

Northern California Chapter Report 2009

The Northern California Chapter has 39 current members.
Finances: A balance of \$1,624.00

--As Northern California Chapter Director, I responded to email and phone inquiries. To anyone who attempted to email me between September and late October, please resubmit. I experienced Internet server problems. Note my new email address.

--Sardine Lookout, Sierraville Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest is scheduled to enter the visitor rental program sometime in 2010. The Diablo 4-Wheelers Club provided materials and much appreciated labor in August, along with many other volunteers, to get the tower up and running for year around visitor use. On Plumas National Forest, Black Mountain Lookout is slated to enter the visitor rental program soon.

--Site visits included Mills Peak Lookout, Plumas National Forest, West Prospect Peak Lookout, Lassen National Forest, and Sugarloaf Lookout, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

--FFLA brochures were distributed at various venues throughout the year, including the Plumas County Fair. They were available upon request to the 700+ visitors to Babbitt Peak Lookout, Tahoe National Forest, where I worked as primary fire lookout.

--Upcoming: McCloud Ranger District, Shasta-Trinity National Forest is looking for volunteers to assist in a lookout tower assessment survey.

--Continue to work on an oral history project, seeking out former fire lookouts for interviews. Know anyone who might wish to participate?

--In November 2009, I gathered in Redding, CA with fire lookouts from Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Lassen National Forest, Six Rivers National Forest, and lookout researchers Ron & LaVaughn Kemnow, for an evening of pizza and stories.

--All phone, mailing, and other expenses incurred as FFLA Northern California Chapter Director were paid out-of-pocket and are to be considered donations.

--Looking forward to another good year. Be persistent in attempting to reach me. I'm often out of the office in mountainous terrain out of range of even the newest communication technology.

Enjoy!
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