

FFLA 2015 New Hampshire Chapter Report

The New Hampshire Chapter regained one former member in June. At the end of the year there were six FFLA Plus members and twelve Regular members for a total of 18 paid members and two complimentary memberships (White Mountain National Forest and NH Forest Protection Bureau.) There were no chapter activities during the year.

The State continued staffing its towers only during Class 3 (high) and higher fire danger weather.

The State hired contractors who did extensive rehabilitation work at Green Mountain where a new cab was installed on the tower and at Mt. Prospect where renovations will finish up in 2016. New tower cabs are planned for Warner Hill and Pitcher Mountain.

In September Historicorps experts visited Smarts Mountain tower in Lyme, NH on the Appalachian Trail. Plans are underway to replace the tower cab roof and make repairs to the watchman's cabin during 2016.

Fire activity was high during April and May as reported in the Lookout Network. 98 Fires burned 595 acres during the year with most occurring in the spring. The largest fire was 275 acres which was more acres than burned during the past two years combined!

Both the State of New Hampshire and the White Mountain National Forest sent several crews and many single resources out of state to help suppress fires in the western states. A few folks were lucky enough to be on two fire crews.

The White Mountain National Forest took delivery of a second Type 6 Wildland Fire engine during the summer. This engine replaces one purchased in 2003 which had become outdated. Both old fire truck chassis were sold by December. One tank/pump slip on went to the Town of Randolph fire department while the other was acquired by the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest for tree icing research.