

Forest Fire Lookout Association Northern California Chapter Report - 2013

Current Membership: 27

Current Balance: \$1381.33

Overview:

-Received and responded to many requests via email, phone, and mail for lookout information throughout the year.

-Distributed FFLA brochures to hundreds of forest visitors.

-Gathered with several fire lookouts at the annual Klamath National Forest Lookout Workshop in May.

Thank you to the U.S. Forest Service and CalFire personnel who continue to make this informative workshop happen. Topics covered included Fire Weather, Mapping, Safety, and Communications.

-Continue to compile oral history interviews with former Shasta-Siskiyou-Klamath-Lassen-Modoc-Trinity County fire lookouts. Thank you to everyone for your stories of your fire tower experiences and vintage photos.

Lookout Tower Status Report:

-New this season, Pickett Peak Lookout, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, southwest of Hayfork, California, reopened with paid U.S. Forest Service staffing after 20 years of being shuttered. Lightning fires were not only spotted and reported from Pickett Peak in August, but cross-shots were a welcome addition to the rest of the fire detection team.

-Goals:

-Host Chapter meetings. Schedule informal lookout hikes and lookout tower visits. Seek nominations for National Historic Lookout Register. Expand FFLA membership. Expand community outreach.

In closing, all time, postage, phone bills, Internet service, and travel have been paid for out-of-pocket as donations to Forest Fire Lookout Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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