



# MODOC NATIONAL FOREST

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## OUTREACH NOTICE

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Alturas, California

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### **Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-11/12**

The Modoc National Forest is currently seeking a candidate for a permanent full-time **Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-11/12** position with a duty station of **Alturas, California**. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, may contact Gary Kedish, Ecosystems Staff Officer, at (530) 233-8830. If you would like to be notified when the position is posted on the **USAJOBS website** please complete the attached outreach form and return to Gary Kedish at [gkedish@fs.fed.us](mailto:gkedish@fs.fed.us)

This position is the Range Program Manager on a National Forest unit. The incumbent is responsible for direction of intensive multiple-use practices and coordination activities applied in all aspects of range vegetation and ecosystem management including management of the Total Resource Information System, management of permitted livestock, range development and revegetation systems, and forest pesticide chemical use programs.

#### **About the Modoc National Forest:**

The Modoc National Forest, situated in extreme northeastern California, boasts an ecologically diverse landscape. It is a land of contrasts, with ecosystems ranging from pine and fir dominated mountains to high desert plateaus covered with sage brush and juniper. It is one of the largest national forests in California at about 1.68 million acres. Administratively it is managed from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas and two zones encompassing four ranger districts with offices in Adin, Tulelake, Alturas and Cedarville. The climate also exhibits contrasts, with average high temperatures in July being 88 degrees and average lows in January in the teens. With the average annual precipitation being about 12 inches there is an abundance of days with clear blue skies. Elevations range from 9,892 feet at Eagle Peak atop the Warner Mountains to 4,000 feet in the valleys.

The Forest manages a variety of programs, including wildlife, vegetation, range, recreation, minerals, wilderness, special uses, heritage, watershed, fuels and fire suppression. Specialists working here include botanists, foresters, wildlife and fishery biologists, archaeologists, range

conservationists, engineers, fire and fuels managers, business management and public relations professionals. These specialists work on a variety of challenging issues including: sage steppe restoration, wildhorse territory management, the largest rangeland management program in Region 5, managing fire across the landscape, and landscape scale restoration.

The Forest is primarily situated in beautiful Modoc County. With a population of about 10,000 the County is among the most rural in California. It borders Oregon to the north and Nevada to the east. Alturas is the County Seat and location of the Forest Supervisor's Office, and is about 3 ¼ hours (170 miles) from Reno, NV; 2 ¾ hours (145 miles) from Redding, CA; and 1 ¾ hours (98) miles from Klamath Falls, OR. All these cities offer major shopping opportunities and Reno and Redding offer airport services. There is a medical clinic in Alturas with major medical services available in Reno and Redding.

While the key to real estate is location, location, location; for many who come and stay on the Modoc the key is lifestyle, lifestyle, lifestyle. The Modoc lifestyle has much to offer, being more rural and remote. A slower pace offers a welcome relief from the "hustle and bustle" of urban life. The nights are quiet and peaceful, and with minimal light pollution the sky is full of stars. There are ample recreational opportunities, including fishing and hunting, that are uncrowded. There is strong community support and the local community is interested and involved in Forest programs. If you are looking for a place that offers a low stress lifestyle and safe community, the Modoc is for you.

Information on the Modoc National Forest and community is available on these sites:

- Modoc National Forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>
- Modoc Record (newspaper): <http://www.modocrecord.com/>
- Modoc National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forest-Service-Modoc-National-Forest/624840120965582>
- Modoc schools: <http://www.modoccoe.k12.ca.us/>
- Alturas, CA information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Alturas-California.html>
- Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at [www.alturaschamber.org/](http://www.alturaschamber.org/)

## About 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.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Individuals stating interest in this position will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted so they can apply. If interested, please complete the Outreach Form at the end of this announcement and email to **Gary Kedish** at [gkedish@fs.fed.us](mailto:gkedish@fs.fed.us) by close of business on June 26, 2015.

**This outreach form does not constitute an application. The vacancy announcement will appear on the USAJOBS website: [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/)**

# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM



**Rangeland Management Specialist GS-0454-10/11**

Please submit outreach response to **Gary Kedish** at [gkedish@fs.fed.us](mailto:gkedish@fs.fed.us)

**On or before June 26, 2015**

**Modoc National Forest**

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- PATHWAYS PROGRAM

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