

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: Career Connects will be paused for the next four weeks, resuming on October 21. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

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LIFE TIP: From The House on the Hill in remembrance of 9/11/01...

*They are all gone away,
The House is shut and still,
There is nothing more to say.*

*Through broken walls and gray
The winds blow bleak and shrill:
They are all gone away.*

*Nor is there one to-day
To speak them good or ill:
There is nothing more to say.*

*Why is it then we stray
Around the sunken sill?
They are all gone away,
And our poor fancy-play
For them is wasted skill:
There is nothing more to say.*

*There is ruin and decay
In the House on the Hill:
They are all gone away,
There is nothing more to say.*

»»» **Senior Water Resources Professional (NMED #10116775), Dept. of the Environment (salary: \$83,790-134,063 annually; deadline: 9/29)**

Santa Fe-based position that oversees groundwater discharge permits, inspects facilities, reviews corrective actions and abatement, serves as an expert re: water quality issues, and supports water reuse advancement across the state.

SW Region Manager, State Parks (EMNRD #5522) (salary: \$75,775-\$113,663 annually; deadline 9/28)

Las Cruces-based position that supervises operations at 7 parks including personnel management; fiscal and financial accountability; inventory of all sites; regional communications and community relations.

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AmeriCorps internship positions (USFWS and ALCC) (salary: \$650 p/wk living allowance + \$150 p/wk benefit; Professional Development Fund: \$2,000; Segal Education Award: \$7,395) - Three internship opportunities to support **Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge's** Biology, Visitor Services, and Maintenance Programs. Based in ABQ, these AmeriCorps positions run from 11/2/26-10/15/27. Interns will participate in hands-on conservation work and professional development:

- Biological Technician/Visitor Services Individual Placement
- Visitor Services/Biological Technician Individual Placement
- Maintenance Individual Placement

Geologist, North Wind Group (salary: \$78K-\$118K annually)

Los Alamos-based position leading field investigations for environmental, engineering and scientific personnel to determine sources and methods of controlling pollutants. Position will manage field project components, organize and lead project teams, and analyze data.

Geologist/Environmental Scientist, North Wind Group (salary: \$70K-\$80K annually)

Los Alamos-based position leading data collection efforts to track sources, extent and risks for management remediation of contaminants.

Adventure Leader, City of ABQ (salary: \$12 p/hr)

Entry-level recreation position for applicants who enjoy being active outdoors, working with youth, teaching new skills, and creating meaningful connections between people and the natural environment.

CLOSING SOON:

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)

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 and enhance natural resources. Position oversees the Environmental, Natural Resources, Rangeland Management, and Realty programs. Ten years' experience with 3 years in a supervisory role.



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)



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)

Postdoc Research Fellowships in Biology

supports early-career scientists in applying AI to biological research or advancing biotechnology innovation. Each fellowship is 24 continuous months to start between 6/1/27-9/1/28 (award: \$110K p/yr for 2 years; deadline: 9/29).

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)

CLOSING SOON:

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).

CALL TO ACTION

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

NMED extended deadline for new sampling requests for **water quality testing of private wells** in the 2022 HPCC burn scar ends in October (residents in San Miguel, Mora and Taos counties only).

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

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.

AWF Cebolla Canyon, Oct. 2-4

Hand build rock structures designed to allow water to infiltrate gradually into the landscape and prevent downcutting and gully formation. AWF has organized restoration projects at Cebolla Canyon for over a quarter-century, expanding the wetlands from seven acres to 40+ acres. Details/RSVP: abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com.

2026 Fall Red Canyon Reserve Gathering

Oct 2-4, Red Canyon Reserve near Magdalena Volunteer weekend building low-tech erosion control structures and exploring the Red Canyon Reserve with the Quivira Coalition. Camping Friday and Saturday nights, volunteer restoration work Saturday, and an opportunity to hike around the canyon Sunday. Registration required; Nina Katz at education@quiviracoalition.org.

FEATURED EVENTS

Refuge Grill & Chill

Sept. 19, 12 Noon, Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge
Open house for neighbors and visitors; bison fajitas from the Pueblo of Pojoaque.

RSVP: 505-398-6164; anna_blades@fws.gov

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.

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.

NMSTA Fall Conference 2026

Sept. 19, Berna Facio Professional Development Center (3315 Louisiana Blvd. NE, ABQ)

Join educators, scientists, and STEM partners for a day of collaboration and professional learning. Themed "Bridging Cultures & Communities with STEM Learning," this conference offers space to share ideas and strengthen STEM education in NM.

