

Hello ARID Community!

Below is our July 2026 Newsletter. ARID had the pleasure in engaging in climate resilience activities and fostering meaningful relationships throughout this month. The [Eastern New Mexico Sentinel Landscape \(ENMSL\)](#) hosted its first Landowner Expo on July 11th in Clovis Civic Center! This was a tremendous opportunity for ARID partook to showcase some of our research, connect with partners in eastern NM, and learn about programs that assist working lands and communities. We hope to see more of you next year for their second expo. ARID concluded our Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SCCORE), a summer program that is a statewide partnership that brings community college students to four-year research institutions to broaden their STEM interests, get hands-on research experience, and motivate them to pursue baccalaureate degrees. Finally, the ARID team also had the amazing opportunity to work with a videographer to showcase some of our work in the Santa Fe Watershed. The completed short film will be displayed at [AGU26](#) in San Francisco, CA, from December 7th to the 11th, so keep an eye out for us if you are attending!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLM Seeks Input on Proposed Withdrawal Revocation Near Chaco Culture National Historical Park – closes July 29, 2026

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on an environmental assessment for the proposed revocation of [Public Land Order No. 7923](#) affecting public lands surrounding [Chaco Culture National Historical Park](#) in McKinley, San Juan, and Sandoval counties in northwestern New Mexico. Additional information, including the draft environmental assessment, is available at the [BLM National NEPA Register](#), where comments may be submitted through the “Participate Now” option (preferred). Comments may also be delivered to: BLM Farmington Field Office, Attn: PLO 7923, 6251 College Blvd, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87402. **The comment period will close July 29, 2026.**

Draft Water Security Planning Act Guidelines Open For Public Input

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) is inviting the New Mexico public’s input on the draft guidelines under the Water Security Planning

Act (WSPA) through August 31, 2026. This draft lays out the groundwork for how each region will build its own water security plan, using the five-stage planning process of Organize, Explore, Prioritize, Plan, and Action. The NMISC will also be holding virtual meetings that have questions about the WSPA draft guidelines, starting on August 6 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, with more details available on their website.

NMED Deadline Approaching for Hermit's Peak-Calf Canyon Private Well Sampling

The New Mexico Environment Department will conclude its requests for private well sampling for the Hermit's Peak-Calf Canyon Wildfire burn scar project on August 14, 2026. Any eligible wells will be completed by the end of September 2026. For more information and to submit requests before the deadlines, click here: <https://bit.ly/4aSOMaZ>.

FEMA Approves More Than \$76.3 Million to Help Communities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

FEMA announced the approval of more than \$76.3 million in post-disaster funding for [Public Assistance](#) and [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) projects in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. These programs empower states, local communities, and territories to recover to rebuild more resilient, safer communities and protect infrastructure from future events.

EVENTS

Community Events

Dr. Clifford Crawford Bosque Trail and Sign Dedication

July 30, 2026, 9:00-11:00 AM, Rio Grande Nature Center State Park (2901 Candelaria Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107)

The late Dr. Cliff Crawford was instrumental in developing the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program, which has engaged thousands of students in the Bosque annual since 1996, and in developing other monitoring protocols used by land managers. His legacy is being honored through a dedicated trail and sign in the Bosque. Join the Open Space Division for this special occasion. Meet at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park and walk to the trail with stops along the way that will include stories, poems, and readings.

Tribal Community Webinar Resilience Series

1st Thursday of each month @ 1 pm unless otherwise noted, [Zoom registration link](#)

The Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center invites you to participate in the second annual Tribal Community Resilience Webinar Series from February through September 2026. This engaging series builds on the popularity of the 2025 series and is designed for Tribal environmental and natural resources

professionals, but all are welcome—no prior experience in climate adaptation is required!

- August 6th - Emergency Preparedness
- September 3rd - Food Security

Climate Change and Human Health ECHO Series

Program Overview: Climate change has wide-ranging impacts on society, including our health. The Climate Change ECHO program provides health care and public health professionals with the essential skills to care for patients in the context of climate change. This program offers evidence-based training on the science of climate change, climate-related health effects, and effective communication skills. Next webinar August 6th.

Indigenous Ways 2026 Events

- **IndigenousWays Festival**

August 14, Santa Fe Railyard Water Tower

Join us at the Santa Fe Railyard Water Tower for a joyful open-air celebration of music, art, culture, and storytelling. CommUNITY honors shared traditions, uplifted voices, and the power of coming together. This free, all-ages festival is presented with Lensic360.

