



FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

California Pacific Region

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Current Chapter Officers:

Christopher Rivera, Director
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Local Chapter:

“Konocti”

2021 Totals and Report

Affiliates:

Copernicus Peak Lookout, Calfire
Volunteers in Prevention, Morgan Hill, California

1. **Konocti Lookout, Wrights Peak, Lake County California(Calfire):** US#1104. In 2019, Calfire and State Engineers conducted a structural inspection on the entire structure and found it to be unsafe for habitation. Therefore, again For second consecutive year and fire season, Konocti Chapter of FFLA conducted fire lookout duties and services, “Old School”, from the top of Wright Peak, in the shadow of the tower. Some days in excess of 100 degree heat.

We began our Lookout services on May 3, 2021 and concluded on November 4, 2021. For a total of 129 days in-service, and a total of 1,168 Volunteer hours. We called in 18 Smoke Reports. I am staying in constant contact with Senator Mike McGuire's Office who is assisting us with communications and encouraging Calfire to expedite repairs of Konocti Lookout. Calfire has not mentioned any concrete plans to repair Konocti Lookout but, has told Senator McGuire that the Lookout is on the priority list of facilities to be repaired.

2. **Argentine Rock Lookout, Plumas National Forest,** US#601 As previously mentioned by Kyle Stetler. Argentine Lookout Cooperative Agreement has been signed by proper USFS personnel. We now have a signed agreement with the USFS Plumas National Forest, Quincy, Ca. To rebuild “Argentine Rock Lookout”, Grizzly Peak, Mt. Hough Ranger District.

In June 2021, the Dixie Fire restricted the Argentine Lookout Chapter from meeting and planning until late October/November 2021. The Argentine Chapter of FFLA has now resumed local meetings, planning, and will continue with the community based donor programs and fundraising. Argentine Chapter of Forest Fire Lookout Association has voted it's First, Chapter Chairperson into the history books. That Chairperson is Jeff Greef of Greenville, Ca. Argentine Lookout also now has a mailing address: P.O. Box 921, Quincy, California 95971.



Chapter” groundwork is moving forward and a volunteer base of name and prospects is being compiled. A Website was constructed (argentinelookout.org) with a GoFundMe established for donations. Artwork for Merchandise was presented and accepted by the Chapter, for uniforms, merchandise resale and fundraising. A bank account and 501c3 status is being requested through the State of California.

3. **Copernicus Lookout:** US#1342, Copernicus Lookout is a Calfire managed lookout based in Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County, California. Forest Fire Lookout Association, California Pacific Region offers Leadership and Training as needed and requested by the lookout personnel.

Copernicus began the 2021 Fire Season with 25 total, Trained Qualified Volunteers to staff the lookout. Copernicus began it’s 2021 Fire Season on May 29, 2021, and ended the season on November 21, 2021. For a total of 32 staffed days.

There were a total of 73 personnel shift hours documented during the season, plus two (2) full time Calfire Wildland Fire Fighters working with the volunteers, on two of those days. There was a total of 15 smoke reports documented, and One (1) Non-fire incident reported by nearby Lick Observatory of a “bicyclist down”, which resulted in an air evac of the bicyclist.

During this time period, there were two (2) RED FLAG, and one (1) Dry Lightning Days reported.

I was notified by outgoing Chapter Chair, John Whiteside (john.whiteside2earthlink.net) that he is being replaced by Jerry Borden (jlborder44@gmail.com).

FINANCIALS OF CALIFORNIA PACIFIC REGION:

Totals \$3,148.23 as of 12-31-2021

OBJECTIVES FOR 2022:

- Assist with the progress of possible Rebuild of Ironsides Lookout
- Assist with the progress of Agreement of Orleans Mt. Lookout
- Assist Assist with the progress of Argentine Chapter Rebuild.

*Submitted by
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