

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: variety of positions and opportunities this week. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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**LIFE TIP: : As Labor Day approaches, remember... "Burnt-out people aren't equipped to serve a burning planet ... the well-being of our hearts and souls must be reestablished to their rightful place as relevant, essential."
~ Susi Moser, All We Can Save**

»»» **Market Manager, Española Farmers Market (salary: \$20 p/hr; deadline: 10/31)**

Hybrid contract position for 15-20 hrs weekly to coordinate vendors, market-day operations, grant reporting and fundraising. This position is a highly independent role that combines market management with behind-the-scenes administration, and community partnerships.

Parks Resource Specialist, Bernalillo County (salary: \$22.81-\$36.01 p/hr; deadline 9/18)



The Open Space Resource Specialist supports the protection, conservation, and sustainable management of natural and cultural resources across County parks, open spaces, and trails. Duties include implementing environmental and agricultural initiatives plus preparing outdoor environmental education materials.

»»» **Administrative and Program Assistant, NM Rural Library Initiative (salary: \$25 p/hr; deadline: 9/18)**

One-year contract position for a full-time (34 hrs weekly) assistant who is an organized independent worker committed to supporting rural communities and libraries.



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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Private Land Program Manager (DOW#29409) (salary: \$68,886-\$103,330 annually; deadline: 9/9) -

Supervising the Department's Private Land Programs within the Wildlife Management Division, including the Elk Private Land Use System (EPLUS) and Open Gate programs.

Operations Manager, The Nature Conservancy (salary: \$75K-\$80K, annually; deadline: 9/15) - Full-

time Santa Fe based position that manages all operational functions at the organization, including office and facilities administration, event coordination, plus fleet and asset management.

REMINDERS:

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,

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.

CLOSING SOON:

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. Remote position for candidates based in Ruidoso, Alamogordo or Cloudcroft.

CALL TO ACTION

US Forest Service is proposing to **rescind in its entirety protections from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule**, impacting 45 million acres of national forest, including 1.6 million acres in NM.

Public comments open until 9/21. NM Wild is hosting a series of public hearings in Santa Fe (9/8), ABQ (9/9), Silver City (9/15), Las Cruces (9/15), Pecos (9/16), and virtual (9/16).

Santa Fe National Forest is seeking comments for its Environmental Assessment for **Ski Santa Fe Snowmaking Modernization Project**, which includes a new water tank, upgrading/extending snowmaking infrastructure, and terrain improvements. Comment online:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r03/santafe/projects/291087> (under the heading "Get Connected," select "Comment/Object on Project").

➤➤➤ SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Stable Isotope Workshop for High School Students, Sept. 17 (Bosque School) and Sept. 18-19 (UNM); 3-day FREE workshop using stable isotopes to study plant and animal ecology in lab and field settings. Info: kim.fike@bosqueschool.org.

Manager Fellowship, Quivira Coalition supports early-career agrarians with a one-year mentored training (Oct 2026-Apr. 2027). Build and refine skills in business, finance, leadership, marketing and communications (deadline: 9/20; \$500 registration-support available).

American Assoc. of University Women has two open fellowships:

- [Short-term Research Publication Grants](#) (\$8K award; deadline 9/30)
- [Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship](#) (\$50K, deadline 9/30)

➤➤➤ 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:

Funder Panel – Taos: discussion about the current funding landscape for northern NM
Sept. 14, 1-3 PM, Taos Center for the Arts (133 Paseo del Pueblo Norte).

NM STEM Innovation Network's mini-grants support inquiry-based learning, out-of-school STEM programming, opportunities to connect students w/ NM industry partners (awards: \$1K-\$5K; deadline 9/17).

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

Stream Restoration Day

Sept. 9, 9 AM-3 PM, Upper Rio Cebolla, Jemez Mtns
Join Rio Grande Return in improving beaver habitat by planting willows, and installing beaver dam analogs and post-assisted log structures. RSVP by 9/7; Karen Menetrey, karen@riograndereturn.org; 505-603-1328.

Low-Tech Process-Based Stream Restoration Workshop

Sept. 15-16, Jemez Mtns

In-person stream restoration workshop for tribal natural resource department staff. The workshop will provide hands-on instruction on how to build beaver dam analogs and post-assisted log structures. A \$250 travel stipend; capped at 20 participants.

