

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

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Students, Colleagues and Peers: Career Connects will see an input of fresh energy; future issues will be supported by my colleague Crystal Medina (camedina@nmhu.edu) and I will remain as her backup to keep issues running regularly. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

Note: some of you are receiving this email for the first time as friends and coworkers have shared your contact. You may unsubscribe any time by emailing: camedina@nmhu.edu.

LIFE TIP: Early voting is open now through Election Day on 11/3. There are four constitutional amendments proposed with an [in-depth explainer on each amendment](#), plus three [bond measures on senior facilities, libraries and schools](#); details on all races can be found [here](#).



Green House Manager, Santa Clara Pueblo (salary: \$26.51-\$37.11 p/hr)

This full-time Española-based position will manage daily operations including public and B2B engagement. The manager will supervise staff and activities related to cultivation, propagation, and harvesting. Seeking candidates with experience in greenhouse management, business and operations skills and leadership experience.

Senior Natural Resources Specialist, CEHMM (salary: \$30-38 p/hr)



Carlsbad-based non-profit seeking applicants for a permanent full-time position to manage surveys, mapping, planning and permitting duties within the Environmental Services Department. Candidates with 5+ years' experience, strong technical writing skills and preferably advanced ArcGIS Pro skills are encouraged to apply. Other positions at the same organization include: [Wildlife Biologist](#) (salary: \$60K-\$100K annually), [Field Technician](#) (salary: \$22-\$27 p/hr); and [Sr. Field Technician](#) (salary: \$27-\$36 p/hr).



Student Internships, USDA

- NRCS [Student Trainee](#) in Engineering (salary: \$35,749-\$53,202; deadline: 11/17) - vacancy in Las Cruces for current students enrolled (minimum half time) in an accredited institution.
- FSA [Student Trainer/Program Technician](#) (salary: \$35,749-\$48,535; deadline: 11/17) - vacancy based in the southwest (location negotiable upon hire) providing administrative skills and project management experience.

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Asst./Assoc. Professor of Forestry, NM Highlands Univ. - Tenure-track position based in Las Vegas, NM, starting in Aug. 2027, at a Hispanic-serving and Soc. of American Foresters accredited institution. Preferred expertise includes tree ecophysiology, forest ecohydrology, water resources, or watershed management. Applicants with strengths in applied forest ecology, forest management, and GIS/remote sensing are encouraged to apply.

Conservation Program Coordinator, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (salary: \$47,840-\$54,080 annually; deadline 11/20) - This Taos-based full-time salaried position is an integral team member to the success of field crews and programming. This field-based leadership position is responsible for planning and addressing technical needs, verifying project progress and quality, crew training, problem solving and managing incident response and risk management. Position to start in Nov; applications accepted till position is filled.

Resilient Cities Program Manager, SIG-NAL (salary: \$72,800-\$93,600 annually) - This remote position, based in ABQ, will expand technical capacity in stormwater engineering or hydrology by mainstreaming Green Stormwater Infrastructure, plus supporting state and local water policy. Applicant reviews begin 10/19 until position is filled.

District Field Manager, Santa Fe-Pojoaque SWCD (salary: \$45-\$60 p/hr) - contract position serving landowners based in Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Los Alamos counties. As the primary liaison between NRCS and NMDA, this position will manage conservation programs for private working lands, monitor dam operations and maintenance, and spearhead public outreach efforts.

Herbarium Collections and Data Coordinator, Santa Fe Botanical Gardens (salary: \$26.40 p/hr; deadline: 11/6) - Part-time (16 hr weekly), two-year temporary position organizes, documents and mounts specimens and archival materials ensuring accurate cataloguing and storage protocols; manages herbarium database, digital records and files.

Land Conservation Manager, NM Land Conservancy (salary: \$75K-\$85K annually; deadline 10/31) - Full-time Santa Fe based position with regular travel across NM to plan, manage and support funding for conservation easements, and fee title acquisition and transfers. Requires excellent diplomacy and negotiation skills, grant writing experience, familiarity with funding programs, and strong GIS/geospatial skills.

M.S. positions, Wildfire Insurance and Resilient Communities (WIRE), ERI and NAU (fully funded graduate positions; deadline: 11/16) - Four graduate student positions open for interdisciplinary research on policy and economic dimensions of wildfire risks, and community fire adaptations in AZ.

Communications Manager, Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions (salary: \$45K-\$55K annually; deadline 10/26) - This full-time position manages all communications for summer and school programs, directs recruitment efforts of new school partnerships, supports participant recruitment through media content production, advertising and analytics.

Restoration Site Operations Manager, GeoSystems Analysis (salary: \$66K-\$80K annually deadline: 10/30) - Field position based in San Acacia (Socorro county) provides day-to-day management of agricultural land conversation and ecological restoration projects of sites >1,000 acres.

OTHER POSITIONS:

- 2027 Veterans Fire Corps Crew Member, AmeriCorps (deadline 11/8) – based in Las Cruces with a term starting 2/1/27 through 5/7/27. This is a pathway program for recent military veterans seeking careers in conservation, fuels mitigation and wildland firefighting. Candidates are expected to have their own outdoor gear and equipment. Benefits include: Segal Education award (\$1,956.36), living allowance (\$500 weekly), and additional benefits (\$400 weekly).
- Maintenance Specialist, AmeriCorps (deadline: 12/12) - based at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, for the term starting 1/18/27 through 5/21/27. Position will support regular maintenance at the refuge and this position will benefit from candidates with experience in plumbing, electrical, heavy equipment operation/maintenance, welding and carpentry. Benefits include: Segal Education award (\$2,817.14), living allowance (\$460 weekly), and additional benefits (\$125 weekly); free onsite housing, healthcare and student loan forbearance.

