



FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION, INC.

California – Pacific Chapter

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2010 Annual Report

History:

The California-Pacific Chapter was formed September 2010 by Executive Committee action. The chapter includes all State Responsibility Areas (SRA) and from the Pacific Coast to the Sierra-Nevada foothills from the southern border of the Los Padres National Forest to the northern border of the Mendocino National Forest. Both forests and all Cal Fire Lookout Stations are included as well.

The California-Pacific Chapter is the fourth chapter in the state of California. Northern California, Southern California and Sierra-Nevada (formerly Central California) preceded it.

Purpose:

The California – Pacific Chapter was formed to provide a focus on the remaining California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) lookout stations. Establishing local chapters to preserve these lookouts is a priority.

Lookouts:

Approximately 76 Cal Fire Lookout Stations still stand statewide. The Los Padres National Forest has approximately 10 remaining lookouts, the Mendocino National Forest at least 4.

Cal Fire Liaison

Chairman Keith Argow established the position of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) Liaison at the Annual Western Conference in June 2010. The goal of the position is to create a closer relationship with Cal Fire to help create preservation opportunities for any of their remaining lookouts.

Accomplishments:

- Cal Fire Liaison position established.
- California-Pacific Chapter created.
- Registered www.calfirelookouts.org web address.
- Conducted discussions regarding local chapters in Humboldt (Grasshopper & Iaquia Buttes LO's) and Nevada (Wolf Mtn & Banner Mtn LO's) counties.
- Entered into discussion on the preservation of Annette Lookout with the Kern County Fire Department.
- Entered into a preservation discussion for Figueroa Mountain Lookout on the Santa Lucia Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest.
- Established relationship with Cal Fire Archaeologist, Dan Foster
- Developed Chapter Logo.
- Began archiving historic lookout photos and documents.
- Nominated 6 lookouts to the National Historic Lookout Register; Basalt Hill, Sid Ormsbee, South Mountain, Smith Mountain, La Cumbre Peak & Figueroa Mountain.
- Assisted in NHLR nomination for Grasshopper Peak Lookout in Humboldt County.
- Reached agreement with California State Parks to restore and operate Boucher Hill Lookout.

2011 Plans:

- Pursue establishment of Local Chapters for Humboldt and Nevada County Cal Fire Lookouts.
- Pursue establishment of Local Chapters for Los Padres and Mendocino National Forest Lookouts.
- Pursue establishment of Local Chapters as opportunities are presented.
- Conduct general awareness campaign statewide for lookout preservation.

- Continue to nominate existing lookouts to the NHLR.
- Continue to nominate former lookout sites to the FFLSR.
- Open the former Cal Fire (now State parks) Boucher Hill Lookout for fire detection and public interpretation.
- Establish partnership with the CDF Museum for Boucher Hill interpretive displays.
- Continue historic document and image acquisition.
- Continue to develop website and produce newsletters.
- Pursue all additional media opportunities.

Conclusion:

The California - Pacific Chapter is just kicking off with a full agenda to pursue preservation, restoration, research and volunteer staffing of remaining lookouts through formation of new local chapters.

We look forward to all the opportunities the new California – Pacific Chapter will present, well into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Eells,
California – Pacific Chapter Director

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