



# MODOC NATIONAL FOREST

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## OUTREACH NOTICE

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Supervisors Office,  
Alturas CA

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### ***-120 Day Temporary Promotion Detail- Forest Environmental Coordinator (GS 0401 11/12)***

The Modoc National Forest is currently seeking a candidate for a **120 day temporary promotion**, with a duty station in Alturas, California. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

**If you wish to be considered for this position, please return the attached voluntary **Outreach Interest Form** and a **resume** to, Chris Christofferson at [cchristofferson@fs.fed.us](mailto:cchristofferson@fs.fed.us) by the close of business on **3/28/2014**.**

**For more information on this position, contact Tim Davis at (530) 233-8812 or [tedavis@fs.fed.us](mailto:tedavis@fs.fed.us)**

### **Major Duties**

This position is located on a National Forest where the incumbent serves as the Forest's Environmental Coordinator, the Appeals and Litigation Manager and as the primary assistant to the Forest Planning Staff Officer. This position provides Forest Plan implementation direction and coordination for a complex array of resource management activities that include project compliance with NEPA, NFMA, CEQ; resource laws and regulations; and litigation defense activities that include appeals and objections procedures.

The incumbent provides direction and coordination of Forest-wide implementation activities. In doing so, the incumbent develops and provides management advice for processes and procedures regarding implementation and compliance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the National Forest Management Act (NFMA), the Forest Plan, and Forest Service policy that insure efficiency and legal sufficiency in project implementation activities for the Forest through performance of the following duties and responsibilities:

Plans, directs, and advises Forest personnel on compliance efforts regarding NEPA, CEQ, NFMA, the Forest Plan, and Forest Service policy. As the subject matter expert, the incumbent provides Forest Line Officers with advice and interpretation of a broad range of environmental policies. Provides program managers and district or zone environmental coordinators with technical leadership and guidance concerning interpretation and implementation of environmental policies. Responsible for mediating conflicting viewpoints of Interdisciplinary Team (IDT)

members on preparation and processing of Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments, and Environmental Impact Statements and associated NEPA decisions.

Serves as the Forest's technical expert, executing and coordinating final evaluation and review of environmental analysis documents for Forest projects and/or programs to ensure compliance with multiple environmental policy requirements. Interprets and disseminates changes, decisions, and directions regarding all environmental policies that would affect the Forest. Communicates impacts and applicability of changes, decisions, and directions to Forest Line Officers and Staff involved in projects and/or programs that are subject to NEPA, CEQ, NFMA, Objections, Appeals, and Litigation. Coordinates, prepares and publishes the quarterly Forest Plan implementation schedule (Schedule of Proposed Actions or SOPA) to accurately inform the public, other governmental agencies, special interest groups, and Congressional offices of planned and on-going activities associated with NEPA analyses and directions. Coordinates these implementation efforts with regional, state, city, county, and other federal agency land use planning efforts.

Assists in program leadership for the Forest Plan implementation monitoring activities on the Forest. Assists in organizing, coordinating and leading monitoring efforts designed to provide the Forest Leadership Team (FLT) with information needed to adapt Land and Resource Management Plan implementation practices to meet current resource conditions or changing policies or procedural guidelines. Participates on the Forest review team, assisting in the development of the annual Forest Plan monitoring report which highlights accumulative accomplishments toward meeting Forest goals and objectives as well as identifying the need for change in Forest direction through Plan amendment activities.

Serves as the Forest Appeals and Objections Coordinator in the implementation of the administrative appeals and objections procedures (36 CFR Parts 215, 217, 218, and 251, Part C). Manages Forest appeals, objections, litigation activities and, as requested, assists in the processing of Regional and National appeals and litigation involving the Forest. Facilitates the development of litigation reports for the Forest and liaisons documentation between the Forest, Regional Office, Office of General Council and the Department of Justice. Serves as the Forest-level subject matter expert (SME) on these activities; analyzing and considering litigation and court decisions to make appropriate recommendations to Forest Line Officers regarding Forest position in specific lawsuits. Insures appeal records are complete and concise, and coordinates activities with the Regional Appeals Manager as needed to assist the Appeal Deciding Official in reaching an accurate decision. In coordination with the Regional Office, serves as final authority of environmental documents for compliance with NEPA, CEQ, NFMA, FOIA, and guides each of the subsequent appeal, objection, or litigation reviews. Serves as the primary technical reviewer for the development of statements of work for NEPA contracts, Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs), and the subsequent NEPA documents prepared via contract, cooperating agency, or project proponent (3rd party) for activities on National Forest System (NFS) lands.

Serves as a Region-wide training resource, as requested by the Regional Office. Identifies the need for and type(s) of environmental policy training for Forest personnel involved in NEPA, CEQ, NFMA, FOIA, objection, appeals, and litigation reviews, projects, requests, and responses. Develops training content for Forest personnel and implements this training to ensure the technical and procedural aspects of covered environmental policies are consistently performed in project and/or program work.

**About the Modoc National Forest:**

**The Modoc National Forest** is landscaped with mountains, pine forests, meadows, lakes, streams, rugged canyons, wetlands, lava beds, and high desert plateaus...a land of contrasts, where crowds and congestion are non-existent. The environment experiences warm, dry summers and cold wet winters.

The temperatures in January range from an average high of 44 to an average low of 18, with July temperatures ranging from an average high of 88 to an average low of 44 degrees. Precipitation ranges from 4.94" to 20.8", with an annual average of 12.0". Elevations range from 4,300' to 9,934'. Gross Forest acreage is 1,979,407 acres.

The Modoc is an exciting destination for those interested in history and archeology. The Forest lies within an area occupied by Modoc, Achomawi (or Pit River), and Northern Paiute Native American tribes, with archeological evidence which suggests the area's first inhabitants settled here more than 10,000 years ago. The Forest is home to more than 300 species of wildlife, including the rocky mountain mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and Canada geese. A wild horse and burro territory is located in the Devil's Garden and Doublehead Ranger Districts. The Pacific Flyway for migratory waterfowl crosses directly over the Modoc National Forest. Additionally, because of the varied landscape, the Forest hosts an abundance of diverse plant life.

The South Warner Wilderness offers backpackers and horseback riders 79 miles of trails in the 70,385 acres. Winter recreation is available at the Cedar Pass Snow Park, 15 miles east of Alturas. A snowmobile trailhead is located at the Doorknob Snow Park, 1 ½ miles south of the Lava Beds National Monument. You can choose from a variety of campgrounds or picnic areas, available on a first come first served basis. Recreational opportunities include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, horseback riding, hang gliding, snow and water skiing, bird watching, and collecting rocks and gemstones.

More information on the Modoc National Forest is on our website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>.

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Please submit outreach response to Chris Christofferson at [cchristofferson@fs.fed.us](mailto:cchristofferson@fs.fed.us) On or before 3/28/14 if you wish to be notified when the position.

### Modoc National Forest

Doublehead Ranger District, Tulelake, or Big Valley Ranger District, Adin, CA

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:  {USFS  {BLM  {OTHER

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE  
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!