- **IndigenousWays Red Road Pow Wow**

September 27, Santa Fe county Fairgrounds

Our inaugural IndigenousWays Red Road Pow Wow is a community centered, substance free gathering rooted in tradition, healing, and respect. Join us at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds for a powerful day of song, dance, and intergenerational connection as we come together to honor culture and walk the Red Road in unity.

- **Wisdom Circle**

Join us live every third Wednesday, 6–7 PM MT, for the virtual Wisdom Circle. Connect globally, learn, and share wisdom with inspiring presenters making a positive impact on our world.

The Common Edge Habitat Field Presents: A Butterfly Celebration!

August 22, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Open Space Visitors Center (6500 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque)

Celebrate the beauty and diversity of butterflies at the Open Space Visitor Center! Join butterfly expert Renée Robillard for a fun and educational morning featuring guided butterfly identification walks, a fascinating slideshow highlighting the butterflies of Open Space, and opportunities to learn how to identify local species and their habitats.

Conferences & Workshops

Building an Advanced Energy Ecosystem

September 14-16, 2026, Sandia Resort & Casino (30 Rainbow Rd, Albuquerque)

Join industry experts, researchers, and policymakers, along with community members and thought leaders, to discuss cutting-edge topics in energy, including the vital role of women in energy and women in leadership in Albuquerque.

SHIFT National Conference

September 22-24, Clyde Hotel (330 Tijeras Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102)

The SHIFT Conference is the premier biennial gathering of leaders and innovators committed to shaping the future of work. The challenges facing today's workers and employers demand more than incremental change. This moment calls for new mindsets, policies, and practices that dismantle barriers, transform career journeys, and improve job quality. Through innovation and narrative change, we'll look to uncover actionable steps to drive lasting impact. Join business leaders, workforce practitioners, policymakers, funders, labor organizations, and educators to share insights, forge partnerships, and co-create solutions that benefit workers, employers, and communities alike.

New! New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit (WUFS)

October 14-16, 2026, Silver City, NM

The New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit will take place Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM till Friday, October 16, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Please join community members, fire service volunteers and professionals, non-profit conservation groups, and government representatives (federal, state, and local), to facilitate and adapt to fire ecosystems such as this year's theme, **Adapting Together in a Changing Fire Ecosystem**.

2026 Rocky Mountain Wildfire Smoke Symposium

October 15-16, 2026, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Glendale

This annual gathering brings together researchers, public health professionals, community leaders, wildland firefighters, and government partners to explore the health impacts of wildfires and develop effective strategies for mitigating smoke exposure. Through a combination of expert-led sessions and collaborative discussions, the Symposium aims to enhance wildfire resilience and foster community, state, and regional partnerships essential for adapting to a future with more frequent and intense wildfires. Join us for a dynamic exchange of ideas and solutions as we work together to build a more resilient future for our communities.

New! REGENERATE Conference 2026

October 28-30, 2026, Santa Fe Convention Center, Santa Fe, NM

The REGENERATE Conference, hosted by Quivira Coalition, Holistic Management International, and the American Grassfed Association, will feature workshops, roundtables, and community gatherings focused on soil health, regenerative ranching, conservation, and sustainable food systems with intended purpose to share knowledge, build community, and create a culture of resilience and regeneration.

TECHFEST 2026 - free

October 29-30, 2026, Innovation District | Downtown Albuquerque

TechFest is an annual conference hosted by NM Tech Talks. TechFest brings together tech organizations to host various tracks under one unified conference. This two-day conference will span tracks on Software, Artificial Intelligence, Climate & Advanced Energy, Entrepreneurship, and Tech Accessibility.

Southwest Adaptation Forum 2026

November 4-6, 2026, University of Arizona

Join the fifth biennial meeting for climate adaptation Leaders, researchers, and practitioners across the Southwest U.S. to exchange best practices and efforts.

NEW! 2026 Annual Meeting - NMAC (New Mexico Archaeological Council)

November 7, 2026, Hibben Center, University of New Mexico

The New Mexico Archaeological Council will be hosting its annual meeting on November 7th, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, located at the Hibben Center at the University of New Mexico, with a post-conference happy hour at Bow & Arrow Brewing Co. (608 McKnight Avenue NW) from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This meeting will provide the opportunity for the New Mexico archaeological community to discuss how to mitigate new analytical techniques alongside changing commercial and governmental priorities, thus prompting this year's theme, New Mexico Archaeology: Future Directions.