Slow the Flow: Hands on Post-Fire Watershed Restoration Workshop

Sept. 19, 8:30 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.

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. USDA will meet with interested applicants at the Western Mora SWCD on 9/9. Info: melissa.gore@dhsem.nm.gov.

Tree Mortality in the Gila

Sept. 10, 7 PM, Besse-Forward Global Resource Center (12th St & Kentucky, Silver City, NM)
Dr. Craig Allen and Victor Lucero discuss the increasing mortality of evergreen trees throughout the western United States.

Building an Advanced Energy Ecosystem

Sept. 14-16, Sandia Resort & Casino (30 Rainbow Rd, Albuquerque)
Join researchers, policymakers and thought leaders, to discuss cutting-edge topics in energy.

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.

Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Sept. 19, 4-8 PM, Open Space Visitor Center (6500 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque)
Vibrant event for the whole family, honoring traditions, art, music, and stories of Hispanic and Latinx communities. Live performances, hands-on cultural activities, traditional crafts, and local cuisine.

Using Prickly Pear (Opuntia) in Dryland Tree Guilds

Sept. 19, 11 AM-12 Noon, Gutiérrez-Hubbell House Alliance (6029 Isleta Blvd SW, ABQ)
Vital Soil Landscapes hosts this one-hour presentation on prickly pears and best cultivation practices, as part of the 8th Annual New Mexico Prickly Pear Festival.

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FY26 Bureau of Land Management Threatened and Endangered Species provides cooperative agreements to support the conservation and recovery of endangered, threatened, and sensitive species on public lands (award range: \$10K- \$1M; deadline 9/11).

FY26 Bureau of Land Management Wildlife Resource Management Program provides cooperative agreements to support efforts that protect/cultivate habitats, conduct wildlife studies, and implement plant community treatments (award range: \$10K-\$2M; deadline: 9/11).

Wildfire Mapping & Woodshed Analysis RFP with NM Forestry Division seeks to:

- update wildfire risk mapping for the New Mexico Forest Action Plan (FAP)
- summarize the availability of timber and biomass in priority landscapes aligned with the FAP
- map viable locations for wood processing mills and facilities,
- contribute to consistent and scalable statewide workflow for reducing wildfire risk while concurrently implementing the New Mexico Biomass Economy Strategy and the 50-Year Water Action Plan

Questions may be submitted by 9/12; grant submission deadline 9/28.

National Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grants supports tree resource utilization by turning harvested woody material into products (e.g., lumber, furniture, biochar, etc.) \$1M available funds for up to 5 grants (award range: \$200K-\$750K; deadline 10/12).

Community Forest and Open Space Conservation program supports the establishment of community forests through the acquisition of private forest land for public recreation, environmental/economic/educational benefits. \$4.95M funding available for up to 10 awards (award ceiling: \$600K; deadline 10/13).

Community Action Fund supports indigenous frontline organizations leading direct action and movement building work to protect land, water and natural resources (award: \$15K; registration deadline: 10/16; application closes 10/30).

>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- TODAY, Sept. 2, 7 PM, Native Plant Soc. ABQ Chapter Update on Candelaria Nature Preserve
- 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. 6, 7-10 AM, Bird Walk at Los Luceros, Alcalde
- 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. 12-13, 730 AM-5 PM (overnight), [Geologic Tour of Taos Graben and Volcanic Field](#) (\$150-\$190 p/p)
- 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. 20, 1030 AM-mid-PM, Fall Equinox Open House, Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center; RSVP: amanda@ampersandproject.org
- Sept. 23, 4-530 PM, virtual [Watershed Film Screening](#) with National Young Farmers Coalition for a screening of Watershed: Exploring a New Water Ethic for the New West
- 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)
- Sept. 26, 1230-230 PM, webinar [Renewable Energy: Wind Power](#) w/ Explora

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Dept. of [Interior Reassigns Dozens of Senior Staff](#)
- Federal unions warn a [pay freeze will hurt federal hiring](#), retention
- [Aridification is here](#)
- The biggest [carbon polluters are to blame](#) for half of US western water loss
- [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