



**Forest Fire Lookout Association  
Eastern Washington Chapter  
PO Box 47, Colville, Wash. 99114**

**EASTERN WASHINGTON 2017 CHAPTER REPORT**

**MEMBERSHIP:** 59 members. 22 complimentary copies of the Lookout Network sent to agencies and donors.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Ending Balance of \$1,756.60.

**ACTIVITIES:** FFLA members Ron Marvin, C. Rod Bacon and the Director volunteered with the Newport / Sullivan Lake RD-Colville NF to perform restoration on Timber Mountain Lookout. The project was facilitated through Passport in Time. The PIT crew working a one week session was able to sanitize the interior, replace plywood sub-floor, paint the interior and exterior, and repair tower footings and catwalk railings. The lookout is now in excellent standby status. Many will recall that the "Lookout Ballad" was penned here.

Planned work on Salmo Lookout was stymied by the Noisy Creek Fire which closed the road 15 miles from it. Salmo was also wrapped due to this fire and the nearby Hughes Fire. Work will resume this summer with plans to return this lookout to volunteer service and into the rental program. A 2016 FFLA Restoration Grant was awarded and received for the continuation of the project in January of 2017. Supplies were purchased and ready to go. The E. Wash. Chapter is committed to seeing this project thru to completion in 2018.

The Colville Local Chapter was active in locating the Paradise Peak Lookout on the Colville NF and listing the Horseshoe Mountain Lookout site, on NE Wash. BLM lands, in the FFLOS Register.

E. Wash. members that included Vicki Fosback, Bev Heebner and the Director, helped with the restoration of Puyallup Ridge Lookout in the Mount Rainier area. Project coordinator Rick Eades, obtained a grant from the Chuck Butler Memorial Fund and successfully gained access through restricted property to this former DNR lookout.

E. Wash members and octogenarians Al Schlottman and Ray Kresek had the Selkirk Mountains of North Idaho pretty well covered over the summer; with Al on Gisborne Mountain (FS) and Ray on Sundance Mountain (IDL).

**LOOKOUTS:** 57 Eastern Washington lookout sites with standing structures; 32 were manned full time, intermittently or on standby. 2 lookouts involved in the rental program.

**OBJECTIVES:** Continued support for the restoration of Big Butte Lookout (Umatilla NF) and Salmo Mountain Lookout (Colville NF).

In partnership with the Western Washington Chapter and Washington South Cascade Local Chapter; will co-host the 2018 FFLA Western Conference.

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Eastern Washington Director