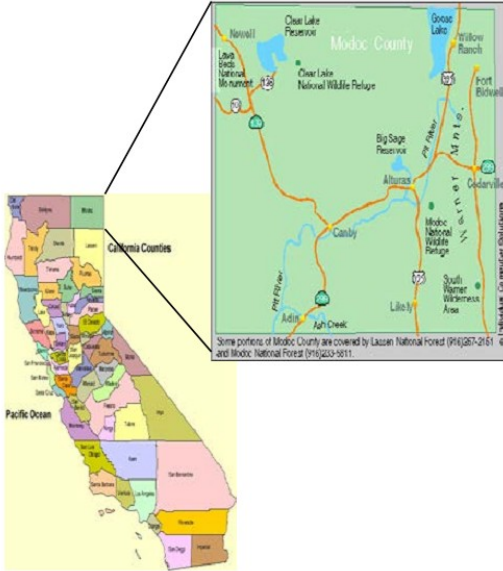


# Modoc County

## Introduction to the Modoc County Office of Education (MCOE)



The Human Resources Department of MCOE extends a welcoming invitation to all qualifying applicants who seek to advance student education, while promoting their own career via a change in location.

MCOE is an equal opportunity employer who values employee diversity, educational acumen, creativity, dedication and enthusiasm in endorsing education as the primary entity for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Interested applicants are encouraged to thoroughly read through the pamphlet, which provides an overview of the demographical region of Modoc County and describes in brevity what this particular area can offer prospective candidates who are seeking new adventures and a new place to call home.

## “Where the West Still Lives”



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Modoc County has a total area of 3,944 square miles, with a population of less than 9,000, which means an average of about 2 persons per square mile. This makes Modoc County one of the most sparsely populated counties in California.

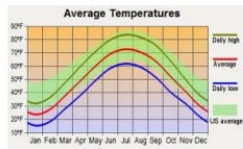
Modoc County's terrain ranges from lava tubes to forested mountains, lakes and valleys, rivers and streams, high desert, and wildlife refuges.

Annual events include the Fandango Days Celebration in early July and the Alturas Balloon Fest and Migratory Bird Festival in mid-September.



The county seat, Alturas, is located on the Pit River, at an elevation of 4,370 feet, has a population of less than 2,900 and is the only incorporated city in the entire county.

Alturas has wet, cold winters and warm, dry summers. The average January temps are a high of 41° and a low of 16°. The average July temps are a high of 88° and a low of 44°. Freezing temps can occur in every month of the year; cool nights are common even on the warmest summer days. The record high was 108° in 2007, and the record low was -34° in 1972.



Alturas is the trade center for this rural agricultural region, which produces beef, sheep, potatoes, and alfalfa.



Alturas is home to regional government offices, including US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, California Highway Patrol, and California Department of Motor Vehicles.

There is an abundance of wilderness, hunting and fishing resources, resplendent natural beauty, and recreational opportunities for all to enjoy.



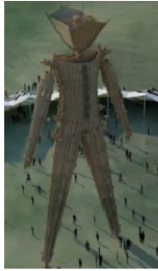
One of the most famous attractions is Captain Jack's Stronghold, where the Modoc War (or Lava Beds War) of 1872-73 brought nationwide attention to the area. This area has since been designated the Lava Beds National Monument.

During World War II, the US government developed several thousands of acres just south of Newell as a Japanese-American



internment camp. The Tule Lake War Relocation Center was the

largest of the national "segregation camps" and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark, as well as the only site in the contiguous 48 states to be a part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. A historical marker is located on Hwy 139 in Newell.



Another attraction that draws thousands of people to Modoc County is the annual Burning Man Festival, held in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. Alturas is the last large city on the route from Oregon and Washington.

Do you enjoy the sound of thunder...as in Harley Thunder? Twice a year, hundreds of motorcyclists pass through Alturas on their way to the Street Vibrations activities in Reno, NV. It's quite a sight to see!



Do you enjoy skiing and snowboarding? The Cedar Pass Ski Hill is located about 20 miles east of Alturas on the way to Cedarville off of Highway 299. There is also the Warner Mt. Ski Area

located northeast of Lakeview, Oregon, which is about 55 miles north of Alturas on Highway 395.

If you enjoy the big city lights, Reno, Nevada, is 185 miles south, Redding, California, is 145 miles to the west, and Klamath Falls, Oregon, is 100 miles to the northwest. Living in Modoc County affords you the privilege of a quiet, rural life-style...within an easy drive of the varied amenities offered by a larger city. Great for a weekend outing!



This is not an unusual sight in Modoc County...cattle being herded down a main street or even down a highway.

This area has almost as many ranches and farms as people...and...definitely more cattle than people!

Family traditions are important and this is reflected in our communities, our businesses, and our schools.



Modoc County is a country for all seasons – spring, summer, fall and winter! As you can see in this picture, the fields are green and there is still snow on the mountains.

Wildlife in Modoc County runs the gamut



between ground squirrels, game birds, raptors, migratory

fowl, sandhill cranes, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bear, wild horses and burros. There is even a buffalo ranch just east of Adin.





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MCOE provides fiscal and administrative support in the areas of Business Services, Educational Services, Facilities, Human Resources, and Special Education to the three school districts under its jurisdiction.

**Mission Statement**

*Children are the highest priority of the Modoc County Office of Education. Our professional staff will act to ensure that all children are prepared to learn and all students receive exceptional instruction in a safe and conducive learning environment.*



**Modoc Joint Unified**  
**Alturas**  
[www.modoc.k12.ca.us](http://www.modoc.k12.ca.us)

Modoc Joint Unified School District is a K-12 District with an elementary school (K-5), a middle school (6-8), a high school (9-12), a continuation school, a community day school, adult education, and one small rural school (K-5) located in an outlying area.

**Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Modoc Joint Unified School district is to provide a quality education by leading, assisting, and motivating all students to establish and achieve goals to become responsible and productive citizens.*



**Surprise Valley Joint Unified**  
**Cedarville**  
[www.svjusd.org](http://www.svjusd.org)

Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District is K-12 District.

**Vision Statement**

*"CULTIVATING responsible learners and citizens through ACTIVE student, family, and community ENGAGEMENT".*



**Tulelake Basin Joint Unified**  
**Tulelake**  
[www.tulelakeschools.org](http://www.tulelakeschools.org)

Tulelake Basin Joint Unified School District is a K-12 District with an elementary school (K-6), a combination middle-high school (7-12), and a continuation high school.

**Mission Statement**

*The Tulelake Basin Joint Unified School District's mission is to prepare all of our students for the future utilizing all district resources to ensure students achieve their potential.*