

# CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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

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**LIFE TIP:** *"To refuse to participate in the shaping of our future is to give it up. Do not be misled into passivity either by false security ("They don't mean me") or by despair ("There's nothing we can do"). Each of us must find our work and do it."*

~ Audre Lorde

## >>> **Executive Director, Amigos Bravos (salary: \$120K-\$140K annually)**

Full-time leadership position (hybrid, preferably based in northern NM) to oversee NGO with \$2.5M annual budget. Must be an effective advocate for the mission, working with local, regional, state and national partners to pursue resources, policies, programs, and strategies that will ensure the long-term health of New Mexico's waters and the communities impacted by water pollution.

## **Manager, Project Management, NM Reforestation Center (deadline: 8/30)**



Based in Mora, this position will lead and coordinate projects that support forest restoration and reforestation, oversee project planning, implementation, budgeting, and stakeholder coordination, and timely deliverables.

## >>> **Resource Specialist, Bernalillo County (salary: \$22.81-\$36.01 p/hr; deadline: 8/24)**

The Open Space Resource Specialist supports the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources across County parks, open spaces, trails, and related programs. Key responsibilities include coordinating and monitoring agricultural programs, managing volunteers and service projects, planning and maintaining trails, facilitating external research and monitoring, etc.

**Environmental Scientist (NMED#12341), Dept. of the Environment (salary: \$68,886-\$103,330; deadline: 9/1)** - This Clovis-based position protects public health and groundwater resources.

Responsibilities include conducting inspections, investigating complaints, reviewing permits, and providing technical assistance.

**REMINDER 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, for candidates based in Ruidoso, Alamogordo or Cloudcroft.

CLOSING SOON:

**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.

**Interviews start soon! 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; no earlier than 10/19. Questions: [shantinir@nmhu.edu](mailto:shantinir@nmhu.edu).

## CALL TO ACTION

**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.

NMED is seeking public input on future **PFAS protections** for consumers related to House Joint Memorial 3; public comment is open through 9/17.

*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))*



## NMHU STUDENTS: NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholars (deadline 8/26)

The New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) is accepting applications to the Fall 2026 Undergraduate Research Scholars program! This opportunity awards full-time undergraduate students in STEM majors a \$2,500 stipend for conducting scientific research with a NMHU faculty member and presenting their work at the student research conference in Las Cruces. Apply by 8/26.

## [Re]Generation Fellowships (deadline: 8/31)

Full conference scholarships to ranches, farmers and students to REGENERATE: Stewardship in Action conference in Santa Fe, Oct. 28-30.

## Future City Competition: Fire-Resilient Future

A hands-on cross-curricular program for Grades 6-12 using the Engineering Design Process and project management skills to showcase solutions for a citywide sustainability challenge.

# >>> FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CLOSING SOON:

TODAY! Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs) supports intensive research in any NSF-funded research priorities. Award duration ~ 3-5 years; typical REU Site hosts 8-10 students per year (awards: \$100K-\$155K p/yr; deadline: 8/19).

Professional Services Fund is a one-year pilot program that connects NGOs with consultants to build capacity in strategic planning, financial modeling, fundraising, communications, governance, legal guidance and organizational restructuring. Eligible NGOs include orgs who provide direct service to NM communities, with annual budgets of between \$500K-\$3M and have experienced a 30% or greater public funding disruption. No cash award; professional consulting and technical assistance (deadline: 8/25).

## HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 505-898-6345; [j.sells@nmvfo.org](mailto:j.sells@nmvfo.org).

## **Conservation Essentials with NM Land Conservancy**

Aug. 19, 2-4 PM, TCEDC 1021 Salazar Rd., Taos  
Learn the fundamentals of conservation easements: what they are, how the process works; what landowners retain versus give up; and the tax and financial benefits.

## **Acequia Drought Resilience Project Upper Rio Grande Basin Working Group Meeting**

Aug. 20, 330-6 PM, Northern NM College, Event Center Admin Bldg. in Española  
Regional leaders, commissioners, parciantes, agencies and NGOs are coming together to increase their collective ability to adapt to and mitigate droughts and floods. Lessons from the Rio Chama and Santa Cruz Regional Acequia associations will be shared. Review the first draft of the acequia drought resilience handbook; prepare for ISC Regional Water Planning process.