POSTPONED High Plains Grasslands Alliance

Sept. 19, Twin Willows Ranch, Ocate

An afternoon of exploration, community development and personal enrichment with guest speakers

New World Screwworm (MWS) Training Workshop

Sept. 23, Four Corners Stockyards (4002 US-64, Kirtland)

All-day workshop with learning opportunities and demos with experts on New World Screwworm biology, surveillance and detection, sample collection procedures, wound treatment and management, and tools and resources for producers. Registration required.

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.

Pecos to Pecos Road & River Clean Up

Sept. 26; multiple locations across NM, including Pecos, Villanueva, Roswell and Carlsbad. Starts times vary by location: details: upwa@pecoswatershed.org.

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.

Fall 2026 Career Fair

Sept. 29, 10 AM-2 PM, NMHU Student Center (800 National Ave, Las Vegas)

Organized by NMHU Center for Professional Development & Career Readiness, the career fair is an opportunity to connect with employers and recruiters and learn about career paths and job opportunities.

Information: careerservices@nmhu.edu.

12th Annual Out of the Darkness 5K Run & Walk

Sept. 30, 4-8 PM, NMHU Melody Park, Las Vegas

NMHU's annual 5K Run to honor victims and survivors of suicide and raise awareness during Suicide Prevention Month. Open to all; information: (505) 454-3037 or cesanchez@nmhu.edu.

FEATURED EVENTS (CONT.)

Disturbance, A Forest In Motion: A Youth Art & Ecology Event, Oct. 1-4, Taos

This community engagement and education event combines art, fire ecology, professional development, and public events through an immersive art installation created by up to 600 students from across Northern New Mexico: Taos, Questa, Penasco, Red River, Penasco, Dixon, Ojo Sarco, Picuris Pueblo and Taos Pueblo.

2026 New Mexico Soil Health Conference

October 14-15, ABQ

Hosted by NMDA's Healthy Soil Program and NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service, this conference brings together farmers, ranchers, and conservation professionals to explore soil healthy principles and practices for building resilient agricultural systems. For more details and updates, email hsp@nmda.nmsu.edu with SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire 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. Registration fees: \$150 for government employees, \$50 for non-government employees. Information: Hanah Kase Woods, hwoods@nmcounties.org.

Making Math Matter with Spatial Thinking and ArcGIS

Oct. 24, 9 AM-3 PM

WNMU Global Resource Center

FREE workshop for middle and high school math teachers to see mathematics come alive through maps, data, and real-world investigations. Discover free Esri ArcGIS tools that make statistics, data analysis, and data interpretation more engaging, relevant, and meaningful. Participants will collect their own data using Survey123, transform those data into interactive maps and dashboards, and explore how spatial thinking helps students identify patterns, interpret results, and communicate evidence-based conclusions. Teachers will leave with ready-to-use classroom activities, instructional resources, and practical ideas they can immediately bring into their own classrooms.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Congresso de las Acequias,
Nov. 13-14, Northern NM College**

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:

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).

CLOSING SOON:

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).

>>> LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- 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 6:15 PM, film starts 7 PM (tickets \$7-\$10 p/p)
- Sept. 17, 5-6:15 PM, virtual [Place-Based STEAM Workshop](#) w/ Explora
- Sept. 17, 6:30 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, 7:30-8:45 AM, [Dovetail Partners 2026 Webinar Series: Data Centers](#)
- Sept. 18, 12 noon-1 PM, webinar [Tree Planting](#)
- 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. 19, 6-7:30 PM, in-person [Fall Seed Harvest](#) at the Los Alamos Nature Center
- Sept. 20, 9 AM-5 PM, workshop [Nurturing Your Land: A Permaculture Workshop](#) at Trees That Please Nursery in Los Lunas (registration required, tickets: \$99)
- Sept. 20, 10:30 AM-mid-PM, Fall Equinox Open House, Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center; RSVP: amanda@ampersandproject.org
- Sept. 23, 4-5:30 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](#), KiMo in ABQ (tickets: \$15)
- Sept. 26, 12:30-2:30 PM, webinar [Renewable Energy: Wind Power](#) w/ Explora
- Sept. 29, 12 noon, webinar [Native Producers: Investing in Community food Systems](#)
- Oct. 6, 12 noon-1 PM, webinar [Living with Fire Deficit](#): Forest Resilience, Community Risk and the Future of Fire
- Oct. 7, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar [Using Fire Festivals to Engage Communities](#)

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Federal judge [stalls USDA reorg](#) – for now
- NM's plan to reduce wildfire risks currently "[nowhere near enough](#)"
- Extended [drying of the Rio Grande](#) adding stress to ABQ's bosque
- [Uranium mine pose first test](#) for state-recognized Mt Taylor cultural landscape
- [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)

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