

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region



Outreach Notice Modoc National Forest

2014 Centralized Fire Hire Numerous Fire Positions (Modoc National Forest)

The Modoc National Forest will soon be filling **Numerous Fire Position (listed in table below)**, with duty locations of **Alturas, Cedarville, Canby, Tulelake and Adin, California**. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of this upcoming opportunity. Please see the following information on the positions and the Modoc National Forest.

To apply for any of these positions:

- 1) Go to USAJOBS (must set up and have a USAJOBS profile) <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
 - a. Search/locate the "Open and Continuous" announcement number;
 - b. Select position(s) and location(s) you are interested in and begin the application process.
- 2) Complete and submit your application prior to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) **September 5, 2014**

Position	OPEN CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT (OCR) ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER	Duty Location
Forestry Technician Supervisory Fire Engine Operator (SFEO) GS-0462-07/08	OCR14-462-SFEO(H)-7/8G OCR14-462-SFEO(H)-7/8DP	Possible back fill opportunity.
Forestry Technician Fire Engine Operator (FEO) GS-0462-07	OCR14-462-FEO(H)-7G OCR14-462-FEO(H)-7DP	3 positions Adin, also may have other duty locations (backfill).
Forestry Technician Asst. Fire Engine Operator (AFEO) GS-0462-06	OCR14-462-AFEO-6G OCR14-462-AFEO-6DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Forestry Technician Wildland Fire Apprentices GS-462-3/4/5	R5-14(1)-WFAP-462-3/4/5DP	*Applicants should apply to the duty location of the Supervisor's Office-Alturas.
Supervisory Forestry Technician/Wildland Fire Ops Specialist	OCR14-462-DZAFMO(H)-8/9G OCR14-462-DZAFMO(H)-8/9DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Forestry Technician (Dispatcher)/Asst Center Manager	OCR14-462-IADISP-8/9G OCR14-462-IADISP-8/9DP	Possible back fill opportunity
IA Dispatcher/Initial Attack	OCR14-462-IADISP-5/6/7G OCR14-462-IADISP-5/6/7DP	1 position, Alturas
Forestry Technician (Fuels)/Fuels Specialist AFMO	OCR14-462-DFUEL-8/9G OCR14-462-DFUEL-8/9DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Forestry Technician (Fire)/District Fuels Tech	OCR14-462-DFUEL-6/7G OCR14-462-DFUEL-6/7DP	Possible back fill opportunity

Supervisory Forestry Technician/IHC Superintendent	OCR14-462-IHCSUPT-9G OCR14-462-IHCSUPT-9DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Supervisory Forestry Technician (Fire)/Asst Superintendent	OCR14-462-IHCASST-7/8G OCR14-462-IHCASST-7/8DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Forestry Technician (Squad Leader)	OCR-462-IHCSQDLR-6/7G OCR-462-IHCSQDLR-6/7DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Forestry Technician (Prevention) Prev & Initial Attack	OCR-462-PREV-5/6/7G OCR-462-PREV-5/6/7DP	Possible back fill opportunity
Engineering Equipment Operator/Fire Dozer 8/Dozer Assistant	OCR14-5716-EQUIPOPTR-10G OCR14-5716-EQUIPOPTR-10DP	Possible back fill opportunity

*The number and locations of positions (Wildland Fire Apprentices) to be filled will be dependent upon individual unit needs and candidates may be further placed in any of the announced duty locations within each Forest they are applying to.

Candidates are encouraged to apply to any position/location on the Forest, whether a vacancy exists or not. Positions that become vacant during this process may also be filled immediately through a "back filling" process.

Announcements for these positions are open and continuous. Candidates should access USAJOBS for all vacancy announcement information and search by announcement number. Candidates are encouraged to read the announcement thoroughly to ensure you are applying to the correct announcement, as some position titles appear similar.

Applicants will need to attach any required supporting documents (IQMS Master Record, DD-214, etc.)

Applicants that completed their application in USA Jobs 60 days prior to must ensure the application has been recertified through USA Jobs in order to remain active and to be considered for Certificates of Candidates.

For position information applicants can contact:

Engine and Fuel Positions:	Scott Lucas Albert Savage	530-667-8641 530-233-8852	scottlucas@fs.fed.us albertsavage@fs.fed.us
Hotshot Positions:	William Almand	530-233-7953	walmand@fs.fed.us
Dispatch Positions:	Tyler Otterson	530-233-8881	totterson@fs.fed.us
Wildland Fire Apprentice Positions:	Scott Lucas Albert Savage	530-667-8641 530-233-8852	scottlucas@fs.fed.us albertsavage@fs.fed.us

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest sets in the extreme north eastern portion of California and is considered high desert. Elevations range from 3500 feet to over 10,000 feet. Vegetation varies from grasslands to dense timber. Modoc National Forest is bounded by the Oregon state line on the north, Medicine Lake Highlands and a volcanic zone on the west, Madeline Plains to the south, and the Warner Mountain Range to the east.

