

FOREST SPOTLIGHT

Modoc NF – Pacific Southwest Region

225 W. 8th St. Alturas, CA 96101

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/modoc>

May 6, 2015

Contact: Ken Sandusky 530-233-8713
klsandusky@fs.fed.us

Modoc N.F Kingsley Field Veteran Recruitment Event

Alturas, Calif. – On May 2 Modoc National Forest representatives attended a recruitment event at nearby Kingsley Field, home of the Oregon Air National Guard's (OANG) 173rd Fighter Wing.



An Oregon Air National Guard F-15 Eagle from the 173rd Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jennifer Shirar/Released)

OANG service members working at Kingsley Field, were pleased to learn about employment opportunities with the Modoc National Forest.

The event was attended by both officers and enlisted personnel interested in learning about potential employment with the Modoc National Forest. Modoc National Forest's Mike Hinton, who works as the Veterans Ecological Restoration Team Coordinator as well as serving as Veteran Affairs Liaison Officer and as a member of the NFFE Military Veterans Committee presented information about Forest Service careers.

Attendees enjoyed an informal meet and greet upon conclusion of the presentation. Hinton said, "There were lots of questions, and a very high level of interest in the many forest service career paths."

The event was well received and is planned again next year due to overwhelming positive feedback and high level of interest.

"The Modoc National Forest recognizes the value of the unique skills, traits and experience military veterans possess as potential candidates for employment," Hinton added.

The Veteran Ecological Restoration Team is a veteran-created program designed to help veterans gain experience with the U.S Forest Service. This program allows veterans who are enrolled in the Department of Veteran Affairs non-paid work experience program with the Forest Service gaining on-the-job work experience and possibly find a suitable position in the agency. Veterans are exposed to a variety of work to build a well-rounded resume, while at the same time helping the U.S Forest Service achieve its goal of ecosystem restoration.

Veterans interested in this program should consult their local Department of Veteran Affairs office and ask how to join the non-paid work experience program or contact Mike Hinton, Modoc N.F./V.E.R.T Coordinator, at 530-233-8794 or mhinton@fs.fed.us.



Mike Hinton, Modoc NF Veterans Ecological Restoration Team Coordinator presents on the program to OANG personnel

###