



Forest Fire Lookout Association
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EASTERN WASHINGTON 2014 CHAPTER REPORT

MEMBERSHIP: 53 members. 23 complimentary copies of the Lookout Network sent; 21 by email (PDF) and 2 by postal mail.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Ending Balance of \$1,915.12

ACTIVITIES: Your Eastern Washington Chapter money went towards two worthy projects this year. The first was a \$500 matching contribution to the \$500 FFLA Restoration Grant given towards the rehabilitation of Big Butte Lookout on the Umatilla National Forest. Six FFLA members also showed up for the work party to contribute their valuable time and efforts towards the restoration. The second project was to contribute \$50 towards aiding long time Klamath National Forest Lookout, Nancy Hood. Nancy lost her home to the Happy Camp Complex Fires.

Member In The News: Rex Kamstra was awarded the Doug Newman Award during the 2014 Western Conference held in Darby, Montana. For many years Rex has devoted much time and effort towards his website listing of lookouts and lookout sites.

LOOKOUTS: The very noteworthy Carlton Complex Fire in Central Washington threatened lookouts Leecher Mountain and Knowlton Knob. The DNR lookout Knowlton Knob had two legs burnt out from underneath it but continued to stay up. The legs were quickly repaired by an unknown benefactor.

OBJECTIVES: Several potential lookout restoration projects being devised by members are in the works. Of note is North Twenty Mile. Should any of these pan out, your chapter will be there in support with available funds and a call for volunteers. An Inland Northwest Weekend is being organized by Ray Kresek to be held at the Lookout Museum in July. These biyearly get-togethers have become very popular and enjoyable for all who attend.

Rod Fosback
Eastern Washington Director