

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice Modoc National Forest



Prescribe Fire and Fuels Specialist PFFS (Forest Fuels Officer) 1 Permanent Position to be filled (Modoc National Forest)

The Modoc National Forest will soon be filling a Prescribe Fire and Fuels Specialist (listed in table below). Applicants must select Alturas, California as the duty station for this vacancy. The actual Duty location is negotiable among the following locations on the Modoc National Forest. Alturas, CA (Supervisors Office), Adin, CA (Big Valley Ranger District) or Tulelake, CA (Doublehead Ranger District). This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

To apply for this position:

- 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 and location you are interested in and begin the application process.
- 2) Open Period for this outreach will be **March 18, 2013 through April 19, 2013**. We will be requesting a referral list short thereafter.
- 3) This is an Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) position on a high complexity forest. The Selective Placement Factors became effective on October 1, 2010. Reference the following link for those specific requirements:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>

Position	OPEN CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT (OCR) ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER	Duty Location
Prescribe Fire and Fuels Specialist GS-0401-11 FS2016	OCR13-401-FFUEL(H)-11G OCR13-401-FFUEL(H)-11DP	Alturas CA. (Can be negotiable upon selection as stated above)

DUTIES:

Program Management 50%
Incumbent provides program management oversight for a high complexity fire/fuels management program, based on the IFPM complexity analysis rating factors. Provides professional expertise in the development and implementation of multiple resource objectives. Develops fuels treatment alternatives to support management decisions while adhering to applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Evaluates individual fuels treatments as well as the effectiveness of the overall program and makes recommendations for improvement.

Responsible for the smoke management program to ensure compliance with state air quality standards. Coordinates with federal, state, and local government air quality officials in their development of operational procedures and reporting requirements.

Performs fiscal analysis, formulates the annual fuels management budget, and maintains a system of accounts to track program expenditures. This includes managing the budget from out-year planning to year-end closure.

Coordinates with the next higher organizational level, other agencies, cooperators, and stakeholders to develop interagency fuels strategies. Represents the organization in multi-agency fuels management activities.

Maintains awareness of technological developments in wildland fire science and related disciplines. Collects information through a variety of methods, including field surveys, computer modeling, and specific literature searches. Stays abreast of state-of-the-art computer modeling software and scientific methods to support fire use, air quality, and fuel treatment planning and applications.

Coordinates multi-disciplinary field studies related to fuels management program issues to determine effectiveness of treatments. Coordinates and provides transfer of findings to the appropriate personnel.

Planning 30%

Serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team planning, developing, and implementing land management plans, compliance documents, and agreements. Provides input and recommends strategies for fuels and fire management.

Provides assistance to other resource program managers in the design of fuels management prescriptions and implementation plans. Provides information on fuels management methods to enhance, restore and protect ecosystems.

Participates in the development, review, and modification of the fire management plan. Develops, reviews and monitors fuels management plans. Works closely with other resource specialists to integrate vegetation management project designs in fuels program direction.

Reviews environmental documents, prescribed fire plans, and wildland fire use plans of other agencies and stakeholders which will affect the unit.

Prepares wildland fire risk assessments incorporating wildland/urban interface considerations into all agreements, operating plans, and land and fire management plans, to ensure that all interface areas are covered and state and local responsibilities are apportioned appropriately.

Participates in the development of cooperative agreements to facilitate multi-agency projects.

Operations and Safety 20%

Implements and administers prescribed fire activities, wildland fire use, and fuels management activities to ensure targets are achieved, management objectives are met and mitigation measures are adequate. Monitors fire behavior, evaluates fire effects, identifies potential problems and takes appropriate action.

Designs and implements fuels management surveys to document presence, amount, and types of hazardous fuels. Utilizes the results of the surveys to prioritize prescribed fire and fuels management projects.

Ensures own and other's welfare and safety in all aspects of project implementation. Identifies training needs and participates in prescribed fire and fuels management, and wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression.

Participates in preparedness reviews, proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and after action reviews.

May serve as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) on fuels management contracts and may be responsible for the preparation of contract specifications and performance measures.

For position information applicants can contact:

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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.

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 boulder'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 Nubieber, Bieber, Lookout and Adin. 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 include forested plateaus, green mountains, snow-capped peaks, and vast open agricultural valleys.

With two major state Hwy'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

Tulelake: The Double Head Ranger District Office is located in Tule lake, CA. Tule Lake 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, bank, 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. Tule lake 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: <http://www.visittulelake.com/>

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

Modoc National Forest

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 READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

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

Please submit this form to Maria Schleidt, Acting Forest Civil Rights Officer

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