The Fire program on the Modoc consists of ten type III engines, one type II water tender, and one type I Hotshot crew. Fire occurrence on the forest on a ten year average is 95 fires with 3511 acres burned. The forest and other Federal agencies in the area have an active prescribed fire program, for 2011 there were 18,919 acres of prescribed fire accomplished. The Modoc also has a vast range of wildlife from the smallest mouse to Rocky Mountain Elk, as well as numerous species of birds. The Modoc National Forest covers an area of 1.69 million acres located in Modoc, Lassen and Siskiyou Counties in Northern California the Forest includes wilderness areas (South Warner). Trailheads are numerous and hikes range from easy to arduous. The Modoc border's the Lava Beds National Monument on three sides and neighbors numerous wildlife refuges. The Forest also helps to meet local and national needs for a variety of natural resources. Proactive vegetation management is an important element of caring for our public lands, and the professional staff of the Modoc leads the way by setting the standards for others to follow. With that, the preservation of biological diversity, and the sustainment of forest health are important to us.

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

About Communities:

Alturas: The Supervisor's office is located in Alturas, CA, which has a population of 3000, and is the county seat of Modoc County. Alturas is a full service community with a hospital, doctors, public schools, businesses, and recreational facilities. The cost of living is reasonable. Home costs range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are approximately \$300-\$500. The public school system provides instruction for grades K-12 and offers numerous extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the Lassen College Extension Office offers a variety of night courses. Alturas also has various churches representing many denominations. **For More Information Contact:** Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, and CA. 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

Adin: Adin is a rural northeast California community of about 550 people and is located in the heart of beautiful Big Valley. Big Valley consists of four small towns Adin, Bieber, Lookout and NuBieber. Surrounded by picturesque mountain peaks, there are many captivating views of Mt. Shasta and Mount Lassen that can be seen from the area. Modoc and Lassen Counties boast a distinctively rural atmosphere that includes forested plateaus, green mountains, snow-capped peaks, and vast open agricultural valleys.

With two major state Highway's running through it Hwy 299 and 139, it's easy to get to major cities such as Portland 475, San Francisco 307, Redding 94, Reno 160, and Klamath Falls 97.

The climate in Big Valley is characterized by four distinct seasons, with an average summer high of 93 and an average low in the winter of 28. Snowfall averaging ten inches per year is normal for the valley areas with more abundant amounts falling in the higher regions.

http://www.bigvalleychamber.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1&Itemid=1

Canby: Canby California is a small ranching community nestled in the North Eastern portion of the state. It is approximately 20 miles west of Alturas, CA and 80 miles south of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Larger populations centers include Redding, CA (120 miles), Medford, OR (155 miles) and Reno NV (175 miles).

Cedarville: Cedarville is home to 800 residents and is located 24 miles east of Alturas. The amenities include grocery stores, post office, gasoline station, restaurant, library, gift shop and other small businesses. Housing is relatively inexpensive. Home prices range from \$50,000 to \$90,000, while rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are \$400-\$700 monthly. Popular local community activities include the Fort Bidwell BBQ, Super Bull event, Surprise Valley Rotary Fly-in Breakfast, Eagleville BBQ, Country Hearth Art Show & Sale, Modoc County Last Frontier Fair, Thom's Creek Ranch "Fall Gathering & Harvest Fair," and the Modoc Frontier Christmas Fair. Recreational activities include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, rock collecting, snowmobiles, snow and water skiing, and bird watching. For more information, contact:

<http://surprisevalleychamber.com/> Greater Surprise Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 518, Cedarville, CA 96104-0518; 530-279-2001; FAX 530-279-2012

Tulelake: The Doublehead Ranger District Office is located in Tulelake, CA. Tulelake is a farming community with a population of 1000, which is situated at an elevation of 4,034 feet. The climate is mild with rainfall averaging 11 inches per year. The town has a post office, grocery store, which also serves as a gasoline station, hardware store, automobile parts stores, a satellite Department of Motor Vehicles office, restaurant, fast food stand, a small medical clinic, and county library office. The public schools provide instruction from kindergarten through high school. Tulelake is also located six miles from Merrill, Oregon, which is a small thriving community with amenities, while Klamath Falls, Oregon is the nearest big city 25 miles north of Tulelake, CA. In Klamath Falls there are the large shopping opportunities at Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Fred Meyer, malls, banks, law offices, medical centers, hospital, community and technical colleges, public schools, restaurants, art galleries, museums, marina, movie theater, airport, train station, bus terminal, and other businesses. For more information go to website:

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

Modoc Fall Fire Hire

Voluntary response “This is not an application to any current vacancies”.

If you wish to express interest in this position, please complete this voluntary Outreach Interest Form and email to any of the contacts listed above. Interested applicants still need to apply to the identified OCR for position of interest.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM

_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH?:

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
- _____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Submission of this form is voluntary – Thanks for your interest!