

Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice

Modoc National Forest



Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

GS-0401-07/09

The Modoc National Forest is planning to fill an East Zone **Recreation Specialist, GS-0401-07/09** position, with a duty station of **Warner Mountain Ranger District Office in Cedarville, CA** or **Devil's Garden Ranger District in Alturas, CA**. Interested individuals are encouraged to complete the attached voluntary Outreach Interest Form and send it to Tim Davis at tedavis@fs.fed.us by the close of business on **September 30, 2015**.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Implements recreation plan objectives and inspects the full range of recreation uses, administration of special authorization for recreation events and concessionaire operations. Develops plans for potential sites or areas for additional recreation use and planned development.

Gathers relevant information and project cost for recreation facilities, maintenance, and operation. Develops source documents for managing and carrying out management plans.

Participates in the development, administration, and execution of annual work plans for recreation resources in compliance with agency guidelines and direction.

Uses INFRA, NRUM, MM, and other databases to maintain unit information in order to monitor recreation resources program activities. Communicates program information to the public regarding the agencies management practices, rules, and regulations.

Provides technical and administrative supervision to subordinate employees. Plans work to be accomplished, sets and adjusts short-term priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work. Assigns work based on priorities, selective consideration of the difficulty and requirements of assignments, and the capabilities of employees. Evaluates work performance.

Provides specific program input into the overall natural resources management planning process. Coordinates with other natural resource disciplines ensuring program requirements are included in the project planning and execution. Develops and monitors a portion of the annual program plan of work. Participates in the preparation and monitoring of the annual operating plans budget preparation.

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

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/>

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

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.

Alturas Community Information: Alturas is situated in the high desert country with a population of 3000 inhabitants and is the Modoc county seat. The county population is 10,000 people. Alturas is a full service community with a hospital, several doctors, dentists, chiropractors, restaurants, golf course, banks, automobile parts, and other businesses. The public school system teaches grades K-12 and offers numerous extra-curricular activities. The Lassen College Extension Office offers a variety of night courses. Alturas has churches representing many denominations. Adult organizations include the Lions, Elks, Rotary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, volunteer groups and card clubs. Popular year-round activities include Modoc Performing Arts Theater, Fourth of July events, Hot Air Balloon Fest, softball, and other recreation opportunities. Homes cost \$80,000 to \$200,000. Rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are approximately \$300-\$600 per month. Canby, a rural community of 125 is located 19 miles west of Alturas.

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.
- 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/

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM
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Please submit outreach response **by September 30, 2015** to Tim Davis at
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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!

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