

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: several Las Vegas-based positions this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: It's [Be Kind to Humankind Week](#) ... not that such sentiments should be reduced to a mere week. But a reminder, nevertheless, and a nudge to make an extra effort.

»»» **Executive Director, Las Vegas NM Community Foundation (salary: \$75K-\$105K annually; deadline: 9/1)**

Leadership position providing strategic and operational direction, grow grantmaking investments, build and strengthens partnerships for positive community impact. Candidates with 5+ years in nonprofit leadership experience, strong track record of fundraising, NGO operational experience, and demonstrated understanding of northern NM communities are encouraged to apply.

Office/Field Assistant, Upper Chama Soil & Water Conservation District
(salary: \$12-\$16 p/hr)



Part-time position based at Tierra Amarilla that combines field responsibilities, e.g., soil sampling, mapping, inventorying invasive plant species, with clerical duties, e.g., writing reports, running data quality checks, managing equipment rentals.

»»» **Biological Field Technician, Western EcoSystems Technology (salary: \$22-\$24 p/hr)**

ABQ based position for 10/1/26 start through 3/31/27 end to conduct eagle fatality surveys beneath wind turbines. Must be comfortable working in rural settings, and follow data collection protocols.



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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Cibola National Forest has multiple fire positions across NM (deadline 9/22):

- Supervisory AFMO Suppression, Grants/Tijeras (job #: 27-FIRE-P1VA-DZAFMOM-89DH)
- Fire Engine Operator, Magdalena (job #: 27-FIRE-P1R2389JC-FEOH-67DH)
- Asst. Fire Engine operator, Magdalena (job #: 27-FIRE-P1R2389JC-AFEO-56DH)
- General Firefighter, Magdalena/ABQ (job #: 27-FIRE-P1R2389JC-FFTR-34DH)
- Supervisory Fire Engine Operator, Mountainair (job #: 27-FIRE-P1R2389-SFEOH-78DH)
- Fire Engine Operator, Mountainair/Tijeras (job #: 27-FIRE-P1R2389JC-FEOH-67DH)
- Asst. Center Manager (2 positions), ABQ (job #: 27-FIRE-P1VA-IAADCM-89DH)
- Interagency Hotshot Crew Lead, ABQ (job #: 27-FIRE-P1R2389-HCREW-56DH)

Fire Captain, City of Las Vegas (salary: \$70K-\$84K annually)

Daily operations including firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, fire prevention, inspection and investigations. Qualifications include Firefighter Type II or higher, combined with 5 years' service with any Fire dept., 3 years' experience in fire code and enforcement, and NM Emergency Medical Technician Basic Certification. Also:

- Firefighter (\$16 p/hr)
- GIS Technician (\$30 p/hr)

CLOSING SOON:

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.

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.

Last Call! **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.

CALL TO ACTION

CLOSING SOON 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.

Review of **NM Science Framework** is open and accepting comments through 9/30.

Pathways to Resilience Scholarship covers Resilience conference registration, lodging, and travel. This funding supports farmers/ranchers in New Mexico, Eastern AZ and Southern CO. The goal of this program is to assist farmers and ranchers in owning and operating farms and ranches and accessing the full range of agricultural, forestry, and related programs offered by USDA as stated in 7 U.S.C. 2279. For more information about program eligibility, see this definition (deadline 9/14).

NM Geographic Information Council has 2 scholarships (deadline 9/25):

- The **Jesse Rossbach Memorial Scholarship**: Intended for students in geospatial technology/geographic information science who are attending institutions of higher education in New Mexico (\$1K)
- The **Amy Budge Scholarship**: Intended for professionals in geospatial technology/geographic information science who are seeking to enhance their technical knowledge and working relationships (\$1K)

CLOSING SOON:

DEADLINE EXTENDED! NMHU STUDENTS: NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholars (deadline 8/28) - 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 8/28.

[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.

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. Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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.

Slow the Flow: Hands on Post-Fire Watershed Restoration Workshop
Sept. 19, 830 AM-4 PM, Sapello
Hands-on field workshop along the Sapello River focused on post-wildfire erosion control and watershed restoration techniques. Hosted by the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance and Quivira Coalition. Registration required.

ATTN: Northeastern NM Educators

Sept. 26, Raton, \$300 stipend, breakfast and lunch included, mileage reimbursement (>60 miles one way), \$150 lodging rate
Learn how to integrate outdoor learning and classroom instruction aligned with academic standards, student engagement and place-based learning.

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, 505-989-7019.

A Play of Candlelight

Sept. 5, 6, 7 and 8 PM, Ft. Union National Monument
Immersive storytelling program starts at dusk and features historical personalities, authentic period costumes and the legacy of the Santa Fe trail.

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.

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](#).

High Plains Grasslands Alliance Workshop

Sept. 19, Twin Willows Ranch, Ocate
An afternoon of exploration, community development and personal enrichment with guest speakers:

- Molly Walton/restoration ecologist – Bulleye! assessment method for grassland health
- Jessica Weber/NMSU Extension – reading the land and ecological indicators
- AJ Lujan/Tierra y Montes SWCD – workshop facilitator
- RSVP: highplains.alliance@gmail.com

Refuge Grill & Chill

Sept. 19, 12 Noon, Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge
Open house for neighbors and visitors; bison fajitas from Pueblo of Pojoaque
RSVP: 505-398-6164; anna_blades@fws.gov

Women in the Field: Chainsaw Safety and Skills

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

➤➤➤ 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:

McCune Foundation is accepting applications for community-based projects related to [9 priorities](#) and funds general operations for one-year (award: \$15K, deadline 9/15).

North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) funds public-private partnerships that supports long-term protection, restoration and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated upland habitat for migratory birds; 1:1 match required (award range: \$250K-\$3M; deadline 9/25).

Foresters Fund offers \$2K grants to local chapters of Society of American Foresters (2 grants per state) for education and/or professional growth initiatives completed within one year of funding (deadline 9/15).

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- 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 5th 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

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- US Forest Service [consolidates national fire and aviation](#) authorities
- Canadian uranium firm says [lack of outreach in norther NM](#) a 'mistake'
- ATF offers reward following the [recovery of destructive devices](#) in NM
- [Drought conditions worsen](#) across NM
- Feds announce [water cuts under new CO River plan](#)
- [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](#)

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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

