

# NEWS



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## **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO DIG THE PAST**

Susanville, Calif...Have you ever wondered if pioneers, or members of the Aporige Band of the Pit River People camped near Pine Creek? The Eagle Lake Ranger District is sponsoring a Passport In Time (PIT) project and is looking for volunteers. PIT is a national volunteer program that provides opportunities for the public to participate in historic preservation activities and to work with professional archaeologists in historic restoration, archaeological surveys and excavations, and artifact cataloging. This PIT project is made possible by supplemental funding from the Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) for phase II of the Pine Creek Fish Trap Rehabilitation Project.

Volunteers are needed August 9-13<sup>th</sup> 2004 and will participate in an excavation of an archaeological site located along Pine Creek, close to the Spalding community and Eagle Lake. Christine Hill, District Archeologist, commented, "Previous archaeological research in this area is limited, so the data recovered through the excavation will provide an important contribution to understanding the cultural adaptations in the Eagle Lake Basin."

The Eagle Lake Ranger District is looking for volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please contact the Eagle Lake Ranger District at (530) 257-4188 for an application. **Applications are due to the Ranger District by July 12<sup>th</sup>.** Parental supervision is required for those under 18 years of age who wish to participate.

Additional information to help prepare for the project, including maps, camping facilities, personal items recommended, and the cultural background of the areas will be supplied to you upon selection. We recommend volunteers camp with the PIT group at a designated camping location near the project area. Participants must supply their own food, water, and camping gear. If you have any questions about the Pine Creek "Passport in Time" project, and would like more information please call Christine Hill, District Archeologist at (530) 252-5863.

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