

## Historian Report Western Conference January 2010

Database projects have so far got underway with United States, Canadian, Australia, New Zealand, lookouts, documenting as many that there is information on from a multitude of sources.

The newest project has been started by Mark Haughwout and myself to make a listing of Lookouts that people have visited over the years. So far the response has been small but there is a great deal of information already in the Library that will help with this.

Historian Corner has also been completed up to the ending of 2010 Lookout Network issues and these topics have a separate database all their own

Conference Minutes and the Chronology of the FFLA have been updated to include all the information currently available on our meetings.

A Twentieth Anniversary DVD collection of many of these Databases is available for \$12.95 which includes shipping to US addresses. The amount should be made payable to the FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION and forwarded to Treasurer Gary Weber at his address, with a memo note saying what it is for. Please send an email to [lookout18@juno.com](mailto:lookout18@juno.com) when you forward your check and include your mailing address.

Updated information has been sent to the Forest History Society in Durham North Carolina.

LOOKOUT LIBRARY is a compilation of as much information pertaining to the FFLA as is generated. It is added to nearly daily and now contains about 19 GBytes of information on everything. This is kept in the FFLA Computer here and periodic backups are kept. The latest contained in 7 DVD disks.

For 2010 and the future, as Historian I would like to see as much of this information made available to members as possible, perhaps through internet links and perhaps a dedicated server at some point. I am not familiar with ways and means of doing this so I ask others for help and implementing ideas.

I have put in a motion for consideration also at the Conference for a dedicated Historian budget for the next fiscal year to help with the needs of the Historian position.

Looking forward to another good year of researching lookouts, everyone be safe out there!

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