

# Native Plants Program Internship on the Modoc National Forest

## 2009 Accomplishments

Region 5, USDA Forest Service and the University of California, Davis in 2009. As part of this internship program, the Modoc National Forest hosted a University of California student, Sarah Lewis, to survey and map noxious weeds.

Sarah spent nine weeks surveying key areas of the Forest to locate and map noxious weeds. Her efforts were integral to implementation of the Modoc National Forest Noxious Weed Treatment Program, initiated in 2009. She identified high priority weed sites for herbicide treatment by the Modoc Resource Conservation District, and assisted the hand-treatment crew with locating and treating sites (Figure 1). Sarah also ground checked grazing permittee reports of weeds, mapping discovered sites, and surveyed several hundred miles of Forest roads for noxious weeds.

As part of Sarah's internship, Modoc National Forest also provided opportunities to learn about Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive plants (Figure 2). Overall, Sarah was a valued addition to the 2009 Botany team.



Figure 2. Sarah Lewis learning about rare plant species.



Figure 1. Modoc National Forest staff contemplate the imminent demise of Scotch thistle.



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