## **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](mailto:hwoods@nmcounties.org).

## **Tucking the Soil in for Winter Workshop**

August 26, Waterflow, NM  
Join the New Mexico Healthy Soil Working Group and DA' AHKÉ HOTSA for a field workshop highlighting cover cropping for forage, drought resilience, nutrient cycling.

## **Northern NM Small Business Seminar**

Aug. 27, 10 AM-5 PM, Luna Community College MEC Auditorium  
This free seminar brings together entrepreneurs, small business owners, community partners, and resources to provide a day of networking, learning, and empowerment.

## **Disturbance: The Art and Ecology of Change**

Aug. 28, 5 PM opening reception, The Gallery @ Hotel Willa, Taos  
What might happen if we expand the ecological idea of “disturbance” to our own lives and communities? 11 artists and 6 ecologists came together to explore the ecological concept of “disturbance,” an event that reorganizes an ecosystem, altering relationships among species while creating new possibilities for life. Disturbance invites us to imagine that reorganization together—not by returning to the world we remember, but by learning how to accompany the one that is emerging.

## **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 required.

## **Bullseye Monitoring Workshop**

Sept. 4, 8 AM-3 PM, Lamy (lunch included)  
The Bullseye method is a simple, holistic, qualitative method that is great for learning how to tune in to indicators of grassland health. Questions/register: [melissa@sfct.org](mailto:melissa@sfct.org), 505-989-7019.

## **Grant Funding Workshop**

Sept. 8, 4-6 PM, Mora Independent School Auditorium  
The Building Resiliency Center and USDA Rural Development office is sharing new disaster funding for home repair and water filtration systems for those impacted by HPCC fire and floods. Info: [melissa.gore@dhsem.nm.gov](mailto:melissa.gore@dhsem.nm.gov).

## **Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition Field Tour**

Sept. 15, 9 AM-1 PM, Glorieta Camps and Santa Fe National Forest  
Half-day field tour of forest treatment and thinned fuel breaks. BYO lunch; [RSVP here](#).

## »»» 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. 23, 1-330 PM, webinar [Herbal Care During a Wildfire](#) – register by 8/21
- Aug. 24, 530-730 PM, [Wildflower Walk](#) at Los Alamos Nature Center (free for members; \$5 for non-members)
- Aug. 25, 9 AM-4 PM, [New World Screwworm \(NWS\) Training Workshop](#), NMSU; registration required
- Aug. 25, 7-830 PM, hybrid [The Wind Rivers](#) – Off-Trail Los Alamos Mountaineers Talk; registration required
- Aug. 27, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar, [Understanding EPLUS](#) – Elk Private Land Use System
- Aug. 27, 2 PM, webinar [State of the Science: Pinyon Jays](#)
- Aug. 27, 5-7 PM, [Socorro Area Conversations About Water](#), Old Dav Bldg., 200 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Socorro
- 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, [Renewable Energy: Water Power](#), Explora, ABQ
- Sept. 10, 630 PM, [NM's River Book Tour](#), Pajarito Environmental Education Center
- Sept. 11, 12-1 PM, [Flame to Sprout](#): Understanding Fire and Emory Oak in Madrean Oak Woodlands
- Sept. 17, screening [Journey Down the Gila](#), Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces; doors open 615 PM, film starts 7 PM (tickets \$7-\$10 p/p)
- Sept 17, 5-615 PM, virtual [Place-Based STEAM Workshop](#) w/ Explora
- Sept. 17, 630 PM, [NM's River Book Tour](#), 729-A Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos
- Sept. 18, 12-1 PM, [The Biology and Conservation of the Chiricahua Leopard Frog](#) in the Madrean Sky Islands
- Sept. 18, 5 PM, [NM's River Book Tour](#), Travel Bug, 839 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe
- Sept. 25, 12-1 PM, [Grassland Birds and Mesquite Encroachment](#): Lit Review and Avian Response to Mesquite Removal in the Santa Rita Experimental Range
- Sept. 26, 6 PM, [An Evening with Joy Harjo: Storytelling, Culture, and the Environment](#) at The KiMo in ABQ (tickets: \$15)

## FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Congress seeks federal workforce changes in recent [slate of bills](#)
- [New roads](#) may be coming to NM's national forests
- Administration moves to open [untouched national forests to logging](#)
- Frijoles Fire – [latest on evacuations](#)
- [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