NEW! Natural History of the Gila Symposium

February 25-27, 2027

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Stream Restoration Day on the Upper Rio Ceballo

August 12, 2026, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Jemez Mountains

Curious about beaver habitat restoration? Join **Rio Grande Return** to build beaver dam analogues. Spend a day building instream structures with us. No prior experience is needed, just your enthusiasm and willingness to make a difference. Rio Grande Return is continuing our Rio Cebolla beaver habitat project by planting willows, installing beaver dam analogs, post-assisted log structures and large woody debris, and building enclosure fencing. Learn about the role of beaver mimicry in improving water quality, storing water, expanding wetlands and creating wildlife habitat. Location: Upstream of Seven Springs Hatchery. Directions will be provided to those who RSVP. RSVP to Karen (karen@riograndereturn.org) by the Monday prior.

Monarch Warrior Program

The [Friends of Valle de Oro](#) and Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge staff are seeking volunteers for their Monarch Warrior program. Do you want to help water baby plants? If you are interested in helping, contact Hanna Sikora (hanna_sikora@fws.gov).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Classic Program – Applications due July 27

The CIG program stimulates the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) to agricultural producers through the development of technical manuals, guides, and practical instruction for the private sector.

NEW! USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials for FY2026 – Applications due July 27

NRCS is announcing the availability of CIG On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials (On-Farm Trials). Through On-Farm Trials projects, awardees recruit producers and provide them with technical assistance and incentive payments to stimulate the adoption and evaluation of innovative conservation approaches. For 2026, applications will be accepted from eligible entities for projects addressing at least one of the following priorities: irrigation management technologies, new and innovative grazing land management solutions, nutrient management, and soil health demonstration trial (SHD). Up to \$50 million is available for On-Farm Trials in 2026. On-Farm Trials projects may be between 3 and 5 years in duration.

Truist Foundation Grant – 3 funding cycles; next one due July 31

The Truist Foundation supports our communities by investing in innovative nonprofits that work with adults and align with our key areas of focus: building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses. We support needs that are sustainable and don't commit funds to recurring expenditures. Examples include funding for a new program launch, a curriculum to expand or strengthen a program, equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs.

WaterSMART Grants

- **New! Cooperative Watershed Management Program** - four application periods due at 4:00 PM MDT; October 7, 2026, February 24, 2027, September 1, 2027, and February 15, 2028

The Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP) contributes to the WaterSMART strategy by providing funding to watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs.

- **Drought Response Program** - due by July 28, 2026 at 4 pm MDT

Assists communities in preparing for and responding to drought, including drought contingency planning and construction of drought resilience projects.

NM ECAM - Electric Grid Modernization Grant Program – due November 1

ECAM is now accepting applications for Grid Modernization Grant Program funding. If you represent a local government, Tribal government, public school, or university with a vision to strengthen the electric grid while supporting a zero-carbon future, apply now. This program has been infused with \$70 million from the Community Benefits Act Fund.

NM EMNRD - Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund *(ongoing)*

This program provides low-interest financing for nonprofit and commercial building owners whose facilities serve public needs—think healthcare centers, schools, and recreation spaces. Loans from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 at a fixed 2% interest rate can fund energy audits, upgrades, and retrofits that boost efficiency and sustainability. Whether you're just starting or ready to launch your next green project, we're here to support your journey. Reach out to the Energy Conservation and Management Division at emnrd-ecam@emnrd.nm.gov or fill out the [Interest Form](#) to get started.

USFWS – Partners for Fish and Wildlife FY25 *(ongoing)*

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (Partners Program) is a voluntary partnership program that provides technical and financial assistance to non-Federal landowners to improve fish and wildlife habitats for Federal trust species (e.g., threatened, endangered, and candidate species, migratory birds, and other declining species). With over 50 percent of New Mexico in private ownership, there are ample opportunities for habitat restoration on private land. Restoration activities that may be funded include, but are not limited to, the following habitat types: riparian areas, in-stream areas, wetlands, and uplands. Examples of funded projects include: controlling invasive plants, planting native vegetation, fencing sensitive areas, installing wildlife water sources, prescribed fire, livestock grazing management, and reseeding disturbed areas.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

New! Youth Climate Action Fund - YCAF - *Application deadline is September 2, 2026*

The City of Albuquerque is now accepting applications for the Youth Climate Action Fund. Participants, ages 15-24 years old, shall address climate change through a project focused on transportation, nature, or waste management. The city will award 8 to 40 grants ranging from \$1000 to \$5000. The projects must begin on November 13, 2026, and be completed, with results submitted to the city, by April 12, 2027. Be the leaders of your generation!

