakers
- [State of the Climate](#): a dimming, overheated planet, with degraded oceans
- [‘Sustainable’ logging operations are clear-cutting](#) Canada's climate-fighting forests
- [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](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)

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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