

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: check out the lineup of Fall events in this issue. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: It's that time of year when easing up on the gas pedal may save a feathered friend or two as Fall migration gears up. [BirdCast](#) has a live feed, estimating birds in the air at any given moment (>64K+ last night across NM alone!) NM's avian history is storied ([Dinevenator](#) anyone?) and [hotspots](#) provide an excuse to visit someplace new and scenic.

»»» **Environmental & Natural Resources Director, Pueblo of Laguna (salary: \$82,018-\$123,027 annually; deadline: 10/2)**

Seeking an experienced director to lead programs that protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources. Position oversees the Environmental, Natural Resources, Rangeland Management, and Realty programs. Manage grants and contracts, establish evaluation tools and assessments, and drive research, educational workshops, establish networks and support emergency management. Ten years' experience with 3 years in a supervisory role.

Bosque Field Tech, Tryfacta (salary: \$14.71 p/hr)



Work alongside the City of ABQ Open Space to conduct vegetation and restoration monitoring, manage invasive plants, plant native trees and shrubs, and support trail work and recreation access. Position is year-round and can be full-time; applicants looking for part-time work are also encouraged to apply. Email resume with 3 references to sophiastephens@cabq.gov.



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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Southwest Region Wildlife Area Manager (DOW#5037) (salary: \$62,624-\$93,936 annually; deadline 9/13) - Las Cruces based position includes management of 31,000 acres, budget oversight, supervisory responsibilities and contract management.

Hydrologist (EMNRD #10116394) (salary: \$83,790-\$134,063 annually; deadline: 9/17) - Based in ABQ, Artesia, Hobbs or Santa Fe, this position regulates oil and gas, including issuing permits, managing spills, ensuring compliance of plugged wells, and enforcing land restoration of sites impacted by extraction operations.

CLOSING SOON:

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.

CALL TO ACTION - closing next week

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 ABQ (9/9), Silver City (9/15), Las Cruces (9/15), Pecos (9/16), and virtual (9/16).

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

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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.

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

CLOSING SOON:

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).

>>> 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:

CLOSING SOON:

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).

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).

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).

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).

Joint Fire Science Program supports research and science delivery that addresses emerging and long-term wildland fire management challenges across three funding opportunities (deadline: 9/17):

- Fire Leaders and Managers, Emerging Scientists (FLAMES) supports graduate student applications that provide opportunities for experiential learning and exposure to fire management practices, fostering peer-learning, mentorship and career development (award ceiling: \$40K).
- Drivers of changing wildfire regimes and consequences for wildfire risk factors support efforts that improve understanding of the drivers and consequences of changing wildfire regimes to inform future management and monitoring plans that accelerate adaptation to these altered regimes that reduce wildland fire risk factors (average awards: \$300K-500K).
- Smoke impacts from prescribed fire and wildfire seeks to better understand the impacts of prescribed fire and wildfire on smoke emissions - to inform appropriate timing, frequency, and extent of prescribed fire programs that maximize ecological benefits while minimizing air quality impacts on communities; and to inform a standardized methodology for tracking prescribed fire emissions (average awards: \$300K-500K).

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.

Outdoor Learning Summit

Sept. 12, 9 AM-12 Noon, Berna Facio Professional development Center, ABQ

Welcoming teachers, outdoor educators, nonprofits, and government agencies to learn new skills and imagine a future for outdoor learning where everyone thrives.

Registration free for first 100 public/charter schoolteachers. [Registration](#) required.

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.

2026 Pollinator Palooza!

Sept. 25, 1-7 PM, IAE Southwest Office, Santa Fe
Annual free community event bringing together community members and pollinator enthusiasts to celebrate and learn about pollinators and those working to protect them.

Indigenous Ways 2026 Events

Sept. 27, 11 AM-6 PM, Santa Fe County Fairgrounds
Inaugural Indigenous Ways Red Road Pow Wow is a community-centered, substance-free gathering rooted in tradition, healing, and respect.

- 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, 630-8 PM, virtual [Super El Niño & the Rio Grande Compact](#)
- 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. 17, 5-6 PM, webinar [The Pyrocene: Living in the New Age of Fire](#)
- 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. 18, 7-8 PM, [Making Art in the Dark](#) with Valles Caledra artist-in-residence Paul Atkinson
- 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

- Federal unions [sue again to block USDA](#) reorganization
- NM sues feds over [refusing to reimburse state](#) for \$61M in wildfire costs
- [NM bans uranium leasing](#) on state lands
- [Fire for Water](#) based on the Santa Fe watershed
- [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