Introduction

Modoc Shared Stewardship is a collaborative agreement between the Modoc County Farm Bureau (MCFB) and the Modoc National Forest (Forest) to address the continual Forest staff vacancies that impact the timely completion of Forest projects. Modoc County is over 70% public land and much of our rural community is dependent on the Forest for some part of their livelihood. The program is funded by local grants, individual donations and Forest dollars.

University of California Cooperative Extension - Modoc recruits, hires, and provides training for the employees who are MCFB employees. This collaboration between agencies along with Modoc County utilizes strengths in each organization to address capacity related issues in natural resources management in Modoc. Although a smaller version of this program was started about a decade ago, this partnership as it currently exists started in 2020 and has ballooned to the program it is today. The program provides local economic prosperity by employing local people as well as bringing in qualified specialists to complete tasks that assist the community. This program was awarded the 2022 National Farm Bureau and California Farm Bureau Merit of Excellence.

2022 Facts

- $600,000 Dollars Allocated
- 45 People Hired
- 24,648 Hours Worked
- 12 People Hired Permanently
- 3,600 Volunteer Hours

Community Benefits

- Job Skills Training
- Permanent Job Opportunities
- Rangeland Monitoring
- Firewood Permits
- Forest Health and Timber Sales
- Archaeology Surveys
- Obsidian Mining
- Trails and Recreation
- NEPA Compliance
- Wildlife Surveys
- Noxious Weed Management
- Customer Service
- Local Economic Support