FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION California-Northern Chapter



2018 Year-End Report

CURRENT CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Kyle Stetler, Director (Acting)

LOCAL FFLA CHAPTERS:

None

AFFILIATES:

None

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2018:

- Continued outreach with all national forest points of contact, as well as other agencies, in order to develop an endangered lookout list so that the current situation is better understood.
 - Completed list and results are shown below. It is approximate and the information is somewhat fluid as some of the program managers are still obtaining information from other managers about actual lookout status.
 - Active lookouts appear to still largely be active while some rental lookouts have been removed from the program due to a lack of maintenance.
 - The Big Bar Lookout on the Plumas NF was destroyed during the Camp Fire which occurred in Paradise California.
- Worked with Forest Heritage Program managers to identify approximately 6 lookouts that could use some form of rehabilitation or stabilization work.
- Coordinate volunteer work parties at the request of land management units. (USFS and CALFIRE)
- Began coordination with HistoriCorps to work jointly on FS lookouts. Also trying to develop relationship to determine how projects are selected and prioritized.
- Finally emailed chapter members to gauge interest in volunteering. My fault for falling behind on this task.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019:

- Refine list of potential lookout rehabilitation/stabilization projects for various land management units.
- Continue coordination with HistoriCoprs.
- Potentially travel to Lassen NF to tour lookouts with Forest Heritage program manager.

2018 Chapter Tower Statistics:

Total lookout towers in chapter: 110
Counties in Chapter 19
Towers in active service: 47
Towers in rental program: 5
Towers needing significant repairs: 7
Towers hopelessly dilapidated: 9

Towers converted to alternate use/standby: 31 (mainly CalFire lookouts)

Towers scheduled for removal: 2
Towers destroyed by wildland fire: 1

Submitted,

/s/ Kyle Stetler, 1.7.19

Director (Acting)

California-North Chapter