CALL TO ACTION

Nominations are open to fill 20 seats on the BLM Resource Advisory Council, providing input on the management of millions of acres of public land in Northern and Southern NM. Councils balance commerce (timber, energy, grazing), conservation/recreation/historical priorities and elected entities (public, tribes, local govt.) *When seats are unfilled, not all priorities have a voice (deadline: 10/26).*

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) - NM Acequia Assoc. is encouraging engagement with Farm Service Agency from individuals impacted by flooding. Document flooding damage (10+ photos p/site) and record extensive details. ECP offers financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to restore farmland damaged by natural disasters. Find your FSA office [here](#).

Quivira Coalition produces a calendar annually, that shares the work, community events, plus artwork created by talented people! This is their call for artwork submissions. [Learn more](#) and send submissions to anica@quiviracoalition.org.

HANDS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

[Restoration Campout and Workshop](#)

Oct. 23-25, Rio Embudo AWF, Ecotone Landscape Planning and State Land Office, will build low-tech, process based restoration structures (PBRs) in arroyos to slow down water and capture sediment. Come as early as Friday night and camp, or just come for the work day on Saturday. For more information and to RSVP, email abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com

FEATURED EVENTS

Managing a Healthy Forest – LAST DAY TO RSVP!

Oct. 24, 10 AM – 3 PM, San Ignacio

A FREE Querencia in Action workshop for landowners interested in learning how to assess tree health, make thinning choices, and manage forests for wildfires and drought. Outdoor workshop, including lunch. Meet at Midway gas station in Sapello (m.m. 12 Hwy 518). RSVP/Info: camedina@nmhu.edu; 505-570-9903.

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.

Of Smoke & Powder

Oct. 24-25, Ft. Union National Monument, Watrous
Two one-hour programs (@ 10 AM, @ 1 PM)
highlighting frontier Army firearms and
demonstrations. A living history camp open all day.

REGENERATE 2026: Stewardship in Action

Oct 28-30, Santa Fe

Hosted by the Quivira Coalition, Holistic Management International, and the American Grassfed Association, this annual conference brings together leaders in regenerative agriculture and land stewardship. Join farmers, ranchers, scientists, and conservationists to share knowledge and foster a culture of resilience. Held at the Santa Fe Convention Center. In-person (\$425) and virtual (\$75) tickets available; scholarships offered.

Congreso de las Acequias

Nov. 13-14, El Rito & Ohkay Owingeh

The only statewide acequia gathering in New Mexico where acequia leaders come together to share knowledge and build a united voice for acequias to protect water and strengthen land-based traditions.

S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighting Training

Nov. 21-Dec. 5, WRTC @ Luna CC, Las Vegas

Wildland firefighting training at the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center – last class for the year; register wrtc@luna.edu; 505-454-5323

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

LANL's Four-year Undergraduate Scholarships for high school seniors and current undergraduate students who are residents of San Miguel, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos and Los Alamos counties; with a 3.25 minimum GPA and are currently attending or enrolling in an accredited four-year institution. ACT/SAT scores not required; US citizenship not required. Undergraduate applicants who are nontraditional, first-generation college students, and students with high financial needs have preference. Residential students from Santa Fe Indian School, NM School for the Deaf and NM School for the Arts are encouraged to apply regardless of primary residency (award range: \$1K-\$20K; deadline 1/10/27).

IRES (NSF International Research Experiences for Students) Cohort to South Africa: OK State Univ, Univ. of AZ and Univ of Denver are recruiting a 6-student cohort to study Nature-based Solutions to address water insecurity in South Africa. Applicants with a background in environmental science, and prior coursework in hydrology, nature-based solutions, remote sensing, or GIS, and previous research experience are helpful but not required. Must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student through Dec. 2027. Includes virtual training, cultural orientation and international travel workshop, five-week research project in South Africa and professional development. All expenses included + \$3,250 stipend + post-field work conference expenses (deadline: 12/5).

Soil to Supper applications for technical and financial assistance directed towards livestock producers working to improve land health, livestock performance, and profitability (awards: \$10K-\$100K p/producer; deadline: 11/6 for interest forms; 11/20 final applications).

>>> 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:

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program provides funding to enhance recreation opportunities for communities (population: 25,000+) to create outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors. Funding covers 50% of projects' costs, with no more than 7% in administrative expenses (deadline: 11/1).



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 Crystal Medina (camedina@nmhu.edu).

➤➤➤ FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is seeking to support four new initiatives with \$1.2 million funding to restore and sustain healthy rivers, streams, and grasslands in the Pecos Watershed of Southern New Mexico and West Texas (deadline: 11/12).

CLOSING SOON:

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

EPSCOR SURE (Supporting Undergraduate Research Experiences) award support research and capacity building through small scale awards directly to faculty. Proposals should align with NSF Focus Areas and NM Science & Technology Plan. 12-month projects starting 6/1/27 (award: \$15,500 incl. IDC; deadline 10/31).

➤➤➤ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- Oct. 22, 12-1 PM, Grief Support Group, CARES Counseling Center, SUB, 2nd Flr, NMHU
- Oct. 24, 10 AM-4 PM, NM Outdoor Learning Convening, Explora in ABQ
- Oct. 27, 3 PM, webinar Emerging Strategies & Technologies: Lost Meadows
- Oct. 29, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar A 20-Year Climatology of Critical Fire Weather in the Northern Rockies
- Nov. 12, 11 AM-12 Noon, webinar Storm Prediction Center's Fire Research and Development

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Administration to let agencies promote federal employees more quickly as OPM eliminates time-in-grade restrictions
- Acting NM Governor Morales signs executive orders for flood response totaling \$3.75M
- Report shows how federal agencies can better support indigenous communities in natural disasters
- Watersheds near Rio Frijoles bear the brunt of wildfire
- 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