STEM Pathways and Research Alliances: New Mexico AMP Fall 2026 Applications Open

[NM AMP](#) is a statewide partnership of universities with the goal of increasing the number of students who complete high-quality STEM baccalaureate degrees and to prepare undergraduate students to enter the STEM workforce and/or pursue graduate education.

JOB OPENINGS

- [ARID Program Manager](#) (Req ID: req37032), The University of New Mexico, ARID Institute
- [Research Scientist 3](#) (Req ID: req37135), The University of New Mexico, Department of Biology
- [Civil/Environmental Engineer, Los Alamos, NM](#) (Requisition #19400002577), Tetra Tech
- [Civil, Mining, Environmental Engineer](#) (Requisition #10300001902), Tetra Tech - Albuquerque, NM
- [Drilling Field Team Lead - Geologist/Scientist - Los Alamos, NM](#) (Requisition #19400002482), Tetra Tech
- [Ecological Monitoring Crew Lead \(51478\)](#) New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
- [Environmental Professional Groundwater Monitoring - Los Alamos, NM](#) (Req #19400002548), Tetra Tech
- [Environmental Professional \(Surface Water Monitoring Team\) Los Alamos, NM](#) (Req #19400002491), Tetra Tech
- [Environmental Scientist](#) (Requisition #10300001901), Tetra Tech - Albuquerque, NM
- [Executive Director, Amigos Bravo](#), Amigos Bravos (New Mexico-based environmental justice organization)
- [Groundwater Purge Water Management Specialist - Los Alamos, NM](#) (Req #19400002496), Tetra Tech
- [Monitoring Technician \(51153\)](#) New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
- [Senior Water Resources Engineer](#) (Req #10000001219), Tetra Tech
- [Technical Editor - Los Alamos, NM](#) (Requisition #19400002476), Tetra Tech
- [Waste Management Manager - Los Alamos, NM](#) (Requisition #19400002579), Tetra Tech
- [Water Resources Project Manager](#) (Req #10000001223), Tetra Tech
- [Wind Turbine Technician - Hybrid/Local to Oso Grande, NM](#) (Requisition #19400002446), Tetra Tech
- [Senior Archaeologist](#) – Principal Investigator, SWCA

State of New Mexico Jobs - hiring for resilience-related careers. Go to <https://careers.share.nm.gov> and search by the Job ID.

- [Middle Rio Grande Restoration Ecologist \(DOW #5078\)](#), Department of Wildlife, Albuquerque, NM - closes 07/31
- [Senior Economist for Clean Energy \(EMNRD #5370\)](#), Department of Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources, Santa Fe, NM - closes 07/31
- [Senior Environmental Scientist \(NMED #29130\)](#), Department of Environment, Santa Fe, NM - closes 07/31
- [Wildlife Area Manager \(DOW #10114668\)](#), Department of Environment, Albuquerque, NM - closes 07/31
- [Senior Environmental Scientist \(EMNRD #10115140\)](#), Department of Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources, Albuquerque, NM - closes 07/31

- [Senior Administrative Assistant \(NMED #10112371\)](#), Department of Environment, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/01
- [Water Resources Supervisor \(OSE/ISC #6030\)](#), Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/03
- [Senior Environmental Analyst \(NMED #12257\)](#), Department of Environment, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/04
- [Water Resources Supervisor \(NMED# 12223\)](#), Department of Environment, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/04
- [Source Water Protection Scientist \(NMED #10101643\)](#), Department of Environment, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/04
- [Wildlife Habitat Biologist \(DOW #5069\)](#), Department of Wildlife, Roswell, NM - closes 08/05
- [Conservation Officer Major \(DOW #5202\)](#), Department of Wildlife, Albuquerque, NM - closes 08/05
- [Marketing Manager \(DOW #4985\)](#), Department of Wildlife, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/05
- [Acequia Program Technician-Water Resources Professional \(OSE/ISC #10113077\)](#), Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe, NM - closes 08/06
- [Quality Assurance Manager \(NMED #12063\)](#), Department of Environment, Albuquerque, NM - closes 08/07
- [Assessment Specialist \(NMED #30326\)](#), Department of Environment, Las Cruces, NM - closes 08/11
- [Wildlife Management Area Equipment Operator \(DOW #5083\)](#), Department of Wildlife, Roswell, NM - closes 08/16
- [Senior Transportation Planner \(NMDOT/GO/PINF #21318+\)](#), Department of Transportation, Santa Fe, NM – closes 8/21
- [Government to Government Unit Manager \(NMDOT/GO/PINF #10113998\)](#), Santa Fe, NM – closes 8/19